

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Rodney Cotton	X
Daniel Endicott	X
Joseph Garcia	X
Rev. Howard Johnson	X
Charles F. Lee	X
Paul E. Meyer	X
Steve Patterson	X

ADMINISTRATION:

Gerry C. Washburn, Superintendent	X
David W Hanson, Assistant Superintendent/HR	X
Richard Burton, Director, Student Services	X
Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer	X
Jeff Plummer, Interim Director, Teaching & Learning	X
RHS Student Leadership Representatives - Lyle "Cooper" Lee and Bronwyn Spakousky	X

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of Sunnyslope Elementary School, 2230 SW Cannon Road, Roseburg, Oregon.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cotton welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m., asking Director Endicott to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chair Cotton thanked Principal Schrader and his staff for hosting the board meeting.

ATTENDANCE: All cabinet members and Board members were present. Reporter, Vera Westbrook, was present. RHS Student Representatives, Lyle "Cooper" Lee and Bronwyn Spakousky, were in attendance.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Washburn announced the addition of Agenda Item No. 6, Update on High School Mascot Ruling and process to be followed.

SUNNYSLOPE SCHOOL REPORT: Sunnyslope School Principal, Don Schrader, welcomed the Board and visitors to Sunnyslope Elementary and introduced several staff members in attendance. They shared a video highlighting student activities, including the morning stretches and various other fun events. Kindergarten teachers Stacy Hohstadt and Carol Bilyeu Bonevie led a group of children in singing their morning chant for the audience, a motivational moment engaged in each morning in the kindergarten classes to inspire students' confidence in how far they can go in education.

Sunnyslope students helped our Board members celebrate the month of January as "School Board Appreciation Month" by presenting each one with personal cards thanking them for their efforts on behalf of the students of Roseburg Public Schools. Principal Schrader shared that students are made aware that the countdown to graduation starts in Kindergarten/First Grade. Mr. Schrader celebrated the quality of his awesome staff, and again thanked the Board for holding a board meeting at Sunnyslope. Chair Cotton requested that the posters created by the students in honor of the School Board be moved to the Central Office Board Room for enjoyment by the community and staff. Mr. Cotton expressed his appreciation for the colorful environment in the building and thanked Sunnyslope staff and students for doing such a great job this evening.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Chair Cotton announced that the Board is honoring three students this evening who will be presented with certificates of accomplishment and McDonald's gift cards.

Director Meyer shared a letter from Principal Bartlett and several teachers celebrating the hard work and perseverance demonstrated by Eighth Grade Joseph Lane Middle School Student, Parker Townsend. Instructors

are impressed with Parker's perseverance and kindness, stating that he is a "near perfect" student. Respectful to both the staff and his peers, Parker is also a confident musician, playing percussion. As president of his school's National Jr. Honor Society, Parker has earned all "A's" in math this year. A tremendous representative of the school, Parker has a bright future ahead of him.

Director Lee presented a letter to Seventh Grade Fremont Middle School Student, Enfernee "EJ" Pangilinan, who staff are honoring for epitomizing Fremont's keys to success. A natural born leader, EJ aspires to earn an engineering degree. EJ participates in advanced band, Jazz Band and Jazz Combo. With a positive attitude and willingness to help others, EJ stands out as an asset at Fremont Middle School.

Director Johnson shared a letter from Principal Jill Weber, announcing that RHS Senior, Jessica "Jessie" Farrington, was selected by division leaders as a result of her academic scholarship, involvement in clubs and activities, work ethic and values. Jessie participates in Honor Society, Partners Club and basketball. Taking rigorous and college preparatory classes, she has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in preparation for her life goal of becoming a zookeeper. An exemplary student, Jessie has become an excellent academic role model.

RHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: Chair Cotton introduced two RHS student leadership representatives, Lyle "Cooper" Lee and Bronwyn Spakousky. Cooper shared that he is active in Cross Country and La Cross, and is currently in his second year of Leadership. Bronwyn enjoys playing tennis and this is her first year participating in Leadership. She is currently the president of the Interact Club.

Both Cooper and Bronwyn shared the most recent wrestling, basketball, and swimming competition results, and noted that the renovated gymnasium looks very nice. The band and music groups continue to shine. This week is the start of second semester, with many students beginning new classes. RHS students did very well at the recent Chamber of Commerce First Citizen banquet, with Nadia King selected as Future First Citizen.

