

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held via video/audio conference on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Chair Valtierra-Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM, immediately following the Budget Hearing.

Attendance Board members in attendance: Board members absent:
Rosie Converse No board members were absent
Jessie Hecocta
Ana Mannenbach
Mary Middleton
Bob Moore
Christine Norton-Cotts
Maud Powell
Justin Wright
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:
Jessica Bach Chris McKay
Dale Balme David McKay
Scott Beveridge Patty Michiels
Gabe Gilham Susan Peck
Coree Kelly Dan Weaver

Board Member Recognition Christine Norton-Cotts was recognized for her dedication and twenty years of service representing Zone 5 as a member of the SOESD Board of Directors.

Comments from the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association spoke regarding reopening of schools in the fall, agreement reached on language regarding leave related to COVID-19, and collaborating with the district on retention and recruitment efforts to obtain best outcomes for students and staff.

Gabe Gilham, president of the classified association, commented on progress in negotiating a new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Consent Agenda **IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:**
Move item 5D (Phoenix Campus Update) to 4A on tonight's agenda.
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0 (Member Converse was absent at the time of the vote.)

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes:

- May 12, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting
 - May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting
- C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

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

Approve the consent agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0 (Member Converse was absent at the time of the vote.)

Communications SOESD Superintendent’s Schedule of Meetings for June, July, and August 2021
Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the three-month period, highlighting the following activities:

- Negotiations with representatives of the classified association, OSEA Chapter #104, have concluded and a tentative agreement has been reached on a successor contract to the 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Statewide and local meetings regarding COVID-19 are scheduled throughout the summer to plan for next school year. Mr. Beveridge anticipates ODE and OHA will continue some requirements for schools.
- Superintendent Beveridge’s schedule includes meetings and onsite visits to review possible locations for housing the STEPS Plus and Transition classrooms.
- Superintendent Beveridge will join the SOESD Board of Directors on June 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM in a virtual recognition of SOESD employees who have retired during the 2020-2021 school year.

Business Services

A. Phoenix Campus Update
David McKay, of HMK Company construction management services, provided an update on the process of 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 committee of SOESD employees reviewed architecture design proposals and interviewed two local firms. After time and consideration, the committee recommended entering into fee negotiation with *arkitek: design & architecture*. Mr. McKay reiterated that state procurement statute specifies a qualification-based selection process be used to choose an architecture firm; during the selection process cost may not be considered. After choosing the firm that is the best fit the next step is to enter into fee negotiation. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on fees, an impasse would be declared and negotiation would begin with the alternative architecture firm. Mr. McKay reported that he had begun fee negotiations with *arkitek’s* principal architect that morning and expects to have a finalized recommendation to present to the board for approval in a few weeks.

B. 2020-2021 SOESD Resolution #10 – Adopt, Appropriate, and Set Tax Rate
CFO Weaver explained that Resolution #10 adopts the budget, appropriates, and sets the tax rate for the SOESD 2021-2022 budget.

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

Adopt 2020-2021 SOESD Resolution #10.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

- C. Line of Credit with First Interstate Bank
CFO Weaver requested approval to establish a line of credit for potential use near the end of the fiscal year due to the timing of various ODE grant and contract payments that may not be received by June 30, 2021. It's likely the ESD will not need to use the line of credit. The origination fee for the line of credit is expected to be approximately \$700.00.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Authorize administration to set up a line of credit with First Interstate Bank not to exceed \$500,000.
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0
- D. Bonds for Clerk and Deputy Clerk
CFO Weaver reported that the annual renewal of bonds for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk is approaching. Mr. Weaver requested the Board determine the bond amount at \$50,000 for each, the same amount as last year.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Approve the bond amount for Clerk and Deputy Clerk at \$50,000 each for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Administration

- A. Contract for Service with 321 Insight
Administration recommended entering into a contract in the amount of \$128,631 for a three-year renewal of the Parasharp and Trauma-informed series training available to local school districts as a top priority included in the SOESD's Student Success Act (SSA) Comprehensive Support Plan. The training is being provided in alignment with the micro-credentialing program SOESD collaborates with SOU. It is intended to increase the number of skills trainers and mental health professionals in local districts.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Renew a three-year contract with 321 Insight in the amount of \$128,631.00.
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0
- B. Contract for Services with Research for Better Teaching
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Research for Better Teaching not to exceed \$150,000 to provide professional development training in the 2021-2022 school year. This training aligns with SOESD's Student Success Act (SSA) Comprehensive Support Plan.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:
Approve entering into an agreement with Research for Better Teacher for services not to exceed \$150,000.
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0
- C. Contract for Services with Sound Discipline
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Sound Discipline not to exceed \$135,000 for a series of classroom workshops, district partnerships, and coaching provided to educators throughout the region during the 2021-2022 school year. Provision of the workshop series was ranked as a priority by component school districts and included as a tier one service in the SOESD Student Success Act (SSA) Comprehensive Support Plan.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER WRIGHT TO:

Approve entering into an agreement with Sound Discipline at a cost not to exceed \$135,000.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Executive Session

At 7:03 PM, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez announced the Board would meet in executive session pursuant to:

- ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations;
- ORS 192.660 (2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions;
- ORS 192.660 (2)(i) to review and evaluate the performance of the SOESD Superintendent.

Open Session

At 8:25 PM, Chair Valtierra-Sanchez reconvened the Board into open session.

A. Board Action: Real Property Transactions

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

Authorize administration to proceed with the purchase of 648 South Ivy Street in Medford, Oregon.

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0 (Member Mannenbach was absent at the time of the vote.)

B. Board Action: Superintendent's Evaluation

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

Approve the superintendent evaluation for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0 (Member Mannenbach was absent at the time of the vote.)

Miscellaneous

A. SOESD Board Recognition of Retiring Employees: June 23, 2021, 5:00 PM

B. SOESD Organizational Meeting: July 21, 2021, 6:00 PM by video conference

C. 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 Questions, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Adjournment

Chair Valtierra-Sanchez adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 8:33 PM.