

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Meeting
1419 NW Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471

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Board Members:

Rodney Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Garcia, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Micki Hall	Excused
Rev. Howard Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Larson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charles F. Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Patterson, V. Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>

Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Burton, Director of Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle Knee, Director of Teaching & Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Northam, Chief Operations Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A regular meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Joe Garcia welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order and asked Director Rebecca Larson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: School Board and Cabinet members were present with Director Micki Hall excused. Reporter Sanne Godfrey was present.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: Superintendent Cordon shared that there were no requested changes to the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: Superintendent Cordon reminded the Board of the October 14th Board Work Session from 6-9:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room. There is also an OSBA Fall Regional Dinner on October 29th at the Douglas ESD building on Diamond Lake Blvd. at 6:00 p.m.

RHS LEADERSHIP STUDENTS UPDATE: Leadership students Isabelle Hervey, Chahaya Hill and Elizabeth Wilson reported on the most recent activities at RHS, including an informative Financial Aid Night, emergency preparedness drills and upcoming College Fair. The Robotics Club is getting started and our FFA students represented RHS at a conference last week.

Try-outs are taking place for the high school musical production, *Disney's "Freaky Friday"*. Students have formed committees and are busy meeting the deadlines to prepare for the high school's annual Homecoming Week. Plans are also underway to create a Halloween haunted house in the bottom of the Heritage Building. The latest results from fall sports competitions were reported. At the recent Prefontaine Memorial Run, RHS senior Zachary Traul won the event and broke a record. Great job, Zach!

CONSENT AGENDA: Superintendent Cordon presented the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes from the September 11th School Board Meeting, Gifts to the District and a Surplus Items Listing.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Rebecca Larson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M1-32 Approved the Consent Agenda

MATH INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REVIEW:

Board members had the opportunity to view and provide input on our next math adoption. Potential math instructional materials that are currently available through Curriculum Associates, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw Hill, ORIGO and Pearson were displayed today in the Professional Development Center prior to the beginning of the Board meeting. Director Charles Lee noted that he found the materials to be very interesting and would look forward to the recommendation from the review committee next spring. The materials will continue to remain on display through Friday.

RESOLUTION 19-20-10: RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 AS NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

Superintendent Cordon presented Resolution 19-20-10 in recognition of the month of October as National Principals Month. Our school leaders have an immense impact on the success and well-being of the children we serve. Chair Garcia reminded fellow Board members to celebrate instructional leadership in buildings by visiting schools whenever possible to express support for the essential work being guided by our highly skilled building principals.

Director Steve Patterson moved to approve Resolution 19-20-10 declaring the month of October as National Principals Month. Director Rebecca Larson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Director Larson added that the Board recognizes the significant work done by our administrators, and we are all very grateful.

M1-33 Approved Resolution 19-20-10
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Principals Month

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT TERMS WITH BP MEDIA SOLUTIONS, INC.

Superintendent Cordon reported that following the Board's direction at the previous board meeting, he has met with Brian Prawitz of BP Media Solutions, Inc., to begin negotiating contract terms for services related to marketing and public relations in advance of the May 2020 bond measure.

BP Media Solutions, Inc., owner, Brian Prawitz, reviewed his philosophy and the proposed agreement regarding the marketing services being proposed to carry out the work needed to adequately prepare our District and community for a proposed bond measure in May 2020. A suggested timeline and related costs associated with three separate campaign structures were reviewed. Considering the condensed window of time available to prepare, Board members suggested that the \$150,000 proposal would best meet the requirements of information gathering with respect to both the District's and our community's priorities as long-range facility plans are considered in this critical effort to best meet the future educational needs of the students we serve in an environment supportive of both students and teachers.

Director Steve Patterson moved to direct Superintendent Cordon to finalize a contract with PB Media Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000. Director Rebecca Larson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M1-34 Approved the contract amount of
\$150,000 for services provided by BP Media
Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Cordon will finalize the terms of the agreement with Mr. Prawitz. Jared also confirmed the District's eligibility for \$5.8 million in matching grants, if the capital improvement bond is successful in May of 2020.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (PLC): MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS THROUGH COMPASS/ADAPT

Student Services Director, Rick Burton, provided an overview of mental health services afforded to students between 2013 and now. Between 2013-2015, we experienced a significant reduction in mental health services for students and families that resulted in long-term repercussions across the county. In 2015-2016 with diminishing services from trained therapists, district staff members provided services. Compass Adapt then formed the Community Health Alliance creating a new platform for therapy and therapists in the county. The District has also provided staff training in Conscious Discipline, crisis prevention intervention and behavior support plans, along with PD for teams. Wrap-around services have also been provided through collaboration with students from Portland State University.

