

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the SOESD’s administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Chair Wright read the SOESD land acknowledgement and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Patty Michiels
Jessica Bach Susan Peck
Scott Beveridge Dawn Stephens
Stephanie Cossey Amy Szeliga
Kylee Harrison Daniel Weaver

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, expressed appreciation for continued conversations with administration to support the needs of Early Childhood Services staff.

There were no representatives of the classified association in attendance.

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

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes:
March 20, 2024, Regular Meeting
April 5, 2024, Special Meeting
C. Personnel Report
D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Communications

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Beveridge's report included the following topics.

1. Early Childhood Services (ECS)
Superintendent Beveridge, Director Harrison, and CFO Weaver continue focused planning and support for the ECS program. Director Harrison and Superintendent Beveridge continue to meet with staff and provide updates and gather feedback on program direction. Mr. Beveridge reported that planning for transitions in special education leadership has begun as part of the SOESD strategic plan and in anticipation of administrator retirements next year.
2. ECS Building
In a special meeting on April 5, 2024, the board authorized administration to move forward with purchasing a building in Grants Pass for ECS. Superintendent Beveridge reported that the district's offer had been accepted, and he would provide more information later in the meeting.
3. CTE Regional Center
The vision of a regional CTE Center is moving forward to reality with a focus on health care pathways. Superintendent Beveridge has presented this vision to the Rogue Workforce Board, the Oregon Health and Education Collaborative, and the Oregon Health Leadership Council. Mr. Beveridge is working next to convene industry and education partners in a work committee to build meaningful career pathways for the education center. Interest has been stated by organizations such as Asante, Valley Immediate Care, Mercy Flights, and higher education partners.

Administration

- A. 2024-2025 Chamber Memberships
Chamber memberships will be coming due for 2024-2025. Administration recommended renewal of chamber memberships in SOESD's three-county service area.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER POWELL, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO:
Approve the renewal of chamber memberships for fiscal year 2024-2025.
MOTION CARRIED 6-0
- B. SOESD Board Policy Review
Per SOESD Board Policy BF, a portion of at least one regular meeting shall be designated for policy review/adoption. The board's work with OSBA to conduct a complete review and rewrite of SOESD policies was paused after April 19, 2023, partway through the process. The board discussed scheduling work sessions to finalize board policy review and rewrite. Board members will advise the board secretary of their availability to meet during the summer months. If calendars permit, one or two longer work sessions will be scheduled with the intent to review all remaining policies as part of the rewrite.
- C. SOESD Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Update
Superintendent Beveridge and CFO Weaver provided an update on the process for reconstruction of the SOESD Phoenix Campus (destroyed in the Alameda Wildfire) and the status of SOESD's insurance claim with PACE Insurance Trust. As noted last month, the district provided a third party

estimate and PACE responded with devaluations of various areas of the estimate both on overall cost and coverage limitations but without providing details to support their response. SOESD legal counsel has sent a response to PACE identifying various items that the district is requesting in order to reach a conclusion on in the claim process.

CFO Weaver reported on specifics of the district's response and request of PACE. These included a request for PACE to provide about \$4 million that is not in dispute while discussions continue to resolve the remaining amount that is in dispute, concern about regression in PACE's offer, inconsistency in valuations, and lack of detail.

SOESD remains committed to reaching a resolution of this claim in the near term so that SOESD can move forward with the rebuild. In response to a question raised by board members, Superintendent Beveridge will ask legal counsel if letters from the board would be helpful.

D. EI/ECSE Building Update

Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on the district's offer to purchase a building for operating Early Childhood Services (ECS) at 711 and 715 Ramsey Avenue in Grants Pass. The offer has been accepted and the district has entered a 60-day period of due diligence to evaluate if the property can be adapted to meet the needs of the ECS program. CFO Weaver reported on a list of contingencies that must be concluded before moving forward with the purchase at the end of the 60-day period. The district and an architect are exploring possibilities and costs. Director Harrison reported on the vision for the building design and plans for program operations at the new site.

Business Services

2024-2025 SOESD Budget Committee Membership

The following individuals are currently appointed to serve on the SOESD Budget Committee: Ray Williams (Zone 9, term expires June 2024); and Dr. Phil Long (At-Large, term expires June 2024).

There are eight vacancies on the SOESD Budget Committee, as listed below:

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| Zone 1 (District 7 and Three Rivers) | Zone 5 (Districts 4, 5, 94) |
| Zone 2 (Three Rivers) | Zone 6 (District 549C) |
| Zone 3 (Klamath County) | Zone 7 (District 549C) |
| Zone 4 (Klamath Falls City) | Zone 8 (Districts 6, 35) |

A memo was sent on January 12, 2024, to superintendents requesting nominations from their boards to serve on the committee. Dr. Bret Champion was nominated by Medford School District's Board of Directors to fill the expired term for Zone 6.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE

TO:

Appoint Bret Champion to the 2024-2025 Southern Oregon ESD Budget Committee.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

Miscellaneous

- A. OAESD Spring Conference, May 8-10, 2024, Sunriver Resort
Superintendent Beveridge, Member Moore, and Member Valtierra-Sanchez
plan to attend.
- B. SOESD Budget Committee Meeting, May 15, 2024, 6:00 PM.
- C. Next Regular Meeting: May 22, 2024, 6:00 PM

Adjournment

Chair Wright adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of
Directors at 6:55 PM.