

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the SOESD’s administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Converse called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM, 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 Mary Middleton
Jessie Hecocta Justin Wright
Ana Mannenbach
Mary Middleton
Robert Moore
Corbin Morell
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Susan Peck
Jessica Bach Amy Szeliga
Scott Beveridge Angie Thompson
Barbara Griffin Daniel Weaver

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, paid tribute to Ryan Acord, SOESD EI Specialist, who died in a hiking accident in April 2023. Ms. Szeliga expressed appreciation for the members of the SOESD staff who had provided support to the team at Gilbert Creek Early Childhood Services in the days that followed.

Ms. Szeliga also commented on productive discussions in labor-management meetings regarding staff work calendars and programs to grow, recruit, and retain education professionals.

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: April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report
Clerical corrections to the consent agenda were noted by the Board Secretary.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER HECOCTA TO:
Approve the consent agenda as revised with the corrections noted by the board secretary.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Communications

SOESD Superintendent's Schedule of Meetings for April, May, and June 2023
Superintendent Beveridge reviewed his calendar of scheduled meetings for the three-month period. Superintendent Beveridge noted his direction to review solutions for staff calendars and payroll for EI/ECSE staff. He also noted activities culminating in the budget committee presentation on May 10, 2023. As the school-year ends, Superintendent Beveridge and members of Cabinet are looking forward to participating in classroom fun days and field days with the students and educational staff in SOESD-operated programs. The superintendent's calendar is filled with appointments and planning meetings to develop and prepare SOESD's next strategic plan, as well as meetings and activities related to the SOESD Phoenix campus reconstruction project, including working with PACE insurance on the property settlement.

Superintendent Beveridge noted that on June 9, 2023, a tree dedication will take place at Gilbert Creek ECS to honor the life and work of Ryan Acord, Early Intervention Specialist.

Administration

- A. Proposed 2023-2024 SOESD Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
The proposed 2023-2024 SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2023-2024 was presented for approval.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER HECOCTA TO:
Approve the proposed 2023-2024 SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule as presented.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0
- B. Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Update
CFO Weaver and Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on the reconstruction of the SOESD Phoenix Campus that was destroyed in the Alameda Fire on September 8, 2020. The monthly report from HMK Company for April 2023 was provided to the board members in a separate email attachment. CFO Weaver reported that negotiations continue with PACE Trust to reach an insurance settlement. HMK Company and Adroit Construction are continuing to work with PACE to arrive at an acceptable estimate. Other local projects are being reviewed that could provide clarity on the numbers, and it is possible that a third-party estimate may be obtained. Superintendent Beveridge has reviewed the steps for dispute resolution, and he noted that arbitration is a lengthy process. It is hoped that the escalated talks will be fruitful and result in a settlement. A response from the PACE adjuster is expected by Friday, May 19, 2023.
- C. Legislative Update
Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on legislative activity impacting education. The state's revenue forecast released on May 17, 2023 shows a projected increase in state funds compared to the February forecast upon which SOESD's proposed budget for 2023-2024 was based. CFO Weaver explained the mechanics of the changes and revision to the State School Fund estimate. Increases will be reflected in SOESD's 2023-2024 recommended adopted budget that administration will present to the Board during the Budget Hearing on June 21, 2023.

- D. Strategic Planning Update
 Superintendent Beveridge provided a PowerPoint presentation on the status of developing SOESD’s Strategic Plan. Mr. Beveridge reviewed the process used to select a strategic planning facilitator and gather constituent feedback. Development of the strategic plan is underway, and the superintendent reviewed the master calendar of completed and upcoming meetings, input sessions, and scheduled survey launches. Superintendent Beveridge will present a draft of the proposed plan to the Board during the June 21, 2023 regular meeting. The Board will consider formal adoption of the Strategic Plan during the July 19, 2023 meeting.
- E. Update on Superintendent’s Goals for 2022-2023
 Superintendent Beveridge provided a PowerPoint presentation update on his three goals for 2022-2023
 - Goal 1: Staff Climate and Culture
 Gather baseline data from SOESD staff regarding their well-being.
 - Goal 2: Strategic Plan Development
 Develop SOESD Strategic Plan for implementation in Fall 2023-2024.
 - Goal 3: Phoenix Campus Rebuilding
 Continue process to complete construction in 2024-2025.

Business Services

- A. 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #11: Supplemental Budget
 CFO Weaver explained that Resolution #11 authorizes supplemental budget changes for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This supplemental budget will increase the general fund by \$420,000 and is the result of funding calculations by the Oregon Department of Education for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
 Approve 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #11.
MOTION CARRIED 6 in favor, 1 abstention *Member Hecocta abstained.*
- B. 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #12: Adopt and Appropriate
 CFO Weaver explained that Resolution #12 adopts and appropriates federal funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER HECOCTA TO:
 Approve 2022-2023 SOESD Resolution #12.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Miscellaneous

- A. SOESD Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 21, 2023, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office
- B. OSBA Summer Board Conference, August 11-13, 2023, Salem Convention Center

Adjournment

Chair Converse adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:37 PM.