Students are making plans for the February 27th Arts Assembly, themed "Decades". Performances of "The Little Mermaid" will be held February 25-27. Prom has been scheduled for May 21st in Douglas Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, with a "Roaring 20's" theme. RHS student Briana Cuteri has been selected to participate in a one-year student exchange program in Switzerland.

As a community project, Leadership students are raising funds for the installation of two water bottle filling stations on the high school campus. Students are enjoying increased online access to view their schedules and grades. OAKS and Smarter Balanced assessments are approaching. RHS' closed campus will be observed beginning in February. Staff members are present as students arrive and depart the campus. The "Mr. RHS" competition will reappear this spring, with a formal black-tie event planned with terrific talent anticipated. Students are hopeful at the prospect of continuing to be known as and graduating as the Roseburg High School Indians.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: Superintendent Washburn shared that a licensed resignation has been received from Roseburg High School Art Teacher, Rosemary Raburn, effective June 15, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda this evening included Minutes from the January 13, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent/HR, David Hanson, presented a recommendation of employment for Mr. Drew Carter, Counselor at Roseburg High School. Mr. Carter completed his student teaching at Thurston Middle School in Springfield, Oregon. He has also served as a Counselor at Brookings Harbor School District, Salem-Keizer School District, Tigard-Tualatin School District, and Cascade School District. This is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Director Patterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Endicott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

M1-54 Approved the Consent Agenda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no audience members wishing to address the board.

Chair Cotton asked for a brief recess at 6:40 p.m. to allow Sunnyslope Elementary staff and the families of the students being recognized to depart for the evening. The meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER – Robin Stalcup: Chair Cotton introduced our guest speaker, Robin Stalcup, PhD, who agreed to update the Board on results of the 2015 Healthy Teen Survey. Ms. Stalcup is the Public Health Lead in Tobacco Prevention and Education Program Coordinator for ADAPT, and she expressed concern over the negative impact of increasing use of vapor cigarettes by young people in Douglas County.

There is a higher than state-average rate of smoking in Douglas County, particularly in the 8th and 11th grade levels, indicating that we need to try something different to affect positive change.

Ms. Stalcup shared a packet of information:

- Douglas County Tobacco Fact Sheet provided by the Oregon Health Authority
- Suggested Policy GBK/JFCG/KGC: Prohibited Use, Possession, Distribution or Sale of Tobacco Products and Inhalant Delivery Systems (version 2) as suggested by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)
- E-Cigarettes: The Facts
- CDC flyer suggesting that 7 out of 10 middle and high school students who currently use tobacco have used a FLAVORED product.
- Medical News Today article, “Is flavored tobacco to blame for teen smoking?”
- Oregon Health Authority, Just the Facts overview of Oregon data on flavored tobacco products and advertisement
- Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, “Tobacco marketing that reaches kids: Point of Sale advertising and promotions

While data lags behind and may not reflect what is happening currently, there is concern both state-wide and locally that Eight Grade is reporting a variety of uses of marijuana. Across the nation, use may be greater in states who have marijuana programs.

In Douglas County, we are not currently targeted with national marketing outreach. However, youth are more susceptible to addiction than adults, and E-cigarettes don’t have natural stopping points (puffs) like tobacco products, and pre-filled disposable products contain as many as 500 puffs. High schools are reporting that different social groups use different products; “jock” and “farmer” boys chew; lower class individuals smoke; and angry outcasts vape. Marijuana is the least of our worries, most state, and share that drugs are not conducive to a productive lifestyle. At risk students are in danger of “living down” to lowered expectations by fitting stereotypes or self-fulfilling prophecies.

Vaping products were reviewed, consisting of pre-filled, fillable, customizable, etc. Most customers graduate to the \$60 customizable models. One brand of E-cigarette being marketed is fashioned to look like an inhaler so as not to be recognized at school.

Most users believe that vaping is inhaling “safe” water vapor. “Vaping” is actually a misnomer, as what users are inhaling is an aerosol the same size as harmful air pollution. E-liquids can damage the lungs. “Safer” does

not mean safe. The mods are capable of delivering any liquid drug, and Poison Control is reporting a spike of children handling the devices. The products are not currently regulated, and many contain heavy metals and known carcinogens. There are currently nearly 8,000 “flavors” on the market. Many flavors are safe to eat, but not to inhale. Diacetyl is a common additive in the products, and when inhaled, it can cause a permanent type of lung damage known as “popcorn” lung.

