

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

Call to Order A regularly scheduled meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held by video/audio conference on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Attendance Board members in attendance via video/audio conference: Board members absent:
Mary Middleton
Jessie Hecocta
Ana Mannenbach
Robert Moore
Christine Norton-Cotts
Maud Powell
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez
Justin Wright

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

Comments from Representatives of the Associations There were no representatives from the classified or licensed associations in attendance.

Requests to Address Agenda Items There were no statements from the audience or requests to address agenda items.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes:
• Organizational Meeting, July 15, 2020
• Special Meeting, July 29, 2020
• Regular Meeting, September 16, 2020
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Board Vacancy, Zone 4 A. Interview
The Board interviewed Jessie Hecocta, applicant to fill the board seat declared vacant when Austin Felnagy resigned.

- B. Action on Board Vacancy
Upon conclusion of the interview, the board discussed the strengths of the candidate.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Appoint Jessie Hecocta to the SOESD Board of Directors, representing Zone 4, within the city of Klamath Falls.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0
Superintendent Beveridge administered the Oath of Office. Member Hecocta's appointment will be from October 21, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Communication

SOESD Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings – October, November, and December 2020

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the three-month period, noting that his calendar continues to include multiple meetings related to COVID-19, assisting school districts in delivering instruction in modified formats, and supporting the community in the aftermath of the wildfires. Superintendent Beveridge answered questions regarding the status of the SOESD's Phoenix office complex that was destroyed in the Alameda fire on September 8, 2020.

Administration

- A. Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) 2020-2021 Annual Dues

The annual dues for OSBA membership for 2020-2021 were reported to be \$3,111.75, the same amount as last year. The benefits of membership in OSBA were discussed.

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

Approve 2020-2021 OSBA membership dues in the amount of \$3,111.75.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 2 (*Member Hecocta Abstained; Member Norton-Cotts was absent at the time of the vote due to technical difficulties*)

- B. OAESD Membership Dues for 2020-2021

The OAESD membership dues approved by the board during the June 17, 2020 meeting did not include AESA annual dues or program administration costs. The OAESD annual membership dues for fiscal year 2020-2021 is \$14,625.00 including AESA annual dues. SOESD's assessed portion of 2020-21 funding for OAESD program administration is \$10,125.00. Administration requested board authorization to continue SOESD's membership in OAESD for 2020-2021 for a total annual fee of \$24,750.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:

Approve 2020-2021 OAESD annual membership fees of \$24,750.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 2 (*Member Hecocta Abstained; Member Norton-Cotts was absent at the time of the vote due to technical difficulties*)

- C. OAESD Legislative Committee Representative

There are five openings on the OAESD Legislative Committee for ESD board members. The OAESD Legislative Committee meets to study and address proposed or current legislation affecting the members, purpose, mission, or organization of OAESD. The time commitment is generally 2-3 hours per month beginning in December through the end of the legislative long session the first week of July in 2021. Member Powell served on the OAESD

Legislative Committee during the 2019 legislative session and indicated interest in serving again.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER WRIGHT TO:
Nominate Member Powell to serve on the OAESD Legislative Committee.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 2 (*Member Powell Abstained; Member Norton-Cotts was absent at the time of the vote due to technical difficulties*)

D. Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Appointments

Administration requested board approval to appoint Joni Parsons (Eagle Point School District) and Erika Bare (Ashland School District) to the Regional Advisory Council (RAC). Ms. Parsons and Ms. Bare were recommended to fill seats vacated by Tiffanie Lambert (Phoenix-Talent Schools) and Samuel Bogdanove (Ashland School District).

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

Appoint Joni Parsons and Erika Bare to serve as members of the Regional Advisory Council.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

E. Contract for Services with Sound Discipline

Administration requested board approval to enter into agreements with Sound Discipline for a series of classroom workshops, district partnerships, and coaching provided to educators throughout the region during the 2020-2021 school year. Provision of the workshop series was ranked as a priority by SOESD's component school districts and included as a Tier One service in the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan approved by the SOESD board of directors on May 20, 2020.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:

Approve entering into agreements with Sound Discipline at a total cost not to exceed \$210,000.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 - 0

F. Contract for Services with E-Therapy

Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with E-Therapy to provide speech-language tele-therapy services to support SOESD's Early Childhood Services equivalent to 2.0 FTE at a rate of \$78 per hour, not to exceed \$250,000. It was noted that all efforts to advertise and fill these positions through the employment process have been unsuccessful.

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

Approve entering into an agreement with E-Therapy at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0 – 1 (*Member Hecocta Abstained*)

G. Contract for Services with PresenceLearning

Administration requested board approval to enter into agreements with PresenceLearning for tele-therapy services provided by licensed Speech-Language Pathologists equivalent to approximately 1.8 FTE, supporting school districts in the region and SOESD's Long Term Care and Treatment (LTCT) programs. Also within the scope of service is the provision of tele-therapy professional development for SOESD school psychologists and platform

license agreements to facilitate SOESD's remote delivery of services during Comprehensive Distance Learning. It was noted that all efforts to advertise and fill these positions through the employment process have been unsuccessful.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:

Approve entering into agreements with PresenceLearning at a cost not to exceed \$375,000.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

H. Contract for Services with ProCare Therapy

Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with ProCare Therapy to provide the contracted services of a teacher of visually impaired providing VocoVision tele-practice services. It was noted that two of three posted positions have been filled through the employment process, however, all efforts to advertise and fill the third position have been unsuccessful.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:

Approve entering into agreement with ProCare Therapy at a projected cost not to exceed \$125,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

I. Contract for Services with TherapyTravelers

Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with TherapyTravelers to provide the contracted services of a licensed occupational therapist for the 2020-2021 school year. All efforts to advertise and fill this position through the employment process have been unsuccessful.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER WRIGHT TO:

Approve entering into agreement with TherapyTravelers at a total cost not to exceed \$125,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

J. Board Policy – All Students Belong

On September 17, 2020 the Oregon State Board of Education adopted a temporary Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2312 – All Students Belong. This rule took effect the following day and requires that by January 1, 2021 districts, ESD, public charter schools, and others receiving state funding for education adopt a policy prohibiting symbols of hate, addressing bias incidents, and establishing complaint procedures. An SOESD board policy will be developed for first reading at a future meeting.

Business Affairs

Related Party Questionnaire

Daniel Weaver, CFO, explained that the Related Party Questionnaire is completed annually to document any related party activities between public officials and their respective agencies. Examples of a related party activity: *An agency purchases a property owned by a board member or administrator of that agency.* To document activities of this type, the SOESD's auditors have requested that administrators and board members complete a related party questionnaire. The questionnaire was sent via US mail to board members to complete, sign, and

return before the November board meeting. Alternatively, Mr. Weaver stated that board members may send an email to the board secretary stating their answers to the questions on the questionnaire.

Miscellaneous

- A. Next Regular Meeting: November 18, 2020, 6:00 PM
- B. OSBA Virtual Fall Legislative Update: October 20 at 12:00 PM; October 22 at 5:00 PM; October 24 at 9:00 AM
Registration is required. OSBA has emailed information directly to board members with the link to register for one of the three sessions.
- C. OSBA Virtual Annual Convention: November 14, 2020, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
Board members interested in attending the online conference are asked to let the board secretary know so that registration can be completed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:55 PM.

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

Scott Beveridge
Superintendent