

# **HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-R**



## **HELIX SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

1. **Opening and Call to Order- Larry Parker, Board Chair**
2. **Additions &/or Deletions to Agenda**
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Minutes from last month's regular Board Meeting  
Board Chair
  - B. Budget Meeting Minutes
4. **Recognition of Visitors**  
Board Chair
  - A. Umatilla/Morrow ESD Representatives  
Board Chair
  - B. Audience Input (Limit 5-Minutes)  
Board Chair
5. **ASB Report- Kolby Ash, ASB Vice-President**
6. **Reports & Discussion**  
Board Chair
  - A. *Superintendent Report- Brad Bixler, Superintendent*
    1. Current Enrollment
  - B. *Athletic Director Report- Tammie Parker, Athletic Director*
  - C. *Helix Charter School Application- Helix Charter Commission*
  - D. *Financial Report- Kara Taylor, IMESD*
    1. Board Talking Points
    2. Financial Update and Check Register
  - E. *OSBA Update- Emily Smith, OSBA Board Member*
    1. Discussion about pool.
  - F. *Correspondence*  
Board Chair
7. **Unfinished Business**  
Board Chair
8. **New Business**  
Board Chair
  - A. Second Reading of OSBA March 2023 Policy Update
    - AC-AR - Discrimination Complaint Procedure, Required
    - IGBHD - Program Exemptions, Highly Recommended
    - JFCR-AR - (Hazing,) Harrassment, Intimidation, Bullying, (Menacing,) Cyberbullying, or Teen Dating Violence Reporting Procedures- Student, Required
    - JGE - Expulsion, Required
    - KL - Public Complaints, Version 4, Highly Recommended

B. Memorial Scholarship Application Review

C. Pool Passes fo Helix Students

9. **Old Business**

Board Chair

10. **Adjournment**

Board Chair



## Superintendent Board Report May 10, 2023

I want to express my sincere thanks to all the folks who were able to help out with the Helix track field reconditioning project. Last spring, Nick Parker borrowed a thatching and leveling machine called a Klopper from the Pendleton School District. On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we finally had a chance to use it on our track field. Willie Wood brought over his tractor and pulled the Klopper across the track field. Jeff Newton dropped off a pickup and trailer to haul off the thatch, and we had a full crew of staff, students, and community members that raked, mowed, and hauled 3 full trailers of grass. Nick returned the Klopper last Friday to Pendleton, and the Brachers are donating seed and fertilizer to reseed the field. The Helix community is truly amazing! THANK YOU!

1. Our High School Prom with Echo on Saturday night at the Roy Raley Room was a huge success! Weather was close to perfect and both Echo and Helix had great participation! The kids I talked with really enjoyed themselves! Thanks to all our staff and parents that helped with the setup, chaperoning, and clean up!
2. Just a reminder that ODE will not be providing summer grants this year, but the district has set aside money through SIA and HSS funds to fund a 2-week summer school this June. Right now, the district has 35 Kinder through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that plan to attend. The district will employ 5 teachers to support the 2-week program which will focus on reading, writing, and mathematics.
3. The Helix School District will wrap up the Oregon Statewide Summative Tests this month. On Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Helix School District had a participation rate of 69.27%! We are striving for 100% participation, but we have at least one student on the Helix School District list that will probably not test this year.
4. Last Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., the IMESD IT Department switched the Helix School District internet connection from our Wtechlink microwave connection to the new fiber link that goes directly to IMESD. The transmission costs for our increased internet speed is eligible for E-Rate reimbursement, so the cost is minimal to the District. The new fiber link gives us essentially 10x more bandwidth and will serve the District well into the foreseeable future. The District recently received \$466,440 in reimbursement from the E-Rate Internet Infrastructure Project to support the new fiber installation.
5. This week our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are attending a 3-day outdoor school with Pilot Rock 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Camp Elkanah near Starkey. Elkanah is a fully staffed day camp that creates a rich outdoor experience for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Helix is sending 4 High School counselors and a middle school teacher for each day of the camp. The total cost of the camp and transportation is funded by a grant under Measure 99.
6. A few updates on our facilities:
  - a. Our large 3-door kitchen freezer has been repaired and PACE Property and Casualty paid the District \$2,953.67 to cover the costs for the repair and the food spoilage (less \$1,000). It was nice to have the food spoilage covered. That was unexpected!
  - b. I do not have a firm date yet on the construction of the greenhouse, but I expect it will be completed this spring. Matt Wood is putting together a quote.
  - c. The Helix Booster Club is storing tables and chairs in the old Moon Welding shop. Again, I expect the district will take ownership of the building on June 1, 2023. A purchase agreement for the property is in your Board packet for review.

7. This evening, the commission exploring the potential of Helix becoming a charter school for the 2023-2024 school year will be presenting an application to the Board. Members of the commission are here this evening to answer questions from the Board. There will be time to take questions from the public at a later date. The Board will have 60 days to review the application and seek public input before making a decision on the application.
8. Dates to remember...
  - a. The PTO Wheel-A-Thon – Friday, 5/19.
  - b. Baccalaureate – Sunday, 5/21 @ 6:30 p.m.
  - c. Athletic and Academic Awards Banquet – Tuesday, 5/23 @ 6 p.m.
  - d. Griswold High School Graduation – Sunday, 5/28 @ 4 p.m.
  - e. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation –Wednesday, 5/31 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Brad Bixler - Superintendent/Principal  
Helix School District