

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

Call to Order A special meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held by video/audio conference on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Attendance Board members in attendance via video/audio conference:
Rosie Converse
Mary Middleton
Robert Moore
Christine Norton-Cotts
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez
Justin Wright

Board members absent:
Ana Mannenbach
Maud Powell

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Gabe Gilham Susan Peck
Jessica Bach Coree Kelly Daniel Weaver
Scott Beveridge Patty Michiels

Unfinished Business 2020-2021 Southern Oregon ESD Resolution #5 – Condemning Racism and Reconfirming Commitment to Being an Anti-Racist District
Resolution #5 was first presented for the board’s review on July 15, 2020. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez explained that the resolution presented for consideration now had been amended to include the word “peaceful” in the second paragraph referencing “mass peaceful protests.” The board discussed whether it was within the board’s authority to approve Resolution #5 under ORS 334 and whether improvements to student learning would be achieved by passing the resolution. Board members noted that similar statements had been made by school districts in the region and the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). Also noted were SOESD policies currently in place addressing racism and discrimination. Member Moore requested that the minutes note that he opposed the resolution because he questioned whether the resolution was outside the board’s authority under ORS Chapter 334.

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

Approve 2020-2021 SOESD Resolution #5, condemning racism and reconfirming commitment to being an anti-racist district.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-1 (Member Moore Opposed)

Adjournment There being no further business, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez adjourned the special meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 6:47 PM.

Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Chair
Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors

Scott Beveridge
Superintendent