

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

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, January 20, 2021. Vice-Chair Middleton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

SOESD staff members in attendance via video/audio conference:
Jessica Bach Donna Hernandez Amy Szeliga
Scott Beveridge Patty Michiels Daniel Weaver
Gabe Gilham Susan Peck Pam Wurzell

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, President of the SOESD Education Association, thanked board members for their service and expressed appreciation for ongoing timely communication from administration. Ms. Szeliga stated that the association had issued a demand to bargain issues pertaining to COVID-19 metrics and schools opening for in-person instruction and she is looking forward to ongoing collaboration.

Gabe Gilham, President of OSEA Chapter #104, commented that the classified association is looking forward to continuing negotiations.

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

SOESD Board Recognition In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Beveridge expressed his appreciation to board members and thanked them for their volunteerism, support of staff, and leadership during challenging times.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes:
• Regular Meeting, November 18, 2020
• Special Meeting, December 14, 2020
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

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

Approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Communication

Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings–January, February, and March 2021
Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the three-month period, noting that he would be attending a series of workshops titled “Centering Equity in Human Resources” in the weeks ahead focused on identifying practices and shifts in HR processes that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. Superintendent Beveridge also continues to facilitate and attend a number of meetings pertaining to COVID-19 planning for programs, opening for in-person instruction, coordinating with local public health authorities, vaccinations, and providing clarity on Oregon’s *Ready Schools Safe Learners* guidance.

Administration

A. Nominations for OAESD Officer Council Election, 2021

The Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD) Officer Council consists of the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Past Chair of the OAESD Board and President, President-Elect, and Past President of the OAESD Superintendents’ Council. In January, local ESD boards may nominate eligible members of their own or other ESD boards for Chair-Elect. Nominations for Chair-Elect must be submitted to the OAESD Executive Director no later than January 29, 2021. No nominations were made by the SOESD board for OAESD Chair-Elect.

B. Employee Appreciation Weeks

Superintendent Beveridge explained that the employee appreciation weeks are a formal opportunity to recognize the staff of SOESD.

- 2020-2021 SOESD Resolution 7
Classified Appreciation Week, March 1-5, 2021
- 2020-2021 SOESD Resolution 8
Licensed Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2021

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

Approve 2020-2021 SOESD Resolutions #7 and 8.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

C. SOESD Local Service Plan, 2021-2022

The board received copies of the proposed 2021-2022 SOESD Local Service Plan (LSP) in advance of the meeting for review. Superintendent Beveridge explained the LSP development and approval process. Mr. Beveridge noted that the Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan had been formally included in the proposed LSP and that regional coordination services to reduce chronic absenteeism had been removed due to lack of state funding. The region’s superintendents gave consensus approval for the proposed 2021-2022 LSP during a meeting on December 21, 2020. Once adopted by the SOESD Board of Directors, the 2021-2022 Local Service Plan will be forwarded to each of the component school district boards for formal action. The Local Service Plan must be approved on or before March 1 by at least two-thirds of the component school districts with at least a majority of the student enrollment.

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

Approve the 2021-2022 SOESD Local Service Plan.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

- D. Phoenix Campus Update
Chief Financial Officer Weaver reported that debris removal and site readiness have been completed at the SOESD's Phoenix Campus. The property was destroyed by the Alameda wildfire on September 8, 2020. A study and discussions about rebuilding on the existing property or purchasing elsewhere will begin once cost estimates have been received.

Business Services There were no business services topics to address.

- Miscellaneous**
- A. Next Regular Meeting: February 17, 2021, 6:00 PM
 - B. Regular District Election – Important Dates
 - February 8, 2021: First day a candidate can file
 - March 18, 2021: Last day for a candidate to file or withdraw
 - March 22, 2021: Voters' Pamphlet filing deadline (candidate statements)
 - May 18, 2021: Date of next regular election

Adjournment There being no further business, Vice-Chair Middleton adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 6:43 PM.