

Minutes in Brief**SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016****Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in the downstairs conference room of the ESD's Medford office located at 101 North Grape Street, Medford, Oregon. At 6:04 p.m., Chair Wendle called the meeting to order at which time she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board members in attendance were Greg Applen, Lorelei Goodman-Vogel, Dave Jensen, Christine Norton-Cotts, and DonnaJean Wendle.

Board members absent were Jim Harrington, Jamie Jennings, Doug McKinley, and Paul Yates.

Also in attendance from the SOESD staff were Jessica Bach, Melia Biedscheid, Ben Davol, Luca Dinelli, Howard George, Kim Hosford, Andree Johnson, Kathy Payne, Susan Peck, Pam Wurzell, and Scott Beveridge, superintendent/clerk.

Also in attendance were Dean Wendle, RCC Board of Directors, and Gary Peterson, OAESD Director.

Comments from the Associations

Kim Hosford, addressed the board on behalf of the SOESD Licensed Association. She expressed her interest in the ACEs education topic to be presented that evening and shared that the SOESD Psychological Services Department continues to be very engaged in Trauma Informed Practices.

Requests to Address Agenda Items

Kim Hosford, Request to Speak to Agenda Item VII, Item F: Agreement with Presence Learning

Ms. Hosford spoke of her concern related to the use of online services to provide remote speech-language therapy.

Melia Biedscheid, Request to Speak to Agenda Item VII, Item F: Agreement with Presence Learning

Ms. Biedscheid expressed concern and her opinion that speech-language tele-therapy is not best practice.

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Beveridge presented awards to the following SOESD employees and recognized each for their outstanding performance:

- Luca Dinelli, Computer Analyst
- Pam Wurzell, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 21, 2016
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report

Chair Wendle explained that Peter Buckley would be arriving later in the evening to present the Education Topic. She asked the board to consider revising the agenda to hold the Executive Session prior to the Education Topic. It was moved by Member Jensen and seconded by Member Goodman-Vogel to approve the consent agenda as altered. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 6:17 p.m., Chair Wendle announced the board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

Open Session

At 6:39 p.m., Chair Wendle reconvened the board into open session at which time it was moved by Member Jensen to go forward with a no cause termination agreement and that Superintendent Beveridge work with the SOESD attorney and his attorney or representative to determine no cause termination agreement language which will be brought to the Board for final review. The motion was seconded by Member Applen and approved unanimously upon being put to a roll call vote.

Chair Wendle clarified that the action taken was related to the development of the superintendent's employment contract.

Education

Peter Buckley, Co-Project Manager for Southern Oregon Success (SORS), provided an overview of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study and reported on what the study had revealed. Mr. Buckley noted several ongoing community activities and events related to trauma informed practices, including:

- ACEs trainings continue to be provided throughout the region.
- Phoenix-Talent School District is one of seven districts chosen statewide in an effort to develop a broader understanding of how schools and communities can address issues related to childhood trauma.
- School districts in the region have been given the opportunity to implement the "Good Behavior Game" – a positive approach to self-regulation and classroom management.
- The region is working on a grant that could provide districts with a four-year window of opportunity to receive grant funds for implementing trauma informed practices using a research based model.
- Screenings of the *Paper Tigers* documentary have taken place in Jackson and Josephine counties. The *Paper Tigers* video will be available for checkout from the SOESD Media Library.

Communications

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule for the months of October, November, and December 2016, noting his participation in the following activities:

- October 3-4, 2016 – Superintendents convened in Redmond for the annual OAESD Superintendents Retreat. A point of discussion was a plan for regional coordination of ESDs throughout the state to increase efficient service delivery of state initiatives.
- October 10, 2016 – Superintendent Beveridge presented along with other regional leaders to educators, municipal leaders and legislators information on Southern Oregon’s P-20 initiative during the Southern Oregon Education and Workforce Success Conference held at the Rogue Valley Country Club.
- November 16, 2016 – Superintendent Beveridge noted that he would be alternating his attendance at the Medford Chamber of Commerce meetings and the Klamath Promise meetings because the two meetings, as scheduled, conflict with one another, and the Chamber has scheduled delegates to attend meetings every other month.
- Meetings are scheduled in October and November with local school district superintendents and administrators to discuss formation of the 2017-2018 SOESD Local Service Plan.

