

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Time & Location:

The September 9, 2020 School Board Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon via Zoom link.



**SUPERINTENDENT:
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Cordon publicly thanked our first responders for their efforts as our communities are impacted by individuals dealing with Level 2 and Level 3 closures. He echoed the Chair's kudos to staff for their flexibility and professionalism. Remote learning is a new reality for our students, and they are off to a great start thanks to the vision of our School Board. Jared also acknowledged the excellent job being done by our Tech staff, overseen by Asst. Supt. Michelle Knee. The COVID curve has flattened over the past several days,

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which encourages us to start thinking about our marker dates for schools reopening, but cautioned we could also see some bumps once students return.

Communications Analyst, Chelsea Duncan, has created a "2020-21 Family Toolkit" area on our web site to make information readily accessible to our student families.

Superintendent Cordon announced that the Phoenix sponsorship agreement action item was again postponed.

Action Items:

The School Board approved the Consent Agenda, including Minutes from the August 26th School Board Meeting and the following recommendations for hire:

- Kimberlee DeVries, Sixth Grade Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher, a temporary position for the 2020-21 school year;
- Emily Terhune, a Learning Specialist at Fremont Middle School; and
- Peter Lindstrom, RHS Science Teacher, a PERS working retiree. This is a temporary contract for the 2020-21 school year.

Also accepted were the following resignations:

- Irene Goldenberg, a Learning Specialist at Fremont Middle School, after two years in the District; and
- Peter Lindstrom, who is resigning for PERS purposes after 17 years and working until the end of 2020-2021.

Action Items, continued:

A bid to provide video conference/remote learning tools in accordance with Invitation to Bid (ITB) 20-687 was awarded to Pacific Office Automation. Once staff have had an opportunity to review available configurations, the District will move forward with purchasing televisions, web-cameras, mobile stands and accessories that can best meet our remote learning initiative requirements.

Superintendent Cordon emphasized that this investment should promote consistency in educational content by minimizing disruption as we transition back to in-person from the hybrid model. Students could access the same content with their teacher just as if they were sitting in the classroom, consistent with our future aspirational goal of providing students with a college-level quality experience.

The Board authorized administration to submit an offer on an additional home located on Selmar Court, located adjacent to Roseburg High School. This is a neighboring home to the one approved for purchase at the previous Board meeting. The homeowner is requesting to rent the property for up to one year.

Revised Policy GBEB: Communicable Disease-Staff, was approved for Second Reading and Adoption.

A New Policy, JHCC: Communicable Disease-Students, was also approved for Second Reading and Adoption.

Reports:

Board Chair Rebecca Larson expressed regret that social distancing constraints in place for conducting school board meetings doesn't allow Board members the opportunity to appropriately honor our students and staff as we have done in the past. Chair Larson asked to share for the record that we want to congratulate and thank all of our teachers, as these individuals are actually fine craftsmen.

Chair Larson explained that we are asking teachers to trade out every item in their "tool belts" and they have responded by doing an amazing job, while displaying great courage and positive attitudes.

Mrs. Larson continued that students are so excited to be able to see their teachers, and we all are very grateful for the positive things that are happening at Roseburg Public Schools.

On behalf of the Board, Rebecca also extended a "Happy Birthday" this week to fellow Board Director, Howard Johnson. Reverend Johnson has been unable to attend recently and his colleagues miss his clarifying questions and highly valued insights.

School Board:

- Rebecca Larson, Chair
- Steve Patterson, Vice Chair
- Dr. Brandon Bishop
- Rod Cotton
- Micki Hall
- Rev. Howard Johnson
- Charles Lee