

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting
1419 Northwest Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471

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Board Members:

Rodney Cotton
Joseph Garcia, Chair
Micki Hall
Rev. Howard Johnson
Rebecca Larson
Charles F. Lee
Steve Patterson, V. Chair

Administration:

Lee E. Paterson, Superintendent
Richard Burton, Director of Student Services
Robert Emerson, Director of Teaching & Learning
Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources
Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer

REGULAR SESSION

TIME/PLACE: A regular meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in the Administrative Office Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive, Roseburg, Oregon.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman, Joseph Garcia, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., immediately following a Budget Committee Meeting, and invited Student Services Director, Richard Burton, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: School Board and Cabinet members were present. Reporter Sanne Godfrey was in attendance.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: Superintendent Paterson noted that one additional recommendation for hire and four resignations have been received that are now included in the Consent Agenda.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: The following students were recognized for outstanding achievement and presented with a McDonald's gift card, a congratulatory certificate and a letter from their school complimenting their achievements:

- Hucrest Elementary fifth-grade student, Tegun Russell, was introduced by Principal Doug Freeman, who shared a letter honoring Tegun for his can-do attitude and grit. His perseverance, natural inclusiveness for others and sportsmanship will help him in his journey of life-long learning and continued success.
- Melrose Elementary fifth-grade student, Dallin Shumway, was introduced by Principal Tammy Rasmussen, who shared that Dallin is the student every teacher deserves at least once in their career. A love of music, scouting and arguing have instilled an aspiration to join the legal profession in the future.

SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION: Sunnyslope Elementary Principal, Don Schrader, was honored to present the Crystal Apple Award to ELD (English Language Developer) Teacher, Christina Byrd. Considered to be a true advocate for students, Christina makes significant contributions to students through her passion in helping children throughout the District succeed.

Melrose Elementary Principal, Tammy Rasmussen, was proud to present the Crystal Apple Award to Melrose Librarian, Michelle Altermatt, a true scholar willing to advocate for all students and dedicated to helping both students and staff succeed.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPORT: RHS Leadership students, Marin Gray and Mikayla Sanguins detailed current and upcoming events including this year's upcoming Prom, "Old Hollywood" scheduled to take place on May 4th. Twelve students will be competing for Mr. RHS. Plans for Homegoing activities continues, with an assembly and staff lip-sync battle included. Students will be casting their votes for next year's leadership later this week. Weather conditions continue to affect sports such as tennis and lacrosse. Results of the most recent baseball, softball, tennis, lacrosse and track were announced.

The high school is undergoing an accreditation process this week, with reviewers attending classes and interacting with students and staff. In Portland last week, Roseburg students were six of the top ten finishers in the FBLA competition. In math competition last week at Umpqua Community College, all first-place finishers were also from RHS. Leadership students volunteered recently at the Miss Douglas County Scholarship Program, where RHS students placed first, along with first and second runners up. Congratulations to our students!

Mikayla thanked the Board for the opportunity for students to meet the three superintendent candidates and noted that any one of them would have performed well in the position.

CONSENT AGENDA: Superintendent Paterson presented the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes from March 13th, Gifts to the District, and recommendations for hire and licensed resignations as listed below:

Recommendations for Hire: (effective for the remainder of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years)

- David McKenzie, Special Education, TAP Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary School; and
- Caitlyn Goecke, Special Education, LRC Teacher at Fremont Middle School.

And, effective for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Joseph Ausdemore, Special Education, DLC Teacher at Roseburg High School; and
- Christine Ausdemore, First Grade Teacher at Green Elementary School.

Resignations: (effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year)

Licensed:

- Jody Cunningham, Fifth Grade Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary, after two years;
- Anna Jensen, Science Teacher at Rose School, after one year;
- Lydia Knight, Math Teacher at Roseburg High School, after three years;
- Alyce Moore, Special Education Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary School, after eleven years; and
- Kortney Wadsworth, Kindergarten Teacher at Eastwood Elementary School, after three years.

Administrative:

- Robert Emerson, Director of Teaching & Learning, following three years in the District.

Director Hall moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Steve Patterson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M5-54 Approved the Consent Agenda

RECESS: Chairman Garcia called for a brief recess at 7:00 p.m. to allow students and families attending for student/staff recognition to depart. The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the audience wished to address the School Board.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF VIRTUAL REALITY LAB – zSpace:

Superintendent Paterson shared that this technology was introduced at the Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting earlier this month. Technology Coordinator, Gary McFarlane, noted that technology is ever-changing, and this is one of those things that make you say, “wow”. Taking virtual reality into the classroom is very exciting and we are looking forward to adding this opportunity at the high school where students will be able to interact with simulated objects in virtual environments as if they are real. This is part of our effort to get more devices into the hands of students to engage and prepare them for the work they will be doing in the future. Students will be able to interact with objects without any fear of breaking materials. Principal Weber noted that activities such as dissection would become a thing of the past. Teachers will receive PD to learn how to use the technology in lessons and support what is already being taught. The goal is for students to take industry certifications and be ready to enter the workforce.

The focus will be on STEM classes and include CTE (welding, auto, drafting, etc.), Math, Science and Arts. The purchase includes hardware, software and professional development services working directly with zSpace, a sole source vendor for these items. Funding is made possible through Measure 98 monies.