Administration

- A. Regional Advisory Council Appointment
It was moved by Member Norton-Cotts, seconded by Member Goodman-Vogel, and unanimously passed to appoint Kirby Erickson to the Regional Advisory Council.
- B. OAESD Coordinated Regional Delivery Model
Gary Peterson, Director of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD), presented a concept paper developed by the 16 member ESDs throughout the state. The proposal outlines a strategic goal of coordinated efforts to increase regional and statewide partnerships and to move toward a statewide P-20 support network utilizing the ESD system. The concept will be discussed further during the OAESD Summit on November 10, 2016 in Portland.
- C. Grants Pass Buy-Back of SOESD Services
Superintendent Beveridge shared the status of ongoing discussions with Grants Pass School District’s administration regarding the buy-back of SOESD services. Mr. Beveridge emphasized that his goal in revisiting the structure of the buy-back model is to provide equity for SOESD member school districts as well as non-member districts.
- D. Medford School District’s Study of SOESD Services
Superintendent Beveridge updated the board on the status of Medford School District’s study of SOESD services. He noted that in September SOESD had provided a detailed report of SOESD services to the school district’s Board of Directors. The report can help the district as part of their study in identifying cost benefits with utilizing SOESD services. Subsequently in October, Medford

School District's administration presented to their Board of Directors a potential model for the district to provide levels of services themselves after withdrawing from SOESD.

Mr. Beveridge reported that discussions are ongoing with area superintendents regarding the current structure for a withdrawn non-member district to buy-back services from SOESD. The SOESD Board of Directors makes the final decision regarding the potential structure to be used for a non-member district to buy-back services.

E. 2017/2018 SOESD Local Service Plan

Superintendent Beveridge reported that he would be meeting with local districts in October and November to discuss the 2017-2018 Local Service Plan. He stated his goal during these meetings is to listen, learn, and collaborate with the districts in order to meet their needs in the coming year.

Mr. Beveridge reported that Superintendent Steele of the Central Point School District had informed him by phone that morning of her plans to hold a board meeting on November 1, 2016 for the purpose of the board voting on issuing an intent to withdraw from SOESD. The district plans to conduct an analysis of the services it receives from Southern Oregon ESD in order to make a final decision by March 1, 2017.

F. Agreement with Presence Learning

Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Presence Learning to provide online speech therapy services through the end of the school year. In making this request, Superintendent Beveridge acknowledged that in-person speech therapy with students is the preferred method of service delivery. Director Peck noted that it has been very difficult to fill the open speech therapy position and an agreement with Presence Learning was a stop-gap for the school year. SOESD will continue to post the position in an effort to hire a qualified Speech Language Pathologist. It was moved by Member Goodman-Vogel to approve entering into an agreement with Presence Learning not to exceed \$60,000.00. The motion was seconded by Member Jensen and unanimously carried.

G. Superintendent's Contract

Chair Wendle noted that action had been taken earlier in the meeting regarding the superintendent's employment contract for 2016-2017.

Business Affairs

2017/2018 SOESD Budget Calendar

Business Manager George presented the budget calendar for fiscal year 2017-2018. Mr. George reviewed the quorum requirements and noted that the first meeting of the budget committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017. It was moved by Member Jensen to accept the Southern Oregon ESD Budget

Calendar for Budget Year 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Member Applen and approved unanimously by the Board.

Old Business

- A. SOESD Superintendent's Goals for 2016-2017
Superintendent Beveridge provided his goals, as updated per the discussion at the September 21, 2016 SOESD Board of Directors meeting. It was moved by Member Jensen to accept the SOESD superintendent's 2016-2017 goals as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Goodman-Vogel and passed by unanimous board action.
- B. Bargaining Team for Licensed Contract Negotiations
It was moved by Member Goodman-Vogel to appoint Member Applen to the licensed bargaining team for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Member Norton-Cotts and passed unanimously. Member Applen will serve along with Member Norton-Cotts, who was appointed during the September meeting.

Miscellaneous

- A. OSBA Fall Regional Meeting, October 24, 2016, Inn at the Commons, 6:00 p.m. *Superintendent Beveridge and Members Applen, Goodman-Vogel, Jensen, Norton-Cotts, and Wendle are planning to attend.*
- B. 2016 OSBA Annual Convention, November 10-13, 2016, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. *Superintendent Beveridge and Member Norton-Cotts are planning to attend.*
- C. AESA Annual Conference, November 30 through December 3, 2016, Savannah, Georgia. *Member Norton-Cotts plans to attend.*
- D. OAESD Networking Meeting, November 9, 2016, 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Multnomah ESD.
- E. OAESD Governance Council Meeting, November 9, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at Multnomah ESD. *Board members planning to attend are asked to let Jessica Bach know.*
- F. Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Southern Oregon ESD, Medford Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Wendle adjourned this meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:55 p.m.



DonnaJean Wendle, Chair
Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors

Scott Beveridge
Superintendent/Clerk