

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

Call to Order A special meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held by video/audio conference on Monday, December 14, 2020. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

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

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Jessica Bach
Scott Beveridge
Susan Peck
Daniel Weaver

Members of the public in attendance:
Melia Biedscheid

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

Administration Second Reading: Board Policy 5930 – 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, ESDs, public charter schools, and others receiving state funding for education adopt a policy prohibiting symbols of hate, addressing bias incidents, and establishing complaint procedures. On November 18, 2020 the SOESD board considered a first reading of Board Policy 5930. Superintendent Beveridge reported that edits were made to the Bias Incident Complaint Procedure from those presented in the first reading and confirmed with the OSBA attorney prior to it being sent to the board for review and final action. The second reading of the policy was distributed to board members in advance of the meeting. In reviewing the policy, the board discussed questions regarding standardized educational materials related to the topic, accountability for parents or guardians, and the list of hate symbols specified in the OAR.

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

Approve Board Policy 5930 – All Students Belong as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 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 5:23 PM.