Studies show that vaping is a gateway to youth to use nicotine and tobacco. Most teens don’t know what they are vaping, believing they are “just flavors”. With the industry unregulated, companies are directing advertising to youth using “vintage” type tobacco ads that can no longer be used by the tobacco industry. Common advertising themes include rebellion, independence and sex.

Douglas County youth are receiving coupons in the mail at twice the state average. These young people are much more susceptible to smoking and vaping.

Store advertisements are being placed at toddler eye level. Oregon spends \$68.8 million on health care costs for common tobacco illnesses. Nine out of ten stores are selling smokeless tobacco.

Ms. Stalcup advocated that one strategy alone can't work. She suggested a five-fold approach:

- Indoor clean air act protections
- Raising the price of tobacco
- Fund increased tobacco protection
- Increase cessation resources
- High impact mass media (billboards)

What can communities do?

- States can limit where adults may smoke/vape
- States can raise the price of the products
- Mandate plain packaging for E-cigarettes
- Raise wages (people with a living wage smoke less)
- Tobacco Retail Licensing (Multnomah and Lane County are requiring)
- Remove smoking shelters at workplaces to support people trying to quit smoking/vaping
- Child-proof packaging

States, including Hawaii, have raised the legal limit to age 21. Further suggestions included:

- Engaging youth and supporting cessation programs
- Review tobacco/vaping policies and include cessation referrals
- Add cessation and substance abuse treatment
- Teen Advocacy group, “Rebels for a Cause”
- Area health education center
- Encourage elected officials to “take a walk” with local youth

We need local champions for policy change. Ms. Stalcup thanked the board and audience for their attention and time. Chair Cotton commented that in his work with kids each day, he had no idea how these products are being targeted and was stunned by the packaging. Director Johnson inquired what male age groups are the highest users, and was told that age 11 is the median age for starting use, and others starting as early as 7th grade. The numbers of people who “chew” is decreasing in other areas, but is higher locally. “Skoal” is marketed in peach flavor. Statistically, incidents of head/neck and throat cancers are going up.

Superintendent Washburn confirmed that our locality is not yet in the national marketing area. However, most of our youth are using coupons to access vape pens. Director Patterson confirmed that if you search on line you are “tagged” and volumes of coupons will be sent your way.

Ms. Stalcup provided her contact information for distribution to interested staff. Chair Cotton thanked her for presenting this timely information to the Board.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS FOR VARSITY ATHLETICS: Purchasing Manager, Denny Austin, summarized the memo recommending that the District enter into a five-year commitment to clothe athletes in Nike apparel. Responses to a Request for Quotes were received from Adidas, Nike and Under Armour. The review committee evaluated each proposal and ultimately agreed to recommend that the District move forward with the proposed five-year corporate sponsorship agreement with Nike for varsity sports at Roseburg High School.

Director Garcia moved to approve the recommendation to enter into a five-year agreement for corporate sponsorship of varsity sports at Roseburg High School with Nike. Director Patterson seconded the motion and Chair Cotton asked for discussion.

Mr. Austin responded to Director Lee that agreement language allows both parties to cancel at any time, and Attorney Dan Clark has reviewed the agreement. Director Lee commented that he would likely “hold his nose” and vote to approve. Director Endicott indicated that he may be the lone dissension as he felt the information presented was too vague, making him feel ill-prepared. He shared his hope that the agreement will result in the District saving money, but hoped for more transparency. He noted that the \$15,000 savings is static while the cost for uniforms may increase over time. Mr. Austin clarified that the vast majority (approximately \$70-90,000) of dollars spent on athletic apparel comes from student fees and fundraising. The District’s General Fund typically expends \$30-35,000 for all athletics.

The Nike representative suggested that RHS athletics staff contact him directly regarding any non-compliance questions or specific situations. Principal Weber added that players may bring their own equipment to use. The uniforms themselves will have to be Nike. Superintendent Washburn noted that this is not the same as university level agreements where athletes must wear corporate sponsored attire whenever practicing or travelling with the team. Other vendors also required the posting of banners advertising the sponsors. This agreement does not. Nike places no limit on the number of discounted uniforms.

Director Garcia inquired if any of the teams were excluded (i.e., lacrosse, golf, bowling) and Mr. Washburn explained that those teams are not required to wear Nike, but may take advantage of the discounted pricing if they so choose.

With discussion concluded, Chair Cotton called for the vote. The Board voted to approve the motion, with directors voting “Yes”, with the exception of Director Endicott, who voted “No”. Motion passed by majority.

