

**Minutes in Brief** SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

**Call to Order** A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held by video/audio conference on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Chair Converse called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

**Attendance** Board members in attendance: Board members absent:  
Rosie Converse Justin Wright  
Jessie Hecocta (joined at 7:15 PM)  
Ana Mannenbach  
Mary Middleton  
Robert Moore  
Corbin Morell  
Maud Powell  
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:  
Mark Angle-Hobson Donna Hernandez Claire Swagler  
Jessica Bach Paul Kitzman Amy Szeliga  
Scott Beveridge Patty Michiels Angie Thompson  
Celine Buczek Susan Peck Dan Weaver  
Erika Draeger Jewell Stone, CPA Pam Wurzell  
Howard George

**Comments from Representatives of the Association** Amy Szeliga, president of the SOESD licensed association, recognized the licensed employees in attendance. Ms. Szeliga spoke regarding retention of current specialists and classified staff, their wide range of skill sets, and efforts to support students in classrooms impacted by staff shortages.

**Requests to Address Agenda Items** There were no requests from members of the public to address agenda items.

**Consent Agenda** The consent agenda consisted of the following items:  
A. Approval of Agenda  
B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, October 20, 2021  
C. Personnel Report  
D. Financial Report

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

Approve all items on the consent agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**Communications** SOESD Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings – November, December 2021 and January 2022  
Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the months of November, December, and January, noting the following:

- Multiple activities and meetings regarding operational planning related to COVID-19, both statewide and locally.
- Meetings with the School Improvement leadership team similar to meetings with the special education management team
- Meetings focused on the Phoenix Campus reconstruction project to evaluate expected building costs, study initial estimates in comparison to insurance proceeds, receive feedback from SOESD staff, and explore the feasibility of increasing the building size to consolidate more programs.
- Superintendent Beveridge is scheduled to attend the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) meeting on January 24, 2022. Member Morell serves as the board's representative on the council.

## Business Affairs

### 2020-2021 SOESD Audit Report

Jewell Stone, of Isler Medford, LLC, presented the results of the SOESD audit for fiscal year 2020-2021. An electronic copy of the audit report was emailed to board members for review prior to the meeting. Ms. Stone stated an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and reported there were no issues with the schedule of expenditures. She reviewed each section of the report, summarizing that no issues of non-compliance or deficiencies were found in the audit. At the conclusion of the audit report, CFO Weaver recognized the Business Services staff and expressed his appreciation for their service.

## Administration

### A. Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Election

The SOESD Board of Directors has one consensus vote to cast to elect a candidate to the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, Southern Region Position 5. Two candidates were presented for the Board's consideration representing Position 5: Sara Crawford nominated by Phoenix-Talent School District and Ray Williams nominated by Prospect School District.

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

Cast the SOESD Board of Directors' vote for Sara Crawford of Phoenix-Talent School District for OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, Position 5.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-1**

***Member Moore abstained; Member Morell opposed***

### B. Revisions to Board Policy 5930 – All Students Belong

In September 2020, in response to a student request, the Oregon State Board of Education adopted Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-2312. This was called All Students Belong, and required all districts, ESDs, and charter schools to adopt a policy prohibiting symbols of hate and addressing bias incidents. On December 14, 2020, the SOESD Board of Directors adopted Board Policy 5930, All Students Belong.

In February 2021, amendments to the OAR were adopted, including changing the title to Every Students Belongs. In May 2021, the Oregon Legislature adopted House Bill 2697, which placed many of the same requirements into statute. Finally, in October 2021, the OAR was amended again to more closely align with the legislative action.

The changes made by the legislature and the State Board necessitate several changes to Board Policy 5930. A first reading of the revised policy was

presented for board review and discussion. No suggestions for additional edits or changes to the policy were requested or discussed by board members. A special meeting was proposed in December for a second reading of the revised policy.

C. 2022-2023 SOESD Local Service Plan Discussions

Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on discussions with local school districts regarding the 2022-2023 SOESD Local Service Plan (LSP). Mr. Beveridge briefly reviewed the current year's LSP and explained the process and timeline for adopting the 2022-2023 SOESD Local Service Plan. Conversations with administrators from the component school districts are in progress to confirm the menu of services offered in next year's LSP that also includes the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan, and a final draft will be prepared for the superintendents' approval in December. After consensus is reached by the region's superintendents, the LSP will be presented to the SOESD Board for adoption during the January board meeting. Superintendent Beveridge explained additions that the board may see in the plan, including possibly assisting school districts with data reporting requirements around the American Recovery Act. Once approved by the SOESD Board in January, the 2022-2023 SOESD Local Service Plan will be presented to each of the component school district boards for approval. By statute, the LSP must be approved on or before March 1 by at least two-thirds of the component school districts with a majority of the student enrollment.

D. 2022-2023 SOESD Student Success Act (SSA) Comprehensive Support Plan (CSP)

Superintendent Beveridge reported on ongoing work to draft the 2022-2023 SOESD SSA Comprehensive Support Plan (CSP). Mr. Beveridge explained how the CSP was developed, the history behind its funding, and the mandate for ESDs to develop technical support to assist school districts in accessing their Student Investment Account (SIA) state funds. A summary of the technical assistance SOESD provided to districts and the professional learning courses offered to educators during the 2020-2021 academic year was reviewed. The region's superintendents have been very positive in their feedback regarding the services delivered to date by SOESD through the Comprehensive Support Plan.

The CSP will be included as an addendum to the 2022-2023 SOESD Local Service Plan for the board's approval in January, with a menu reflecting the priorities expressed by component school districts. The CSP menu approach provides districts with flexibility to select services and make changes throughout the year as the districts' needs develop. In response to the component school districts' requests for services throughout the year, administration will continue to bring any contracts that exceed \$100,000 to the SOESD board for approval.

**Miscellaneous**

- A. Board Work Session: January 19, 2022, 5:00 PM by video conference
- B. Next Regular Meeting: January 19, 2022, 6:00 PM by video conference

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Converse adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:28 PM.