

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the SOESD's administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Converse called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Chair Converse read the SOESD land acknowledgement and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Susan Peck
Jessica Bach Amy Szeliga
Scott Beveridge Daniel Weaver
Amber Eaton

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, recognized January as School Board Recognition Month and thanked board members on behalf of the association for their continued support. Ms. Szeliga commented on labor-management meetings and expressed appreciation for advanced communication from the District.

There were no representatives from the classified association in attendance.

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

SOESD Board Recognition Superintendent Beveridge read a proclamation in honor of School Board Recognition Month and expressed his appreciation to the board members for their dedication and service.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Communications

SOESD Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings for January, February, and March 2023

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the three-month period, noting that:

- Collaborative conversations continue with the licensed association in Labor-Management meetings. Representatives of the classified association, OSEA Chapter 104, met last week to sign the recently ratified Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- The legislative session and budget development have begun. Conference calls are scheduled every two weeks with the region's legislators and superintendents during the long session. The calls are an opportunity to inform legislators of the impact proposed bills and funding decisions will have on education. In addition, COSA is holding calls with OASE superintendents statewide every two weeks to provide legislative policy updates.
- Superintendent Beveridge has several meetings scheduled with Rick Stucky, OSBA Policy Specialist, as they continue to work on the board's policy review and rewrite project.
- The superintendent is leading a process for facilitation of SOESD's strategic plan.
- Superintendent Beveridge and members of Cabinet are visiting SOESD-operated classrooms and program meetings to build relationships with staff, learn about their work, and identify ways in which the leadership team can support them.
- The superintendent's calendar is filled with meetings and activity to move forward the SOESD Phoenix campus reconstruction.
- Meetings are scheduled with an SOESD committee to plan the 2023 All Staff Inservice.
- The Education Advancement Council (EAC) will visit the region in late January.

Board Education

Amber Eaton, OAESD Executive Director, provided information and updates on the work being done by the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts. The OAESD Executive Director's Report for January 2023 was provided in advance of the meeting for the Board's review. Ms. Eaton reported on the OAESD's focus and key initiatives for 2022-2023. She highlighted opportunities for board member involvement in OAESD through serving on councils, committees, and workgroups, and attending the annual fall summit in Portland and the spring conference in Sun River.

Administration

A. Nominations for OAESD Officer Council Election, 2023

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. Past practice has been for each ESD Board to have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for the position of Chair-Elect and for each member ESD superintendent to have the opportunity to nominate a candidate for President-Elect. Nominations for Chair-Elect must be submitted to the OAESD Executive Director no later than January 27, 2023. No nominations were made by the SOESD board for OAESD Chair-Elect.

B. SOESD Local Service Plan, 2023-2024

The Board received copies of the proposed 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan (LSP) in advance of the meeting for review. Superintendent Beveridge explained the LSP development and approval process. He summarized that the additions to the proposed LSP include cybersecurity support requested by districts, technical assistance and supports for integrated guidance, and expanded program services in Migrant Education/ELL/Indian Education/SOBAASS.

Superintendent Beveridge noted that the Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan is included as an addendum to the LSP. Mark Angle-Hobson, Director of School Improvement Services, works to develop the Comprehensive Support Plan based on the priorities and services requested by SOESD's component school districts.

In conclusion, Superintendent Beveridge reported that the region's superintendents gave consensus approval for the proposed 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan during a meeting on December 19, 2022. Once adopted by the SOESD Board of Directors, the 2023-2024 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 MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve the 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

C. Employee Appreciation Weeks

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

- 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #5
Classified Appreciation Week, March 6-10, 2023
- 2021-2022 SOESD Resolution #6
Licensed Appreciation Week, May 1-5, 2023

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:

Approve 2022-2023 SOESD Resolutions #5 and 6 for employee appreciation weeks as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

D. Contract for Services with Playworks Education Energized

Administration requested board approval to enter into a second agreement with Playworks Education Energized, at an additional cost not to exceed \$76,500.00. Mark Angle-Hobson, Director of School Improvement Services, was present to provide information and answer the Board's questions. Playworks provides elementary school strategies and systems to support safe and inclusive recess times. The professional learning sessions in the original contract (approved by the SOESD Board on February 2022) have been completed. Another contract is needed so that districts in the region wanting to implement Playworks in their elementary schools for the rest of the school year will have that opportunity. Also, any school that has already

participated in the professional learning can access ongoing onsite support to fully implement all of the strategies. The scope of work within this second agreement aligns with SOESD's Student Success Act (SSA) Comprehensive Support Plan approved by the SOESD Board of Directors as part of the 2022-2023 Local Service Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:

Approve entering into an additional agreement with Playworks at a cost not to exceed \$76,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