M1-55 Approved recommendation to enter into a five-year agreement for corporate sponsorship with Nike for varsity sports at Roseburg High School
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POLICY GCDA/GDDA: CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, for First Reading: Assistant Superintendent/HR, David Hanson, presented both the district’s existing and OSBA’s proposed policy GCDA/GDDA: Criminal Records Checks, for First Reading. Mr. Hanson explained that it would be easier to scrap the existing policy and proceed with the OSBA recommended policy as it is cleaner and easier to read. Volunteers have criminal background checks performed prior to working with students.

Director Patterson moved to approve Policy GCDA/GDDA: Criminal Records Checks, for First Reading. Director Johnson seconded the motion and Chair Cotton asked for discussion.

Director Garcia inquired what the policy is for parents who aren't volunteering but are spending time in the classrooms. Mr. Hanson shared that school principals ask parents who spend time in classrooms to go through the same background check process as volunteers. The District now utilizes the CRIS check program due to the volume of checks that must be done each year, reducing the cost from approximately \$15 to \$5.00 per request. An added benefit is that CRIS is a nation-wide check system, rather than restricted to the State of Oregon. Anyone volunteering for field trips, classroom parties, student teachers, student practicum participants and volunteer coaches are all checked.

Director Meyer requested that the word "unsupervised" be stricken from the proposed policy prior to the Second Reading.

There was considerable discussion regarding what is deemed a "disqualifying" finding. Mr. Hanson indicated that it can depend upon what activities the volunteer would be involved with, and those determinations and recommendations are made at the Director level at the central office rather than the schools. Director Garcia commented that some volunteers don't understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to how children are to be treated. He expressed that the community is increasingly dealing with individuals who suffer from mental illness, and some associated behaviors would come through in a background check. Superintendent Washburn reflected that his former school district utilized a Volunteer Handbook that provided an orientation and expectations for volunteers which each individual had to sign. He will ask for a copy that we may want to incorporate as a model handbook to address some of these issues.

Chair Cotton asked for the vote. Motion passed by majority with directors voting "Yes" with the exception of Director Lee, who voted "No".

M1-56 Approved Policy GCDA/GDDA: Criminal Records Checks, for First Reading
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PARENT/COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS: Superintendent Washburn gave the first part of his report to the Board regarding responses received from parents to his November survey. He plans to report to the Board next month on the staff responses to the survey. The surveys were done separately to give both groups their own voice. Again, only parent responses are to be reported tonight. One hundred staff members responded, along with 98 community members. Mr. Washburn identified the top five issues in each area unless the volume warranted the inclusion of more items.

- Mr. Washburn shared that parents reported mixed feelings about parent/teacher conferences, either liking the opportunity or preferring a different level of communication. They appreciate the number of electives offered to students, but felt there was a lack of variety.
- Parents were extremely complimentary of the high school, appreciating the AP and college credit courses. Some, however, had bad experiences and that was also reflected in their responses. The Superintendent pointed out that RHS Teacher, Janet Stubblefield, was singled out as someone who is very responsive to the needs of children in her program area.
- Fifty-eight percent of students like going to school. We need to identify why some don't like to come to school. In families with more than one child, some siblings did and others didn't enjoy school.

- There is a question in the minds of our parent community if the District is really listening. Parents feel that students involved in activities such as Leadership have an active voice. Those not included in that environment have no voice. Our challenge is how do we enable those students to be heard?
- Fifty percent of our responding parents aren't sure that they are being listened to. This tells us we need to reach out. Trust building is needed with our parent community.
- When asked what parents need for their child to be successful, there were many things that people want. Significant responses included early starts for high school and middle school –
 - Parents suggest that elementary start earlier and high school later
 - Chair Cotton expressed concern that when the new state office building opens (adjacent to the high school) traffic will be a problem. If the high school had a later start time, it could potentially alleviate some of the traffic problem. Mr. Washburn noted that he has already reached out to the construction company to discuss traffic coordination with students arriving and exiting.

Superintendent Washburn noted that if respondents were provided with a list of items to select from, it might result in better input. He also reported that Durham Transportation staff are noticing that the high school is being very responsive to safety issues.

Director Meyer shared that some people like to get elementary kids to school earlier to coordinate with work schedules, and are more comfortable having unattended middle and high school students. Director Garcia added that some families might save on day care expense if elementary started earlier. A former board member, Judy Bacon, used to share that the worst thing parents can do is leave high school students alone and unsupervised in the afternoon.

