

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

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held in the downstairs conference room of the SOESD administration office in Medford and by video conference on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, 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
Mary Middleton Ana Mannenbach
Robert Moore Corbin Morell
Maud Powell Annie Valtierra-Sanchez
Justin Wright

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson
Jessica Bach
Scott Beveridge
Howard George
Kylee Harrison
Liz Littleton
Patty Michiels
Susan Peck
Amy Szeliga
Daniel Weaver
Jeanetta Woodside

Guests in attendance:
Karen Molineaux, Klamath Falls Herald and News
Jewell Stone, CPA, Isler Medford, LLC.

Comments from Representatives of the Association Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, commented on visits by administration to Gilbert Creek ECS and discussions focused on supporting Early Childhood Services staff.

There were no representatives in attendance from the classified association.

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 18, 2023
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

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

Approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Communications

- A. Board Member Reports: OSBA Annual Convention
Member Hecocta and Member Wright attended the OSBA's 77th Annual Convention in Portland from November 10-12, 2023. Chair Wright shared key takeaways from the conference and encouraged members to attend future conferences if their schedules permit.
- B. SOESD Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Beveridge reported that he and Director Harrison have continued visiting with the team at Gilbert Creek Early Childhood Services to provide support and discuss training, staffing, and facility needs. All classroom and Early Intervention Specialist positions have been filled; one Speech-Language Pathologist position remains left to fill. Two potential buildings have been toured in the search for facilities to increase space. When a suitable building is found, the board can expect to see a property proposal presented for approval.

Mr. Beveridge reported that preliminary discussions have begun with the superintendents regarding the possible development of a CTE Regional Center through philanthropic funding. The project is moving forward with the next step to review an inventory of regional CTE programs and survey results of student aptitude and interest. After further exploration, if there is commitment to the idea the SOESD Board's approval may be requested to move forward with development and building.

Development of the 2024-2025 SOESD Local Service Plan is underway. In developing the plan with the region's component districts, Superintendent Beveridge will continue working to create robust feedback loops, publish service costs, and continue cabinet-to-cabinet meetings. The SOESD board's support will be requested when the plan is presented for approval in January.

Superintendent Beveridge reported news in the state's December revenue forecast that is anticipated to have a positive impact on availability of funding for EI/ECSE and Regional Inclusive Services (RIS) budgets. Legislative action will be needed to appropriate the funds for those programs, and more work after this legislative session concludes will be needed to achieve sustainable funding for the two programs.

Business Affairs

- A. 2022-2023 SOESD Audit Report
Jewell Stone, of Isler Medford, LLC, presented the results of the SOESD audit for fiscal year 2022-2023. An electronic copy of the audit report was emailed to board members for review during 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.

- B. 2024-2025 Budget Year Calendar (Redraft)
CFO Weaver presented a redraft of the 2024-2025 Budget Year Calendar and provided an overview of the timeline. The calendar was revised based on the board's request that an alternative date be found for the SOESD Budget Committee meeting so board members and Superintendent Beveridge can attend the OAESD Annual Spring Conference. The redrafted calendar sets May 15, 2024, as the date for the SOESD Budget Committee meeting and changes the date of the board's regular meeting from May 15, 2024, to May 22, 2024.
- IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER CONVERSE TO:**
Accept the changed 2024-2025 Budget Year Calendar as presented.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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. Sara Crawford, the present incumbent, has been nominated again by the Phoenix-Talent Schools Board of Directors. Ms. Crawford's nomination form and candidate questionnaire were provided to the SOESD board members for review in advance of the meeting. Voting opens November 15 and closes December 15, 2023.
- IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER CONVERSE TO:**
Cast the SOESD Board of Directors' vote for Sara Crawford, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, Position 5.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0
- B. OSBA Resolution 1 – Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus
OSBA Resolution 1 creates the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus and designates a seat on the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee. The details of the OSBA resolution were provided to board members for review prior to the meeting.
- IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:**
Cast the SOESD board's vote in favor of OSBA Resolution 1.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0
- C. OSBA Resolution 2 – Amendments to OSBA Bylaws
OSBA Resolution 2 adopts the proposed amendments to the OSBA bylaws. The resolution and crosswalk for the proposed changes to the OSBA bylaws were provided to board members in advance for review.
- IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE TO:**
Cast the SOESD board's vote in favor of OSBA Resolution 2.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0
- D. Contract with The Career College Collaborative
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with The Career College Collaborative (C3) not to exceed \$197,000.00. Superintendent Beveridge and Director Angle-Hobson explained that SOESD has worked with C3 for several years, connecting dual college pathways at a

state level. Services under this contract will include coordination of five projects, with deliverables made available state-wide:

- 1) Adapt Career Connected Learning (CCL) lessons to meet ODE specifications.
- 2) Develop ten modules related to Career College Readiness (CCR), submitted to project partners and offered as a virtual, online, and hybrid class by Oregon CCR practitioners.
- 3) Develop Career Journey Maps for 16 career clusters.
- 4) Plan, coordinate, and deliver regional and statewide convenings either virtual, hybrid, or in-person.
- 5) Host resources on C3 website, allowing for future expansion and modification as relevant changes are needed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE TO:

Approve entering into a contract with The Career College Collaborative not to exceed \$197,000.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

E. Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Update

The SOESD's Phoenix campus was destroyed on September 8, 2020, in the Almeda wildfire. The district has been in ongoing conversations with PACE regarding the insurance settlement. Superintendent Beveridge and CFO Weaver reported that SOESD had obtained an independent third-party estimate from Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) regarding the cost for rebuilding the Phoenix campus structures "as-was." The report from RLB documents a significant shortfall from PACE's insurance settlement offer. The district will continue its discussions with PACE, with the intent of arriving at a realistic settlement offer for the cost of rebuilding.

Miscellaneous

Next Regular Meeting: January 17, 2024, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office, Medford, Oregon.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:01 PM.