

**Crane Union High School District #1J**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**December 17, 2018**

**PRESENT**

**CUHS Board of Directors**

Mark Owens, Board Chair  
Dan Otley, Director  
William Dunten, Director  
Russ Clark, Director  
Mike Davis, Director

**Absent:** None

**Also, Present:**

Matt Hawley, Superintendent  
Cori Wright, Business Manager

Guest: Jamie Siegner, Eric Nichols, Melinda Davis, Kelli Rose, Jake Potter, Matt Zander and Ramonda Thompson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mark Owens called the December Special Board Meeting to order at 4:00PM. At the Crane Union High School Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Adopt the Agenda**

Dan Otley moved to adopt the agenda with the correction of "Sponsorship of Silvies River Charter School" in place of "Sponsorship of Oregon Family School Charter", Russ Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Guests were then introduced; recorded as follows:

Melinda Davis, board member of Silvies Charter School  
Jamie Siegner, Director of Secondary Education at Silvies Charter School  
Eric Nichols, ESD Curriculum/Technology Director and Principle of Silvies Charter School  
Ramonda Thompson, public visitor

**Items for Discussion**

- Superintendent Hawley presented a handout from his prior correspondence with Kate Pattison of ODE regarding the pros and cons on Sponsorship. She provided some things to consider which Mr. Hawley shared with the board and its guests.

-Summarized:

Item #1. Does the school model and design have any evidence or promise of being good for kids? Response - Yes Silvies has grown from 80-approximately 430 students with a waiting list of an estimated 60-70 student. Silvies is a hybrid of virtual learning with a tutoring center and multiple locations throughout the state. It is the intent that the students of CUHS will have the chance to utilize the curriculum and programs that Silvies currently uses and Silvies students will have the same opportunity; to take classes/engage in programs provided by CUHS.

Item #2. Is the district willing to allocate any resources to authorizing (oversight/accountability)?

Response - With the current experienced staff of Silvies River Charter School, the additional duties that will fall to the CUHS staff are minimal, although it was discussed to add additional Admin to assist Superintendent Hawley. The revenue generated from the sponsorship would help to provide this extra staff as well as help to expand the current programs at CUHS as well as add new ones.

Item #3. Will the charter school support the overall performance of the district?

Response - The above referenced sharing of curriculum and programs will enhance the education of both the CUHS students and Silvies River Charter school students. One thing we need to keep in mind is the graduation rate as well as test scores have the potential to affect the overall numbers for CUHS. Eric Nichols gave additional information on the testing procedures, "Opt-Out" rights and possible repercussions to the district. William Dunten expressed concern of the affect the graduation rate of Silvies may have on the CUHS state report card. Eric Nichols gave examples of how Silvies is diligent in tracking its students and former students to reduce the dropout rate reported. There are also parameters for senior enrollment, these parameters were discussed. Melinda also commented. And it was stated that Silvies is no longer an alternative school. Superintendent Hawley went into further detail on this topic, discussion followed.

- Kelli Rose commented on the last time sponsorship of Silvies River Charter School was up for discussion, Ramonda Thompson also commented.
- Mark Owens brought up that Silvies River Charter School is a Non-Profit, this was considered a positive.
- There are procedures that have been implemented by the staff and board of Silvies River Charter School that contribute to its continued success; Teacher to student ratio is excellent.
- The CUHS board complimented the leadership of Silvies River Charter School.
- Superintendent Hawley presented the Silvies River Charter School budgets for 2016-17 and 2017-18 for comparison. It was stated that the Fund Balances have gone up every year, as well as operating balances. And currently employs 18 teachers which is up from 7.
- The 10% to the current sponsoring district was discussed, Melinda Davis commented that the Silvies River Charter School Board would like to benefit more students and may be willing to increase that percentage. Discussion will be held prior to Contract signing.
- Superintendent Hawley went over the financial liability for SPED, and that the current sponsorship contract addresses this concern. Discussion followed.
- Mark Owens asked for additional comments; William Dunten asked Eric Nichols what would happen in the event key people were to leave. Eric Nichols stressed that they have set up a system that is not "people dependent", there are procedures and standards in place so if any of the "main" people left it would be a smooth transition to the successor. This has been done to ensure the success of Silvies River Charter School.
- Dan Otle expressed his support of CUHS students benefiting from curriculum as well as financially and the Silvies River Charter School kids benefiting from the CUHS facilities.
- Superintendent Hawley clarified that the OSAA rules on OSAA sponsored events and gave a couple of examples.

#### **Items for Action**

- Adjournment Approval of Silvies Sponsorship by #UH1J - Dan Otle moved to approve the Sponsorship of Silvies River Charter School for the 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 school year. Mike Davis seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4-yes to one-no, readdressing fees to the sponsored charter school later.

With no further business, Board Chair Mark Owens adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.

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Mark Owens, Board Chair, CUHS