- Communications:
 - Parents do like the automated emergency response notification
 - We need to find ways to make this more effective
 - Very few parents are opting in to Text Messaging. Mr. Washburn pointed out that in serious emergencies, cell towers may be overwhelmed, whereas text messages will be able to get through
 - When parents opt out of notifications, it opts them out of everything

When asked what the District should not continue doing, the responses included:

- Georgia Math. The superintendent attributes this to the absence of textbooks, creating frustration for parents.
 - One parent suggested offering a “Math Night” to help parents support their student and identify how they can help their student at home. Parents need tools to effectively access information and understand the instruction.
 - In a First Grade classroom, the superintendent observed students not realizing that they were multiplying numbers and they clearly understood what they were doing. This confirms what we are getting out of Georgia Math and the instructional practices. We don't want to lose that.

When asked what the District should start doing, resounding responses included:

- Music, art, PE
- Increase safety elements (concerned about elementary campuses)

When asked what was important that we did not ask, responses included:

- Vapor pens
- Inter-district transfer process

- Marijuana
- Open campuses
- Hopes and dreams
- Declining enrollment
- Child learning
- Instruction engaging or boring
- Enjoy learning?

Parents are excited that we are asking for their input. They are seeing our progress on the Facebook page. It's important that we identify ways to let the parents know that we are starting to do some things, what those things are and the reasons we are doing them.

FINANCE REPORT: Chief Operations Officer, Cheryl Northam, shared the Financial Report on Page 13. There were no questions.

UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL MASCOT RULING & PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED: The Superintendent provided Board members with a copy of the State Board of Education Administrative Rule Summary for the Native American Mascots. Page 7 includes the steps districts must follow in order to keep their mascots.

Sixty days prior to entering into an agreement, districts must notify the State Board of Education as to which tribe the public school is intending to enter into an agreement with regarding the use of a mascot. A public school must conduct a public hearing relating to the agreement and give opportunity for members of the public to provide written and oral comments to the public school about the agreement. The public hearing must be conducted prior to the public school entering into the agreement.

In preparation for these required tasks, we have asked Indian Education Liaison, Juliana Marez, to meet with our Indian education families to ask for their input.

In summary, the process will include:

- Creating an agreement
- School Board must approve of the agreement
- The tribal government must approve and sign the agreement
- The agreement must be approved by ODE
- Agreements may last no longer than ten years, and are to be reviewed every five years

The MOU drafted by the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde will most likely be quite similar to the proposed agreement between our district and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

One individual who attended the Ruling made it clear that the decision will be challenged.

Director Meyer expressed disappointment at the wording contained within the Ruling that implies that districts are being discriminatory unless they have permission from the local tribe.

Director Lee inquired what our curriculum is currently, and Mr. Washburn referenced the Eastwood Nature Trail programs. He further noted that the Cow Creek Education Director, Tammie Hunt, has recommended following the version used by Springfield and Eugene that includes all nine tribes. The other version is the one used by the Grande Ronde.

Chair Cotton stated that Cow Creek wants to work with the District and he is excited about what will eventually come out of the process. The curriculum potentially is history that has otherwise been lost. Director Garcia

noted that neither of our organizations asked for this situation, and we are all trying to make the best of it. Rather than focusing on the Rule, what opportunities will this provide? Mr. Rondeau has been very helpful throughout this process. Director Johnson reflected that our local community has been very supportive of the tribe and gave them the opportunity for success in what they are doing at Seven Feathers. If they were to oppose the local mascot, it could be interpreted quite negatively by our community members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Washburn also provided updates regarding various maintenance projects throughout the district, as well as the software issue that is affecting connectivity within our phone system.

The Superintendent plans to post a short video on the district web page each Monday to keep our staff and community members informed.

Gym Floor: At the completion of the gym renovation project, the construction company scratched the new floor. This is not viewable when the bleachers are extended. Repairs will be scheduled once basketball season concludes and there is a 48-hour window of time to complete repairs. Floor technicians will return and fill in the water-based paint that forms the "R". This takes some time to completely soak into the hardwood. Otherwise, the building is doing well.

Director Garcia had reported an issue with the Fremont Middle School gym floor. Facilities Director, Tracy Grauf is working on various options and quotes.

The RHS varsity locker room roof repair was originally bid at \$17,000. The current quote is now \$24,800. This exceeds the value of the roof that may eventually be torn out and redone. The maintenance crew will perform repairs such as caulking to deal with immediate issues.

