

# ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vol. 1 No. 6		<i>Regular Board Meeting</i>		October 28, 2015	
<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>			<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
Rodney Cotton	X	Gerry C. Washburn, Superintendent			X
Daniel Endicott	X	David W Hanson, Assistant Superintendent/HR			X
Joseph Garcia	X	Richard Burton, Director, Student Services			X
Rev. Howard Johnson	X	Dawne Huckaby, Director, Teaching & Learning			X
Charles F. Lee	Excused	Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer			X
Paul E. Meyer	X				
Steve Patterson	X	RHS Student Leadership Representative:			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, October 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Eastwood Elementary Library, 2550 SE Waldon, Roseburg, Oregon.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Cotton welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m., thanking Principal Nicki Opp, Librarian Judy Kulluson and staff for hosting the meeting. Judy shared a video of Eastwood Elementary School with pictures of students, staff and special events that ended with students pledging allegiance to the flag. Director Endicott followed by leading those in attendance in the Pledge to the flag.

**ATTENDANCE:** All cabinet members and all board members, except Director Lee, were present. There were no media representatives present. RHS Student Leadership Representatives Julia Weiss and Rachel Harland were also present.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Superintendent Washburn announced that the Sunnyslope student scheduled to be honored this evening has been rescheduled to December 16, 2015. He also noted that the RHS Student Leadership Team Representative Report would be moved up to be presented prior to Action/Discussion Items allowing Julia and Rachel to leave to participate in the Powder Puff Football Game.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** Superintendent Washburn noted that Teresa Skinner, Fourth Grade Teacher at Eastwood Elementary School would be resigning for the purpose of retirement at the close of the 2015-16 school year, after 17 years of service to the district.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda this evening consisted of Minutes from the October 14th regular Board Meeting and a Leave of Absence request from School Psychologist, Shannon Belson.

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

M1-37 Approved the Consent Agenda

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:** An Outstanding Student Award and McDonald's gift card was presented to Joseph Lane Middle School student Alema Norris. Director Meyer shared a letter from Principal Bill Bartlett celebrating Alema's dedication to work hard, passion for writing short stories, leadership in class and concerted work ethic.

Director Endicott presented Roseburg High School student Dora Totoian's award, sharing how she was unanimously chosen because of her academic scholarship, involvement in clubs and activities, values, and her strong work ethic that has earned her a perfect 4.0 GPA, in the most rigorous courses.

**SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION:** Director Johnson presented the Crystal Apple Award to Roseburg Public Schools' Purchasing Office Manager, Lorrie Watson for her extraordinary skills and abilities, depth of knowledge, helpful, patient and friendly mannerisms and all around consummate professionalism.

Chair Cotton asked for a brief recess at 6:24 p.m. to allow the families of the students and staff being recognized to depart for the evening. The meeting resumed at 6:26 p.m.

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

**RHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Julia Weiss, Student Body Vice-President and Rachel Harland, Student Body Representative, relayed the overall enthusiasm felt by senior class participants at the Senior Sunrise Gathering, prior to the first day of school and noted that there are plans to close the school year with another Senior Sunrise Event. RHS leadership is pushing "PRIDE" through slogans, shout outs and videos. Compliments to RHS students for acting respectfully throughout the adjustment period of the gym reconstruction. The leadership team did a great job preparing and facilitating the Homecoming Dance, and were delighted that this year hosted the most student participation to date. The ladies reminded the Board that the Homecoming Football Game was coming up on Friday with the Powder Puff Football Game tonight. Also worth noting, the girls won 6:1 in the Girls' State Soccer Play-in game, with playoffs on Saturday. There is a Marching Band Competition and Cross Country District Meet coming up, with Rebecca Sidlo attending State. Friday night will be Thurman Bells' final home game.

**PRESENTATION FROM THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER ON A POSSIBLE LEASE OF THE GREEN CHURCH BUILDING:** Assistant Superintendent, David Hanson expressed his pleasure of sitting on the Family Development Center Board with Director Charlene Stutes for the past seven and a half years and Director Garcia about three years. He invited Charlene to present the center's current situation and ideas for a solution.

Charlene greeted everyone and thanked the Board for their role in education and for the opportunity to speak to them about the needs of the center. Being a non-profit organization, partially funded by the state, their mission is to work with at risk families to get children ready for kindergarten. With 39 families that they service in the Green area and 25 in Winston, as well as a satellite site, they would like to partner with Green Elementary School. Their mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect. They provide a variety of comprehensive services, with a low ratio of students to staff, intensive home visiting and home instruction, working with parents about twelve hours a month. They have highly-trained staff in the therapeutic model and a lead teacher with a masters degree. They focus on building relationships, teaching parenting and life skills and establishing school as a friendly atmosphere. They work with families that are on the verge of losing their children to foster care, with a 92% prevention rate.

The Family Development Staff would like to form a partnership with Green Elementary and lease the church building to hold preschool and toddler classes and offer therapy for children and family members. They are looking for long-term options and understand that the sanctuary is occasionally used for other groups. They do not need to use the sanctuary space, except for parent or interactive days.

There was discussion about the groups that use the sanctuary, how the sharing of the facility could be worked out, options of adding locks on doors to prevent separate activities from being a disturbance to the other and feasibility of removing the baptism. They discussed the current lease with Head Start and their plans of moving from the building.

Director Endicott noted that size of classrooms might limit the number of students that they would be able to serve.

Charlene assured him that they do not turn families away. When a family is referred to the program, they work with them to establish routine, offer parenting classes and a variety of services. Securing this building would give them the ability to double in size, with room for expansion, offering additional classes and affording them the option to become licensed to help more children.

Director Garcia asked Student Services Director, Rick Burton to talk about his history with the Family Development Center.