Principal Weber noted that we are purchasing licensure for three years. Mr. McFarlane explained that this is a subscription and we will continuously receive updates. The concept has been vetted collaboratively with division leaders, technology and facilities staff. Chairman Garcia noted the importance of informing the legislature of what can be accomplished with this funding stream in a district our size.

Director Hall moved to approve the purchase of the Virtual Reality Lab for RHS from zSpace in the amount of \$465,161. Director Larson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M5-55 Approved Purchase of zSpace Virtual Reality Lab for RHS in the amount of \$465,161
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APPROVE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS (MEASURE 98):

Technology Coordinator, Gary McFarlane, presented the proposal to purchase 361 Chromebooks and Google management console licenses for deployment at Roseburg High School. As described in Mr. McFarlane’s request, this purchase matches the pricing and specifications in the August 2018 bid from CTL Corporation.

Funding is made possible through Measure 98.

Director Hall moved to approve the purchase of Chromebooks and licenses in the amount of \$79,420 through CTL Corporation. Director Lee seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M5-56	Approved	Purchase	of	361
Chromebooks and associated licenses from				
CTL Corporation in the amount of \$79,420				

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (PLC) – TECHNOLOGY

Technology Coordinator, Gary McFarlane, led an interactive Kaboom activity with the Board challenging knowledge of district technology trivia where Director Larson ultimately achieved the highest score. Gary informed that Board that they were participating in a tech tool used by teachers in District classrooms to engage students in technology.

Mr. McFarlane explained that District technology is used to support staff who are in charge of teaching and learning. The technology department oversees the network, including switches, wireless access points and servers. They support user devices such as desktops, laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, printers, etc., along with district and school web sites. In addition, the department oversees the telephone system, security cameras and software.

Gary provided much detail regarding technology staff responsibilities and network and data security strategies. Staff have the capability of troubleshooting issues remotely. Connectivity is provided by Douglas Fast Net.

Numerous programs are utilized throughout the District, including Common Sense Media, iReady assessments, the digital components of Wonders, STEMscopes, Amazon WorkDocs, Google Classroom, Fusion 360, etc. At the alternative school, GradPoint is utilized and Principal Olsen has stated that they could not do the work they do without that technology. Teachers have opportunities to learn more about technology through resources such as Google for Education TEAM, Super Quest, etc.

Looking ahead, we anticipate more devices for students and additional access points and switches within the network, and IT support including a tech teacher-leader to help with instructional needs at the building level.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Superintendent Paterson thanked the Board for their management of the superintendent search process. After having met individually with the three candidates, he believes that they have arrived at a decision that can be embraced by the Roseburg community. Work continues on the District’s School Improvement Plan, and the proposed Parent Survey is a part of that process.

Lee met with Chairman Garcia today to discuss items he would like to have wrapped up before the incoming superintendent arrives. Mr. Paterson assured the Board that ideas and decisions will be vetted with Mr. Cordon prior to coming before the Board, including the hierarchy of leadership proposal. Lee asked the Chairman to complete an evaluation of his performance as superintendent and encouraged Board members to complete a self-evaluation of themselves as board members as well. This will provide an opportunity for reflection of whether their role is what they imagined it might be and if they feel they are successful in influencing the District.

In the middle of the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week, on May 8th, there is a concerted effort of unions to encourage greater funding for K-12 schools. The Eugene Register Guard is encouraging teachers to walk out to bring attention to funding issues. Union leadership has encouraged our teachers to alternatively wear red on May 8th as a more productive way to bring attention to education funding in Oregon. Mr. Pope has reported that teachers are appreciative of the School Board working with them following the snow day closures.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Larson reported on the topics covered during the April 3rd Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting. The Social Studies adoption has yet to be determined, with the middle schools not impressed with available options. A group is working on online student registration with a potential roll-out for new students targeted for this year. The high school is working on options to honor students at graduation for various achievements. Mrs. Larson stated she is saddened at the prospect of Teaching & Learning Director, Robert Emerson, leaving the District after three years, adding that he is indeed an “Unsung Hero”. She also thanked her fellow Board members and Janet Kischel, Patty Boggs, Cheryl Northam, Darin Lomica, Tracy Grauf and the schools that welcomed the three superintendent candidates during their day in the district. It was a very long day and the Board worked well together.

Director Steve Patterson reflected on the amazing presentation for the Virtual Reality Lab, with the potential to create a whole new arena of what students can learn in a classroom. He is looking forward to an introduction to the system.

Chairman Garcia shared that he has been in ongoing communication with candidate Jared Cordon. He has extended an invitation to Mr. Cordon and his family to attend the April 24th Board Meeting if negotiations have been completed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Scott Moyer, a teacher with the District, spoke as both a new parent and as a teacher that technology is a powerful tool, but encouraged the District to consider teaching online safety to students. Children tend to believe what they read on social media and the internet. As a new parent, he is concerned about the treatment of women. Director Larson inquired where Mr. Moyer suggested that instruction occur, and Mr. Moyer responded that it would be more appropriate at the middle and high schools. RHS Principal Weber responded that the high school offered a course for parents with very few individuals taking advantage of the opportunity. Jill pointed out that schools and classrooms can’t do this alone. Mr. Moyer explained that students engaging in screen time experience more anxiety and mental health issues and need to be taught how to use the available tools appropriately.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Chairman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Lee E Paterson, Superintendent

Next Meeting: The May 8th School Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive, Roseburg, Oregon.

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