

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held in the upstairs conference room of the SOESD administration office in Medford and by video/audio conference on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Chair Converse called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Chair Converse read an excerpt from the SOESD's Land Acknowledgement and led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance Board members in attendance: Board members absent:

Rosie Converse	Jessie Hecocta
Ana Mannenbach	Corbin Morell
Mary Middleton (by video conference)	Annie Valtierra-Sanchez
Robert Moore (by video conference)	Justin Wright
Corbin Morell (by video conference)	
Maud Powell (by video conference)	

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:

Jessica Bach	Gabe Gilham
Dale Balme	Patty Michiels
Scott Beveridge	Susan Peck
Mimi Davis	Dan Weaver

Comments from Representatives of the Association Gabe Gilham, president of the classified association OSEA Chapter 104 commented regarding negotiations to settle the Classified Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Gilham noted workplace safety and equity were topics of concern being discussed.

Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, stated the licensed staff's support of SOESD classified employees. Ms. Szeliga commented on continued conversations in labor-management meetings and the opportunity to collaborate with administration.

Requests to Address Agenda Items There were no requests to address agenda items.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - Special Meeting (Work Session), September 21, 2022
 - Regular Meeting, September 21, 2022
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report

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

Approve all items on the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Communication

SOESD Superintendent’s Schedule of Meetings for October, November, and December 2022

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his calendar for the three-month period, noting that his schedule included continued policy review, contract negotiations, strategic planning preparations, and meetings regarding the SOESD Phoenix Campus Reconstruction. Superintendent Beveridge reported that he, together with members of the superintendent’s Cabinet, continue efforts to strengthen the relationship between administration and staff by visiting SOESD-operated classrooms and attending program staff meetings.

Administration

A. First Reading of Proposed SOESD Board Policies

The policies listed below were reviewed by the Board during the work session preceding the regular meeting. These policies were presented for first reading.

- DDB Native American Impact Aid Funds
- DDC Native American Education Program Grants
- DH Bonded Employees and Officers
- DI Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
- DIE Audits
- DJ ESD Purchasing
- DJC Bidding Requirements

As noted during the work session earlier that evening, board members requested that the references to “Indian” in polices DDB and DDC be changed to “Native American.” Rick Stucky, OSBA Policy Specialist, will revise the policies replacing “Indian” with “Native American” and will add a footnote explaining that “Native American” is intended to have the same meaning as the terms defined in the federal act. This group of policies will be presented for second reading and approval during the November 16, 2022 regular board meeting.

B. Phoenix Campus Update

CFO Weaver provided an update on progress toward rebuilding the SOESD Phoenix Campus that was destroyed in the Alameda Fire on September 8, 2020. CFO Weaver reported that the project is in the design phase, addressing furniture and landscape details. Mr. Weaver noted that administration continues to seek staff input as they work to refine the details.

C. Strategic Planning

Superintendent Beveridge provided a PowerPoint presentation on the development of SOESD’s next strategic plan. Mr. Beveridge gave a brief review of the previous years’ strategic plan goals and priorities, and provided an overview of activities underway in preparation for the 2022 strategic planning process. Those preparations include surveying ESDs and districts regarding strategic/equity planning processes and beginning a review and evaluation of facilitators. Superintendent Beveridge outlined the next steps in the process, now through the end of May 2023.

D. Board Training Requirements

Senate Bill 379 requires “training each year on the prevention and identification of child abuse.” Public School Works Course #M-234 – “Recognizing and Responding to Child Neglect and Abuse in Oregon” was designed for school districts and ESDs to meet the training requirement of

SB379. The course provides information on understanding child abuse, types of child abuse, tips for educators, and reporting child abuse. SOESD board members will receive an email message from the HR office in a few days with instructions for taking the online course. Board members may provide a certificate if they have already taken a course in recognizing and responding to child neglect and abuse this school year through their employment or other volunteer work.

- Business Services** 2023-2024 SOESD Budget Year Calendar
CFO Weaver presented the proposed 2023-2024 budget year calendar and provided an overview of the timeline. The budget committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Approve the SOESD Budget Calendar for Budget Year 2023-2024.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0
- Executive Session** At 6:38 PM, Chair Converse 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.
- Open Session** At 7:21 PM, Chair Converse reconvened the board into open session.
- Miscellaneous**
- A. Next Regular Meeting: November 16, 2022, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office
 - B. OSBA Legislative Roadshow: October 24, 2022, 6:00 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Business Meeting. Rogue Regency Inn Banquet Room.
 - C. OAESD Superintendent and Board Summit, November 10, 2022, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel.
Superintendent Beveridge and Member Middleton plan to attend the OAESD Summit.
 - D. 2022 OSBA Annual Convention: November 10-13, 2022, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. *Superintendent Beveridge, Member Middleton, Member Valtierra-Sanchez, and Member Wright plan to attend. Board members are asked to let the board secretary know of their interest in attending so that conference registrations and lodging reservations can be made.*
- Adjournment** The regular meeting of the SOESD Board of Directors adjourned at 7:24 PM.