

# Chemawa Indian School Board Meeting

## January 25, 2019

| <b><u>Members in Attendance:</u></b>  | <b><u>Guests in Attendance:</u></b> | <b><u>Staff in Attendance:</u></b>                                 |
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| Jason Younker<br>Valerie Switzler<br>Alvena Bush<br>Orlinda Wirth<br>Pamela Johnson |                                     | Amanda Ward<br>Ryan Cox<br>Darren Mackaravatiz<br>Rachenda Reynosa |

### **Call to Order:**

- The third Chemawa Indian School Board meeting, held in Salem, Oregon, on January 25, 2019. Meeting called to order at 9:17 am by School Board Interim Chairman, Jason Younker.

### **Roll Call:**

- Members present – Jason Younker, Valerie Switzler, Alvena Bush, Orlinda Wirth, Pamela Johnson, Amanda Ward

### **Approval of Agenda:**

- Jason Younker added a new business agenda item – House Bill 2640

*Motion:* Moved by Orlinda Wirth to approve the agenda, Alvena Bush seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- November 19, 2018 – Regular Meeting

*Motion:* Moved by Pamela Johnson to approve the November 19, 2018 school board meeting minutes, Orlinda Wirth seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

## **Reports:**

- **Academic, Transportation & Recreation – Amanda Ward, Assistant Principal**
  - **Academic** – Student/Staff mid-year survey, ACT Prep program, Willamette Promise, trimester 1 honor roll, current enrollment numbers, NWEA testing, and finals.
  - **Transportation** – Spring Travel, Transportation Successes and Struggles
  
- **Federal Programs, Student Supports – Ryan Cox, Assistant Principal**
  - **Federal Programs** – GTC Close Up Washington, D.C. trip, Youth Summit at Cow Creek, Round Dance, Peer Court, Robotics
  - **Special Education** – Professional development update, ISEP internal review, staffing.
  - **Title 1** – Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, Parent Committee, Industrial Arts vacancy update
  - **Cultural & Traditional** - Update presented regarding cultural activities and classes offered to students and upcoming cultural fair
  
- **Residential Programs – Amanda Ward, Assistant Principal**
  - **Staffing** – update on managers and home living assistant positions
  - **Round Dance** – update on the upcoming Round Dance
  - **Health and Wellness Fair** – update on the upcoming fair
  - **Challenges** – staffing shortage (home living assistants), funding for 5 day program for our 7 day program.
  - **Counseling & Social Worker Services** – Substance Abuse group, Emotional Well-being group, Life skills/Identity Development group

- **Safe Schools Report – Ryan Cox, Assistant Principal**
  - **Student Incidents** – update on student fights, assaults, marijuana & alcohol incidents, referrals, weapons, suicide attempts/ideation, due process hearings and suspensions. Student AWOL update.
  - **Student Success Program** – update on what used to be the “transition program”
  
- **Business Office and Food Service – Rachenda Reynosa, Business Manager**
  - **Student Enterprise**  
American Indian Business Leaders conference in March. Student Enterprise staff, Mercedes Cree Medicine and Tiffany Sellars are splitting the stipend to help cover student store, snack bar and Brave Brew coffee bar, both are Chemawa alumni.  
  
Challenges – Western Union service disruption.
  - **Human Resources**  
Update on newly hired/converted employees and vacancy update
  - **Budget**
    - **Finance**  
Update on final allocations for 2018 - 2019 ISEP and Student Travel.  
Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter budget reconciliations.  
Facility management still on continuing resolutions for 17-18 and 18-19.  
Touched on the Federal government shutdown and reduced services and reduced number of workers.
    - **Procurement**  
Update on BIE contracting and new required processes/paperwork and security guard emergency contract extension.
  - **Food Service**  
Update on staffing vacancies, student workers, Indian health service inspection, and Oregon state food contract

- **Facilities – Shane Parlette, Facilities Manager**
  - **Recent Projects** - Dorm hot water piping repairs, kitchen drain line (above dry storage area) repair, EPA/Copper water project is awaiting results from contracted assessment
  