Beginning in 2018, the District has been working collaboratively to establish therapeutic services at Rose Alternative School, RHS, Green, Sunnyslope, Fir Grove and Eastwood. A new Skills Trainer model has been established for individual youth who are having trouble regulating behaviors, anger management and self-esteem. Skills trainers provide supports both individually and in groups. Teams are helping families access appropriate services offered within our community.

Mr. Burton summarized that in seeing continued growth from Compass Behavioral Health, many students are receiving services and our building administrators are doing an exceptional job releasing students to be available for slots receiving therapeutic services. Students aged 14 and over may self-refer to receive services. Our school psychologists collaborate with the therapists. Director Johnson noted his concern that if students take 'mental health days' away from instruction, it could have an impact on graduation rates.

Director Steve Patterson requested that with newer Board members, it would be a good idea to ask our school psychologists to update the Board on the services they provide for students who require supports.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS UPDATE

Teaching and Learning Director, Michelle Knee, shared the instructional materials adoption update with the Board. The adoption committee will meet October 18th to determine which 2-3 programs will ultimately be considered for piloting for elementary math from among those instructional materials currently on view in the Professional Development Center. The team will be reviewing the rubrics and data collected by the standards expert committee.

Michelle has met with the high school science teachers to begin that adoption process, following the same process in creating a rubric, etc., to arrive at a decision on which materials to pilot.

Director Charles Lee was assured that we do now have health standards as required by Division 22. Director Steve Patterson inquired if feedback has been received on the Social Studies adoption that begin this year, and Michelle indicated she has met with instructors and Pearson has also been working collaboratively with the teachers on those materials. Feedback so far has been positive.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT (SSA) INFORMATION – HB 3427

Michelle Knee shared the Oregon Dept. of Education's informational sheet illustrating the three accounts within the Fund for Student Success: Early Learning, Student Investment and Statewide Education. Michelle plans to

update the Board on a monthly basis, typically on the last Board Meeting of the month. Our District is in the information gathering phase in preparation for submitting the required application to ODE. Part of that information gathering effort is the community outreach being conducted by the Superintendent.

COMMITTEE REPORT – BUILDING & SITES: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Building & Sites Committee Chairman, Director Howard Johnson, presented the minutes of the meeting. Discussion topics had included a Melrose playground update, a final seismic projects report, and a safety and summer projects update. The report was accepted as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Cordon noted that the state has released SBAC scores, a snapshot of student achievement. While there are “bright spots” we are also evaluating if our instructional investments are effective and if changes are needed. Additional efforts will be made to ensure that every student who walks into class each day experiences success. Jared assured the Board that he intends to work closely with them in auditing our investment and initiatives. Work has begun in development of an Instructional Framework and more information will be coming to the Board on that subject. Mr. Cordon expressed thanks to KQEN’s Kyle Bailey for his efforts to quickly share information out to the community. A “Safer Together” Breakfast is scheduled for October 4th with local safety leaders to begin to partner in cohesive emergency preparedness. We will be participating in professional learning in this area as a District, with some scenario training quarterly.

We are continuing the public “Listening Sessions” and we are evaluating potential website platforms to more effectively communicate with students, staff and community members. The Superintendent encouraged Board members to be considering what they think the web site should look like.

Kudos to the RHS Girls Volleyball Team for receiving an OSAA sportsmanship nomination in recognition of their teamwork and connections. Congratulations!

The Superintendent will be meeting with UCC President Thatcher and two of their Board members to discuss increasing partnerships in the area of career technical education.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Howard Johnson

Howard shared that his employer, DR Johnson, has hired students from both Phoenix School and Rose Alternative School, and he was gratified to report that these individuals are becoming part of a stable work force and has enjoyed watching them make that positive transition to the workplace. He also pointed out that the company is the only one certified in the USA currently producing a specialized wood product.

Directors Joe Garcia

Joe shared his concern that not all parents are prepared to respond to concerns voiced by students who experience difficulty with emergency drills, etc. Principal Weber and Director Larson concurred that we might consider training for teachers in helping children understand why schools participate in emergency preparedness and what to expect during a drill. Joe also encouraged administration to consider processes to ensure staff wellness. The Superintendent added that this topic is also reviewed during meetings with principals as part of his encouragement to building leaders that, ‘to teach or lead well, you have to be well’.

Rebecca Larson

Becky noted that even fire drills can be impactful to children who are sensitive to noise or flashing lights, and encouraged more training in that area to make staff more aware of the reactions of their students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Brian Prawitz addressed the Board, sharing that as the parent of graduated RHS student, he appreciates the acknowledgement of the anxieties that some students experience while on campus, particularly in the presence of loud noises or flashing lights that can occur during emergency preparedness drills.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, Chairman Garcia adjourned the Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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