

DAYVILLE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2024

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

- i. The Board of Directors of Dayville School District 16J Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Casey Fretwell at 7:06 p.m. in the Dayville High School Computer Lab. In addition to the Chair, those directors present were Babette Larson, Skip Inscore, Matt Hettinga, and Mani Martin. Also present were Superintendent Davida Irving, and Business Manager Emma Winkelman.
- ii. Directors Absent were: None
- iii. Visitors present (all virtual): Mark Habliston, Lyndee Billar, Tiffnie Schmadeka, Miles Steele

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: *Director Babette Larson moved to approve the agenda as amended (3.6, 3.7, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5). Director Mani Martin seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.*

3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: *Director Babette Larson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Matt Hettinga seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.*

4. REPORTS

- i. **Superintendent's Report:** Davida gave her report which included a thank you to our Early Child Team of Educators – Daycare and Preschool staff were recognized. An update on the modular classrooms was given – exterior painting, meeting and staff lounge (hopefully our April meeting will be held there), goal of open-house during the spring for the community. Teacher housing update – a team will be going to Redmond to select housing and our goal will be to complete the project at the beginning of summer 2024. We did not receive any bids on the old building. The playground is being installed as we speak and will be completed by the end of Spring Break. The Missoula Children's Theater will be here the week of April 1st and schoolwide productions will be held April 5th – a morning and evening performance. Davida recognized Sydney and Brandon in their coaching roles. Debbie was also recognized and her touching resignation letter was read to the board. Negotiations of the certified staff contract have been settled, and in Davida's experience it was the finest negotiation that she's been a part of. The teachers have approved it, and later it will be up for approval by the board. The student/staff basketball game is Thursday at 5pm.
- ii. **Facilities Report** – Miles gave his report which included an update on the modular buildings, library renovations, main sewer line in elementary, playground equipment, and locks on some of the modular doors for community access. The board asked about the process for key entry into the weight room. They also asked what will happen to the old playground equipment. Davida reported that because of its condition, it won't be available to sell or give away, but the shop will be able to take any metal they can use for class projects.
- iii. **Deputy Clerk Report** – Emma gave her report which included an update that the numbers through February are looking very good. We are sitting very well for this time of year. The legislative session has closed and there will be several policy updates coming in April from OSBA, many of which effect payroll/HR items. Negotiations for certified are done, now we just have classified and confidential contracts for next year to get done and it's my hope we will have all of those

ready for approval at the April meeting. The budget for next year is the next big project – a reminder that the budget committee meeting is May 14th.

- iv. **AD Report** – Tiffnie gave her report which included that we just started track season – HS started last week and we have a pretty good number out so far, but we may get more as is typical for the first couple of weeks. Middle School just started yesterday. Shyanne returned as head coach, and Shilo is the Assistant this year which will work well for the meet schedule and driving duties. We had the end of year banquets and co-op meetings for winter season. Long Creek was at the co-op meeting and wants the boards to start discussing them joining the fall co-op again, which will be put on the April agenda. The AD conference in Sunriver is coming up and her and Kristi are looking forward to it. Fall schedules will hopefully be finalized by the end of this month. HS football will attend the EOU camp in Elgin again this year in June. The HS girl's basketball team is looking for a team camp and possible summer games.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- i. ESD Budget Committee Member Open Position – Emma explained that the ESD is looking to fill Gina's position on their Budget Committee, and Casey graciously volunteered to fill that spot.
- ii. SEI Filer Update – Emma reminded the board of their SEI filing responsibility and the window is Friday March 15 through April 15th.

6. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

- i. **Public Input** – no public wished to speak.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- i. Approve 2023-2024 Audit Engagement Letter from Solutions CPA's
 - i. Emma explained that everything in the letter is the same as prior, except the price, which raised 10% over prior year. She said she recommends approval as the working relationship with Solutions is wonderful.
 - ii. **Director Mani Martin moved to approve the letter. Director Skip Inscore seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.**
- ii. Approve 24-25 School Calendar
 - i. Davida handed out a new final draft to the board and went over some of the calendar items, in particular graduation. Skip asked if we collaborated with the teachers on this? Yes of course we did. We added one five day week in there that is a placeholder for the theater or another unique experience.
 - ii. The board thanked everyone for their work on the calendar.
 - iii. **Director Mani Martin moved to approve the calendar as presented. Director Matt Hettinga seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.**
- iii. First reading of policy update DJC-AR and JEFA – Emma and Davida went over the changes to these two policies
 - i. JEFA Mani voiced his opinion that he thinks a kid should be able to go to their own house. Davida explained the liability and safety issues.
- iv. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Update DJC-AR & JEFA
 - i. Skip moved, Babette seconded, all in favor.
 - ii. **Director Skip Inscore moved to approve the policies as presented. Director Babette Larson seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.**
- v. Approve 2024-2027 Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - i. Skip moved, Mani seconded, all in favor.

- ii. **Director Skip Inscore moved to approve the Certified CBA as presented. Director Mani Martin seconded and the motion carried with all Directors present voting yes.**
- iii. Davida stated that she has negotiated many contracts and this one was so pleasant, the communication was all so friendly and respectful throughout and she thanked Shilo and Sydney and commended the job they did of representing the teachers and thanked Emma for her work as well. Skip stated that this used to be the biggest issue between the board and the teachers, so he's so glad to see it go this way now. Casey commended the open dialogue that we have now and Skip said the trust is there now and that's great.

8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- i. Babette thanked the negotiating committee again
- ii. Skip had some questions about public comment and bid situation for the old building. Casey said it would be cheaper to move the building than build it from scratch. His guess is about \$3500 to move it. Casey had volunteered to take the building down and haul it away. They all agreed that we need a deadline for the demolition.
- iii. Staff housing was discussed some more – Mike Springer and Joe Hitz have both been working on it, but we need to pick what we want and then they might be able to move forward. Discussion continued on hopefully someone being able to use the lumber. Deadline of having the old building removed was set at July 1.
- iv. Babette brought up a Thank you for Debbie. Recognition and parties were discussed.
- v. Babette – asked a question about the weight room – will there be any fees involved for using it? That's a good question and something we have not addressed yet. We will require that 2 people be in there at a time, no less. Skip stated that he would suggest towels and it was asked if other districts were doing this and if we could copy their procedures. Skip suggested getting posters to put on the walls on how to use the weights & machines properly. Safety and liability waivers were discussed. Casey asked if there were any rules around what would happen if people dis-respect the space? Are there age limits? Davida stated that we are going to have the insurance company working on it. We might start with the honor system and if that is abused we'll go a different direction. Matt expressed his concern that this is really for the kids and we need to make sure they are getting the most use of it. Skip thinks it's great, he does have concern, but he still thinks it's great. Babette was asking her questions because since the key lock changes were happening during spring break it would be implemented immediately, and that is not the case.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Casey Fretwell adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm as there were no other items on the agenda.