Mr. Burton previously worked in South Umpqua School District, where they utilized the different services offered. The Family Development Center had the highest rated growth and stronger recovery. They are easy to work with, willing to take ownership and be compliant.

Director Garcia appreciated his insight, adding that these points would be important to consider moving forward. He noted that, in light of other groups that use these facilities without charge, the Family Development Center is training children and hoped that the Board would consider that.

Director Patterson commented that this topic was just a discussion item and not an action item.

Chair Cotton felt that the Board should be able to work out some sort of agreement.

Mr. Burton commented that they had been uprooted from a building before and that they picked up and left seamlessly.

Ms. Stutes agreed and noted that they have staff that are excellent partners.

Chair Cotton suggested that the District work with Charlene to pull together a contract to bring before the board.

Mr. Washburn asked Cheryl to work with staff to gather cost estimates to remove the baptism and said that he would be thrilled to work with them for the long-term, with a goal to serve all of our students, adding that it would be great for our kids and their environment.

**RESOLUTION 15-16-11: DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16-20, 2015 AS AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK:** Superintendent Washburn reminded the board that this resolution would designate

the week of November 16–20 as American Education Week, to celebrate public education.

Director Endicott moved to approve Resolution 15-16-11: Designating the week of November 16-20, 2015 as American Education Week. Director Garcia seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

M1-38 Approved Resolution 15-16-11:  
American Education Week

**POLICY BD/BDA: BOARD MEETINGS/REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS, FOR SECOND READING/ADOPTION:** Superintendent Washburn noted that this policy revision was due to the change of board meeting start time and he had not heard any unfavorable comments about the new meeting time.

Director Johnson moved to approve Policy BD/BDA: Board Meetings/Regular Board Meetings – for Second Reading and Adoption. Director Patterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

M1-39 Approved Policy BD/BDA: Board  
Meetings/Regular Board Meetings – for  
Second Reading and Adoption

**POLICY JHCDA: PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** Student Services Director Rick Burton explained that this policy revision is related to OSBA’s recommendation that staff be strongly encouraged to get CPR and medical protocol training with regard to the administration of medication.

Director Patterson moved to approve Policy JHCDA: Prescription Medication for Second Reading and Adoption. Director Endicott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

M1-40 Approved Policy JHCDA:  
Prescription Medication, for Second  
Reading and Adoption

Director Cotton thanked Principal Nicki Opp again for hosting the board meeting and invited her to share her presentation.

**EASTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION:** Principal Opp expressed her delight to have the Board hold their meeting at Eastwood. She shared her thoughts of the opportunity to reflect on academics and student scores, but wanted the Board to know that, as well as desiring that students come to school to learn, the overall hope of staff is that each student gains the tools and skills to be strong contributors to society. Even though Eastwood is the largest elementary school, staff would like for it to feel like the smallest, knowing each student by name, making their experiences fun and engaging and empowering them with leadership abilities. She shared a video to show the Board what students experience at school in addition to learning and then relayed two of the best compliments that parents have given to the school. These were both from families that had children with strong needs that attend Eastwood. These families had considered moving back to the areas that they had come from due to the difficulties that they were facing and as the students proved to gain success in the Eastwood

environment, parents decided that they needed to stay for the betterment of the children in order to solidify the skills that they were learning.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Gerry Washburn continues to visit all of our schools on a scheduled rotation. He met with former Superintendent, Larry Parsons, to discuss mascot and foundation activities and will meet with Lee Paterson to get historical perspective and his experience in the District. He will brief with Scott Folk of Roseburg Forest Products to discuss possible partnerships and meet with Javier Goirigolzarri to discuss the timber industry. Gerry and DD Bixby are working on a Superintendent's Q & A Club to allow staff and public opportunity to ask questions in an open forum with plans to organize a similar parent forum. He attended the first half of the Girls' State Soccer Play-in game that was a win of 6:1, and went from there to the Fremont Band Concert which included a new jazz ensemble. Gerry continues to meet with the Ford Foundation to develop a solid plan for funding the expansion of Pre-K programs and after school activities. On November 4th, he will attend a Leadership for Learning Project focusing on principals becoming instructional leaders. Most responses to the article Gerry released on marijuana have been positive. He will meet with Sam Moore, PBIS/Prevention Specialist to develop a plan for soliciting staff and community input on discipline policies, educational and counseling supports and drug policies. Gerry plans to meet with Michael Rondeau, CEO of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to explore the possibility of expanding our partnership with the tribe and the school district. Thurman Bell coaches his final football game this Friday and Mr. Washburn offered a public thank you for his 45 years of service to our youth, adding that the process and timeline for replacing him will be announced November 6th. Gerry will work with principals to arrange meetings with parent organizations and booster clubs to develop a foundation to raise funds to benefit students. A District team will tour Pre-K programs at Gladstone and David-Douglas Elementary Schools.

**INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS:** Director Patterson thanked Eastwood staff for sharing the highlights of their school. He felt it was very good and liked the idea of the schools hosting the board meetings.

Chair Cotton reminded the Board of the farewell reception for Teaching and Learning Director, Dawne Huckaby, to be held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. He expressed her importance to the administrative team and wished her the best of luck.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Curriculum & Instruction:** Director Johnson reported on the October 21st Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting, expressing his honor to have attended as the Committee Alternate. He noted the endeavor to follow math guidelines, the need to move forward and to work on common goals.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Kyle Micken, Nutrition Services Director, cordially invited the Board to attend the Fine Dining event at Hucrest Elementary School, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. This event is structured to facilitate fifth grade students, preparing to move on to junior high and allows them the experience of linens, table settings and etiquette that some students may not otherwise be exposed to.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, Chair Cotton adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Gerry C. Washburn, Superintendent

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