The javelin run way has some issues that cannot be addressed until summer. Mr. Grauf has suggested some short term fixes for the track season, including gravel and rubber matting during competition. Director Meyer inquired if the damage occurred during construction, and was informed that the vast majority is just age, with only a small portion attributable to construction activity.

There are currently four responses to the RHS Football Coach position opening. We continue to receive inquiries from various individuals who have not yet filed. The posting will close on February 26th and the Board will be kept up to date. Other administrative openings that will be posted on Friday include the Director of Teaching and Learning, Green Elementary School Principal and the Alternative Education Coordinator. Interim Director, Jeff Plummer, hopes to finally retire, and Green Principal, Kristen Garcia, will be retiring after many years. The Alternative Education Coordinator will be involved with establishing an online and alternative education program.

The community survey is still up and Mr. Washburn has not yet viewed those responses.

Mr. Washburn provided an update regarding the district's telephone system. When calling into the schools, often the caller cannot be heard. We have provided the office managers with back-up cell phones in case of emergencies. Points have been identified within the NEC system that we traced to a software issue. The system hardware is fine. Purchasing Manager, Denny Austin, is working on a fix for the problem. In the interim, we are doing all we can to serve our staff, families and community.

The Superintendent has begun working with Communication Specialist, DD Bixby, in creating weekly 2-4 minute videos that are posted on our web site to keep our community and staff informed. Mr. Washburn gave DD the

credit for the idea and indicated that he has received positive response from the public.

The Legislative Session beginning February 1st will be dealing with the Governor's minimum wage proposal that could have a potential \$750,000 long-term impact on the district as it would change steps, etc. The proposal will hurt Oregon small businesses.

Copies of the proposed 2016-2017 Douglas ESD Service Plan were distributed to the Board for their review prior to the February 10th Board meeting, at which time a resolution to adopt the proposed plan will be considered. Superintendent Washburn complimented both Chief Operations Officer, Cheryl Northam, and Student Services Director, Rick Burton, with sharing their historical background, experience and expertise during our conversations with the local ESD.

INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Director Cotton commented that when attending the recent reopening ceremony in the RHS Gym honoring the key players in the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant project, the building felt really cold. It was explained that the updated air system brings in fresh air and you can feel the air circulating. It gets warm quickly as the building fills. Mr. Cotton thanked Principal Schrader again for having the Board conduct the Board meeting at Sunnyslope. He added that the February 24th Board meeting will be held at Fullerton IV. Elementary School.

Director Garcia shared that he appreciates Gerry and his efforts to engage with not only the Board, but with the Roseburg community. People are approaching him with questions and there is increased interest in what is happening within the District. It's especially gratifying that the Superintendent has been able to accomplish this within such a short time (July 2015). The huge effort being made is much appreciated. Mr. Garcia also announced that there is an upcoming fundraiser at Round Table Pizza benefiting Hucrest Elementary.

Director Johnson shared that he attended the Superintendent's first Q & A meeting. While there was a light turnout, the quality of the questions was good and he saw positive interaction between Superintendent Washburn and the community. Rev. Johnson also shared that it was very nice for the Board to be recognized at the RHS Gym reopening celebration. He had not attended a basketball game in some time, and appreciated that the RHS Band was so energetic and the renovated building is very nice.

Director Lee had commented on the light attendance at the Q & A meetings. Superintendent Washburn responded that at some point, "something" is going to have to turn into action. It was mentioned over and over in the survey that the district had previously asked for the public's opinion, and then ignored it. It's vitally important to be very clear in our communications with regard to requests being made and intended responses.

Director Meyer cautioned that parents have a lot of ideas, some of which don't work well. He concurred, however, that it's very important to engage them in clear conversations about reasons not to do something, confirming that requests are considered but there may be valid reasons not to do everything suggested.

Director Patterson confirmed that tomorrow night is Jazz Night in the RHS Rose Theater from 7-8:00 p.m. Both middle schools and the high school bands are participating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Sites – January 13, 2016

Chair Cotton shared that the most recent Building & Sites Committee Meeting was held at RHS and the group was given a tour of the renovated gymnasium. Crews were busy sanding the flooring and the committee heard a sound check of the repositioned speakers. More work remains to be done on the acoustics. Mr. Cotton reflected that the seismic rehabilitation project was money very well spent.

Curriculum & Instruction – January 20, 2016

Report postponed to February 10th.

Finance – January 20, 2016

Report postponed to February 10th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no audience members wishing to address the board.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, Chair Cotton adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Gerry C. Washburn, Superintendent

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