- **Superintendent Report – Amanda Ward, Superintendent (acting)**
  - **School Updates**
    - Lora Braucher currently on detail to assist with Negotiated Rule Making.
    - Amanda Ward has been detailed as Superintendent.
    - Residential Managers are staffed in place. Recreation Specialist vacancy did not receive enough qualified applicants and is being re-advertised.
    - Government shutdown effects/obstacles
    - Totem poles still awaiting BIA approval for cemetery placement
    - Oregon Public Broadcasting inquiry
  - **Successes**
    - Positive review/audit of Residential & SPED programs
    - DAR Christmas Party for students
    - Student Travel
    - Good Road to Life Training for staff
    - Basketball season
  - **Upcoming Events**
    - Round Dance – January 26, 2019
    - Health and Wellness Fair – January 28, 2019
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Final Exams – February 14-15, 2019
    - Chemawa Birthday Pow Wow – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019
    - Next School Board Meeting – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9 a.m. (Teleconference call)

**New Business:**

- **Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reconciliation**
  - Rachenda Reynosa presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget reconciliation

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reconciliation, Valerie Switzler seconded the motion.

4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

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Motion carried.

- **Concurrence of New Hires**

- **Selected Applicants**

- Beverly Marquez – Home Living Assistant

- Grant McLendon – Home Living Assistant

- Bradford Jeffreys – Training Instructor

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth motioned to approved all 3 new hires, Pamela Johnson seconded the motion.

4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

Motion carried.

- **Open Session** - (No community members present)

**Old Business:**

- **Board Candidate Update** – Amanda Ward informed board that there was no response received back from Tohono O’odham or Blackfeet tribes regarding a representative for school board.

- **By Laws** - Discussion about proposed by-law changes. A draft of by laws will be drawn up and submitted to Lora Braucher by Jason Younker for discussion at teleconference board meeting on March 29, 2019.

- **Election of Officers**

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth nominated Jason Younker for School Board Chairman, Pamela Johnson seconded the motion, Valerie Switzler called for vote

4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

Motion carried

*Motion:* Alvena Bush nominated Valerie Switzler for School Board Vice-Chairman, Orlinda Wirth seconded the motion

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4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

Motion carried.

11:51 a.m. - Adjourned for lunch

1:04 p.m. – Call to Order

- **Sustainability Plan** –  
Proposed School board representation reflecting our student population sustainability plan with 3 year terms, July 1 – June 30:

Navajo member serving until 2020 – Orlinda Wirth

White Mountain Apache member serving until 2021 – Alvena Bush

Warm Springs member serving until 2020 – Valerie Switzler

Gila River member serving until 2021 – Pamela Johnson

Oregon representative serving until 2022 – Jason Younker (at Large)

1 Top 5 Student Population member, serving until 2022 – Vacant

1 at Large Tribal representative, 3 year term – Vacant

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth motioned to approve the staggered sustainability plan for the Chemawa school board, Alvena Bush seconded the motion.

4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

Motion carried

- **By Laws** – Orlinda Wirth submitted edits to Jason Younker for the proposed by laws. Valerie Switzler said that CFR should be reviewed before voting on by laws. Jason Younker said that he is soliciting their feedback for the by-laws. He will go over what he receives from the participating board members at the March teleconference school board meeting, and then the by-laws can be ready to vote on at the May, “face to face”, school board meeting.

*Motion:* Valerie Switzler motioned to close the school board meeting and move to Executive Session, Orlinda seconded the motion.

4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

Motion carried.

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**\*Executive Session: Began at 1:15 p.m.**

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth moved to approve the 2019-2020 employee contract renewals, Pamela Johnson seconded the motion.

5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain

Motion carried.

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth moved to approve the 2019-2020 employee contract non-renewal, Alvena Bush seconded the motion.

5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained

**\*Executive Session: Ended at 1:26 p.m.**

**New Business:**

- **House Bill 2640** – Jason Younker, Chairman, presented information regarding proposed House Bill 2640 that will be up for consideration at the Oregon State Capitol, providing tuition free college for enrolled members of federally recognized tribes graduating from Oregon schools.

**Adjournment:**

*Motion:* Orlinda Wirth motioned to adjourn the school board meeting at 1:35 p.m., Pamela Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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