

DISTRICT OR-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

- ◆ Special thanks to Mrs. Beth McCreight, Mr. John Furrow, and Drew Moyer for their presentation on our music programs here in the district. Mr. Furrow shared his work with our instrumental programs, Mrs. McCreight highlighted our vocal music programs, and high school senior Drew Moyer showcased his outstanding musical talents by playing the “Panther fight song” and “Narco” by Timmy the Trumpet. Brief videos of other student group performances were also shared.
- ◆ The board welcomed Mrs. Dee Moore to the Board of Education and celebrated the re-election of Mr. Dean Busch and Mr. Josh Penterman to the board. Our current board members are Mr. Dean Busch, Mrs. Jaimi Calfee, Mr. Tim Cheney, Mr. Brandon Desh, Mrs. Dee Moore, and Mr. Josh Penterman.
- ◆ Please note that January 22nd–January 29th is School Board Member Appreciation Week. Special thanks to our board members for their outstanding service and dedication to our students, our staff, and our community patrons. If you get a chance, please thank these folks for the work that they do!
- ◆ The board also completed its annual reorganization to select its board president and vice president for the 2023 calendar year. As a result of the reorganization, Mr. Brandon Desh was re-elected as the board president and Mrs. Jaimi Calfee was re-elected as the vice president. Board committees, policies, and various annual designations and resolutions were also approved.
- ◆ The board approved the letter of resignation for Mrs. Denise Knutson. We appreciate Mrs. Knutson’s service as a district full –time substitute over the years and we wish her well in her future endeavors.
- ◆ Superintendent Hart presented an overview of his superintendent goals and actions steps to accomplish these yearly goals.
- ◆ After receiving additional feedback from staff, the board reviewed an updated “draft” district calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The “final draft” of the calendar will be presented for approval at the Monday, February 13th, 2023 regular board meeting. The approved calendar will be posted on the school website at www.districtor1.org and distributed to parents and made available to community patrons after the February regular board meeting.
- ◆ Updated building expansion site plans for Bennet Elementary and Palmyra High School were reviewed at the meeting. A list of upcoming community information meetings regarding these building updates is currently posted on our school website at districtor1.org. Current copies of these plans were attached to the agenda.
- ◆ Superintendent Hart and board members provided updates on current legislative bills, strategic planning, negotiations, and the recent 6th grade parent meeting.
- ◆ The board also approved action items related to staff compensation, policy, and authorization for federal and state programs.
- ◆ Superintendent Hart provided an update on student enrollment as of January 16th, 2023. Current total district student enrollment (Pre-K-12) is 725 students. This is a 64 student or 9.7% increase in enrollment from the last school year.

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