

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2021. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:
Jessica Bach Coree Kelly Susan Peck
Dale Balme David McKay Amy Szeliga
Scott Beveridge Patty Michiels Daniel Weaver
Donna Hernandez

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the SOESD Education Association, commented on two topics being addressed in labor-management meetings: 1) addressing leave related to COVID-19, and 2) early retirement language in the collective bargaining agreement.

Donna Hernandez, treasurer of OSEA Chapter #104 Classified Association, reported that the classified association is in continued contract negotiations with the district.

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

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, April 21, 2021
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Communication

Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings– May and June 2021

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the two-month period, noting the following activities:

- Statewide meetings are ongoing with COSA and ODE to receive guidance and plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
- On May 6, 2021, the region's legislators and superintendents met with OHA Director Pat Allen to receive guidance for planning commencement ceremonies.
- Mr. Beveridge continues to facilitate bi-weekly conference calls with the region's legislators and superintendents to address legislative issues impacting education.
- The State Revenue Forecast will be released on May 20, 2021. COSA continues to provide weekly legislative updates.
- On May 20, 2021, the superintendent will participate in reviewing and scoring architectural design firm proposals for rebuilding the Phoenix Campus.

Business Services

SOESD Phoenix Campus Update – Request for Proposals (RFP)

CFO Daniel Weaver and David McKay, of HMK Company construction management services, provided an update on the process for requesting architectural proposals and overall timelines for rebuilding from the loss of the SOESD Phoenix Campus that was destroyed in the Alameda fire on September 8, 2020. Mr. McKay reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on April 21, 2021. Two firms attended a mandatory meeting and each submitted proposals on May 18, 2021. Next, a committee will meet to score the proposals and decide if interview offers will be made. Mr. McKay explained that, by Oregon statute, the decision must be made through a qualified-based selection process rather than cost. The committee will screen the qualifications of each firm and a recommendation will be brought to the board for approval in a future meeting.

Administration

A. Proposed SOESD Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022

Administration presented a proposed schedule of regular meetings of the SOESD Board of Directors for 2021-2022. The board can discuss the format for future meetings, whether in-person or by video/audio conference, during the July organizational meeting.

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

Approve the proposed 2021-2022 SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

B. Budget and Legislative Update

Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on legislative activity to develop and approve the state education budget for the next biennium. The State School Fund initially proposed by Governor Brown is \$9.1 billion for the 2021-2023 biennium. The legislature appears poised to increase the number to \$9.3 billion. SOESD's 2021-2022 proposed budget that was approved by the Budget Committee on May 12, 2021 is based on a State School Fund of \$9.3 billion. CFO Weaver will provide an update to the board during the Budget Hearing on June 16, 2021. Mr. Beveridge also noted that SOESD continues to

advocate for increased funding for Regional Inclusive Services (RIS) in an effort to return funding to at least 2009 levels this biennium.

C. Classroom Relocation Update

Superintendent Beveridge and CFO Weaver provided an update on administration's efforts to secure space for relocating the STEPS Plus classroom and Transition classroom. Conversations are ongoing with the superintendents to determine if a district-hosted space is available for STEPS Plus. Ashland School District may have a site to offer in three years when the district's bond project is completed, but at this point no districts have space available. Administration continues to work with local real estate agents to search for a suitable site. To date, none has been available to be purchased or leased for serving students on or in close proximity to a school campus.

Executive Session

At 6:49 PM, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez announced the board would meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designed by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Open Session

At 7:43 PM, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez reconvened the board in open session.

Miscellaneous

- A. SOESD Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting: June 16, 2021, 6:00 PM, via video conference
- B. OSBA Virtual Summer Conferences
 - Friday, July 9, 2021: School Board Essentials, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Saturday, July 10, 2021: Empowering Youth Voices, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
 - Friday, July 23, 2021: Board Leadership and Administrative Professionals Workshop, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Saturday, July 24, 2021: Raising the Equity Question, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:45 PM.