

Minutes in Brief

**SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019**

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in the downstairs conference room of the ESD’s Medford office located at 101 North Grape Street, Medford, Oregon. At 6:12 p.m., Vice-Chair Norton-Cotts called the meeting to order at which time she led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board members in attendance:

Rosie Converse
Dave Jensen
Jamie Jennings (via web conference)
Mary Middleton
Christine Norton-Cotts

Board members absent:

Doug McKinley
Maud Powell
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez

SOESD staff members in attendance:

Jessica Bach Patty Michiels Tessa Stewart
Scott Beveridge Susan Peck Dan Weaver
Kim Hosford Brian Robin

Comments from the Association

Kim Hosford, representing the SOESD Education Association, stated her hope that the Governor’s proposed budget would reflect positively in upcoming contract negotiations. Ms. Hosford spoke in support of the *Oregonians for Student Success* campaign and in support of increasing staff and workdays in SOESD’s Early Childhood Services program.

No representatives from OSEA Chapter 104, the classified association, were in attendance.

SOESD Board Recognition

Board members were presented with a token of appreciation in honor of School Board Recognition month. Superintendent Beveridge read Governor Kate Brown’s proclamation and expressed his appreciation for the board’s work on behalf of students and school districts in Southern Oregon.

Requests to Address Agenda Items

There were no requests to address agenda items.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - November 28, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - November 29, 2018 Special Meeting (Training Session)
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2018.

Vice-Chair Norton-Cotts noted that Andrée Johnson was unable to attend the meeting and would not be presenting a report on the Program for Orthopedically Impaired (Agenda Item 4) as planned. Member Converse

requested an addition to the agenda to read a letter regarding Medford School District's withdraw from the Southern Oregon CTE Consortium.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER JENSEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:
Amend item #4 of the agenda for Member Converse to read the letter from Medford School District teachers regarding the CTE consortium.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

IT WAS THEN MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER JENSEN TO:

Approve the consent agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Communications

SOESD Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings

Superintendent Beveridge highlighted the following meetings as he reviewed his calendar for the period January 2019 through March 2019.

- Superintendent Beveridge noted that several meetings have been scheduled with the licensed association to negotiate the next Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Superintendent Beveridge will participate in phone calls with the region's legislators and superintendents every other week beginning in February to discuss education issues during the legislative session.
- Superintendent Beveridge will attend a follow-up meeting with the Meyer Memorial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group Collaborative on February 13, 2019.

Education Topics

A. Program for Orthopedically Impaired (POI)

Andrée Johnson, Special Education Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting to present a report on the Program for Orthopedically Impaired. This education topic will be presented at a future meeting.

B. CTE Letter from Medford School District Teachers

Member Converse read aloud a letter dated December 1, 2018 addressed to Medford School District administrators written by CTE teachers from North Medford High and South Medford High School.

Administration

A. Strategic Planning Report

Patty Michiels, Human Resources Manager, provided a report on outcomes of the strategic plan initiative to clarify, standardize, and centralize the SOESD's hiring process.

B. Superintendent's Goals

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed a written mid-year report on his progress toward completing his board-approved goals for 2018-19. In response to questions from the board, Mr. Beveridge explained the three-year rolling commitment school districts make when selecting services through the Local Service Plan menu. Discussion occurred about meaningful superintendent site visits with staff and a goal for professional development.

C. Employee Appreciation Weeks

Superintendent Beveridge explained that the employee appreciation weeks are a formal opportunity to recognize the staff of SOESD. The Board will be invited to attend activities taking place during these weeks.

- 2018-2019 SOESD Resolution #8 – Classified Appreciation Week, March 4-8, 2019
- 2018-2019 SOESD Resolution #9 – Licensed Appreciation Week, May 6-9, 2019

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER JENSEN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:

Approve 2018-2019 SOESD Resolutions #8 and 9 for classified and licensed employee appreciation weeks.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

D. Governor's Proposed Budget, 2019-21

Superintendent Beveridge reported on key takeaways from Governor Brown's recommended budget. The following handouts were distributed:

- COSA Document: Governor's Recommended Budget Released – K-12 Funding Prioritized
- Pages 11-15 of the 2019-21 Governor's Recommended Budget – Turning Point: An Agenda for Oregon's Future

The Governor's recommended budget, as proposed, appears to accommodate expected costs for SOESD's general fund programs. The proposed budget decreases Grant-in-Aid funding significantly for Regional Programs, Long Term Care and Treatment (LTCT), and Blind and Visually Impaired Students (BVIS) statewide.

E. 2018-2019 SOESD Resolution #10: Oregonians for Student Success Campaign

The Board was presented with a resolution drafted by the Oregon School Boards Association as a pledge to join and support the efforts of the "Oregonians for Student Success" campaign to ensure adequate and sustained funding for K-12 education. The Board amended the resolution to reflect its support for all levels of education.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER JENNINGS, SECONDED BY MEMBER CONVERSE TO:

Approve 2018-2019 SOESD Resolution #10 as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Business Services

There were no business services topics presented for action or discussion.

Executive Session

At 8:07 PM, Vice-Chair Norton-Cotts announced the Board would meet in executive session pursuant to:

- ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiations
To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
- ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions
To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Open Session

At 9:02 PM, Vice-Chair Norton-Cotts reconvened the Board into open session.

Miscellaneous

A. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6:00 PM, Southern Oregon ESD, Medford Office.

B. Special District Election Calendar

- February 9, 2019 – First day for candidates to file
- March 21, 2019 – Last day for candidates to file
- March 25, 2019 – Voter’s pamphlet filing deadline
- May 21, 2019 – May Election/Regular District Election

Five board positions will be open in the Special District Election:

Zone #1: Two-year term (completes the term due to resignation)

Zone #2: Two-year term (completes the term of the vacant seat)

Zone #3: Four-year term

Zone #4: Four-year term

Zone #9: Four-year term

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Norton-Cotts adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 9:07 p.m.



Doug McKinley, Chair, Board of Directors

Scott Beveridge
Superintendent/Clerk