E. Contract for Services with Scholastic

Administration requested board approval to enter into a second agreement with Scholastic, Inc, at a cost not to exceed \$49,500.00. With school districts deep into their Integrated Planning, many have participated in the Family Engagement Assessments from Scholastic to provide additional community engagement feedback and data. All of the Family Engagement Assessments included in the first Scholastic contract (approved by the SOESD Board July 20, 2022) have been completed. Other districts, including Klamath County School District, are requesting these Family Engagement Assessments for their schools. This contract provides twelve additional schools in SOESD's service area opportunity to participate in Family Engagement Assessments. Mark Angle-Hobson noted that these services continue to be requested by component districts and were included as a tier one service in the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support plan as part of the 2022-2023 Local Service Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve entering into an additional agreement with Scholastic at a cost not to exceed \$49,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

F. Contract for Services with Youth 71Five Ministries

SOESD has been awarded a Reengagement Collaborative Grant from the Youth Development Division (now called Youth Development Oregon). The grant supports continuing efforts to coordinate all community partners who work with youth from age 5 to 25 through ongoing work with our Youth Development Work Group (YDWG) as part of SOESD's Southern Oregon Success (SORS) program. Youth 71Five Ministries is a key partner in the YDWG and worked with SORS to secure funding for FTE to be employed by Youth 71Five Ministries as an outreach coordinator focusing on disengaged youth. Youth 71Five Ministries' staff member works in partnership with the agencies and organizations involved with the YDWG to identify disengaged youth, develop relationships and help them navigate services and resources with the goal of either bringing the youth back into the K12 system or helping to complete a GED. This contract allows SOESD to pass through the Youth Development Oregon grant funds to Youth 71Five Ministries for salaries and benefits

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Postpone board action to the February agenda and invite Peter Buckley and the director of Youth 71Five Ministries to the meeting, encourage him to bring a student or guest, to explore further what the focus would be.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

G. Third Reading of Proposed SOESD Board Policies

The policies listed below were presented as a third reading for approval.

DDB.....Native American Impact Aid Funds

DDC.....Native American Education Program Grants

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:

Adopt the SOESD board policies as presented in third reading.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

H. First Reading of SOESD Board Policies

The policies listed below were reviewed by board members during the January 18, 2023 work session and presented for first reading.

First Reading: Proposed Policies Section E: Support Services

EBACSafety Committee

EBAC-AR.....Safety Committee

EBB.....Integrated Pest Management

EBBAFirst Aid

EBBAA.....Infection Control and Bloodborne Pathogens

EBBBInjury/Illness Reports

EBC.....Emergency Plan

EBCBEmergency Drills and Instruction

EBCDEmergency Closures

ECACBUnmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone

First Reading: Proposed Policies Section F: Facilities Development

FC.....Capital Construction Program

I. Strategic Planning Update

Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on the status of selecting a strategic planning facilitator. The superintendent’s Cabinet is using a screening rubric as they interview a number of strategic planning facilitators. Once the review process is completed, the Cabinet will make their recommendation to the administrative team for selecting a facilitator. Superintendent Beveridge anticipates the selection and input process will be completed by summer.

J. Budget and Legislative Update

Superintendent Beveridge and CFO Weaver provided an update on legislative activity to develop and approve the state education budget for the next biennium. The legislative long session has begun with a significant focus on addressing homelessness and housing. Governor Kotek has not yet published her proposed budget. Over 2,000 bills are under consideration, some impacting education. Superintendent Beveridge is hopeful that the Policy Option Package will address historic under-funding of Regional Inclusive Services (RIS). CFO Weaver provided a breakdown of SOESD funding areas.

Business Services

- A. 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution 7 – Adopt and Appropriate
CFO Weaver explained that Resolution #7 adopts and appropriates federal funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:
Approve the 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #7.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0
- B. Phoenix Campus Update
CFO Weaver provided an update on the Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Project. Conditional approval has been received from the county for increased square footage but is not yet final. SOESD continues to negotiate with Special Districts Trust to reach a final insurance settlement. The district will scale and adjust the project accordingly once the final insurance settlement numbers are known. A furniture fair was held during the week of January 9, 2023 for staff to try out and give feedback on a variety of furniture options for the new campus.

Miscellaneous

- A. Next Regular Meeting: February 15, 2023, 6:00 PM
- B. Special District Election – Important Dates
- February 4, 2023: First day a candidate can file
 - March 16, 2023: Last day for a candidate to file or withdraw
 - March 20, 2023: Voters’ pamphlet filing deadline (Jackson County)
 - May 16, 2023: Special District Election

Adjournment

Chair Converse adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:31 PM.