

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the SOESD’s administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Converse called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Maud Powell
Jessie Hecocta Annie Valtierra Sanchez
Ana Mannenbach
Mary Middleton
Robert Moore
Corbin Morell
Justin Wright

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Peter Buckley
Jessica Bach Susan Peck
Scott Beveridge Daniel Weaver

Guests in attendance:
Darien Alvarado, Bud Amundson, Sharre Whitson

Comments from Representatives of the Associations No representatives from the associations were in attendance.

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

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes:
• January 18, 2023 Work Session
• January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:
Approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Communications SOESD Superintendent’s Schedule of Meetings for February, March, and April 2023

Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his schedule of meetings for the three-month period, noting that his calendar includes planning and implementation meetings to move forward building an enhanced tiered mental and behavior health support model for the region. Mr. Beveridge also facilitates meetings with SOU administrators and K12 superintendents coordinating work on the educator workforce pipeline, including new online options for teaching licensure and special education credential programs at SOU, SOESD's Grow Your Own (GYO) program, and SOU credits for SOESD's professional development toward mental and behavioral health micro-credential programs. And, Superintendent Beveridge attended Phoenix-Talent Schools' Board of Directors meeting on February 2, 2023 to share information about SOESD services and the 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan.

Regarding budget and legislative topics, 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 holds calls with OASE superintendents statewide every two weeks to provide legislative policy updates.

On February 17, 2023, Superintendent Beveridge will welcome SOESD staff and historians from the Southern Oregon Historical Society for the opening of a 70-year old time capsule that was recovered from the SOESD's Phoenix Campus, formerly the Jackson County Farm Home. Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) will be in Southern Oregon filming footage for a documentary on the history of farm homes in Oregon, and will cover the time capsule opening. Superintendent Beveridge invited board members to attend the event.

Superintendent Beveridge and members of Cabinet continue their visits to SOESD-operated classrooms and program staff 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 also continues to be filled with meetings and activity on the SOESD Phoenix campus reconstruction project.

Administration

- A. Election of Chair-Elect, OAESD Officer Council
The SOESD Board has one vote to cast in the election of the OAESD Officer Council Chair-Elect. The Board received candidate information for Will Cahill, nominated by Lake County ESD, for consideration. The board's ballot is due to OAESD by March 17, 2023.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER WRIGHT TO:
Cast the SOESD Board of Directors' vote for Will Cahill, OAESD Officer Council Chair-Elect.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0
- B. Contract for Services with Youth71Five Ministries
As discussed in the January meeting, SOESD has been awarded a Reengagement Collaborative Grant from the Youth Development Division (now called Youth Development Oregon). The grant helps continuing efforts to coordinate community partners who work with youth from age 5 to 25 through ongoing work with the Youth Development Work Group (YDWG) as part of SOESD's Southern Oregon Success (SORS) program.

The Reengagement Collaborative Grant provides funds for Youth 71Five Ministries to employ an outreach coordinator to identify disengaged youth, help them navigate services and resources with the goal of either bringing the youth back into the K-12 system or helping them complete a GED.

Peter Buckley (SORS Program Manager), Bud Amundson (Executive Director, Youth 71Five Ministries), Darien Alvarado (Youth 71Five Outreach Coordinator), and Sharre Whitson (former Youth 71Five Development Director) were in attendance to provide additional details about the grant and answer the Board’s questions about Youth 71Five services and policies.

SOESD has received additional clarity from the state and Youth Development Oregon regarding the origination of the grant and revised implementation plan that updates the partnership vision for additional partners to assist with GED completion activities, reducing the original scope of anticipated work for Youth 71Five Ministries. This new scope of work would result in a contract of less than \$100,000 which does not require board action. However, Superintendent Beveridge noted that he continues to seek the Board’s guidance on the grant and activities.

C. Memorandum of Understanding and Settlement Agreement with OSEA Chapter 104

Superintendent Beveridge reported that SOESD has reached tentative agreement on an MOU with OSEA Chapter 104 regarding *Routine for Sign Language Interpreters with DHH Students*. The MOU and Settlement Agreement were provided in advance of the meeting for board members to review.

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

Approve the MOU with OSEA Chapter 104.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

D. Second Reading of Proposed SOESD Board Policies

The SOESD Board reviewed a first reading of the policies listed below during the January 18, 2023 meeting. A second reading of these policies was presented for review and approval.

Second Reading Proposed Policies - Section E: Support Services

- EBAC Safety Committee
- EBAC-AR Safety Committee
- EBB Integrated Pest Management
- EBBA First Aid
- EBBAA..... Infection Control and Bloodborne Pathogens
- EBBB Injury/Illness Reports
- EBC Emergency Plan
- EBCB Emergency Drills and Instruction
- EBCD Emergency Closures
- ECACB..... Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone

Second Reading Proposed Policies - Section F: Facilities Development

- FC..... Capital Construction Program

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

Approve entering the Board policies as presented for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

- E. Local Service Plan Update
Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on the status of district votes to approve the 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan. While Mr. Beveridge expects the 2023-2024 SOESD Local Service Plan to be approved by component districts, he received feedback about the LSP menu model and CTE program after superintendents completed their review in December that preceded his recommendation to the SOESD board in January per the established timeline. Superintendent Beveridge has met with Phoenix-Talent Schools superintendent and school board, as well as the Eagle Point School District superintendent to share information and gather feedback.
- F. Strategic Planning Update
Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on strategic planning and the process to choose a facilitator. Five finalists have been interviewed, and reference calls are underway for the top two strategic planning facilitators selected through the interview process. Discussion and questions were raised by the Board regarding the expected scope, breadth, and focus of the strategic planning process, including how strategic planning can build a vision to position Southern Oregon to be the premier region for serving students, and create the best opportunities to entice individuals coming into the workforce.

Business Services There were no business services topics to address.

- Miscellaneous**
- A. Next Work Session: March 15, 2023, 5:00 PM
 - B. Next Regular Meeting: March 15, 2023, 6:00 PM
 - C. SOESD Budget Committee Meeting, May 10, 2023, 6:00 PM
 - D. 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 7:18 PM.