

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Time & Location:

The December 16, 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 noted that our staff and students deserve our thanks for meeting the tremendous challenges this school year. Results of a late October survey of students, staff and parents were shared. Based on our learnings, areas of consideration going forward may include:

- 1) Addition of Limited In-Person Instruction across the District beginning the week of January 11, 2021;
- 2) Stronger emphasis on asynchronous, independent learning;
- 3) Ensure hot spots are loaned to families who need them; and

Next Board Meeting:

January 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Administrative Office
Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Dr.
Roseburg, Oregon via Zoom
followed by Executive Session

4) Class schedule revisions to reduce instructional time via Zoom when appropriate. Jared pledged to continue striving to meet the goals of the District's Strategic Plan. The Superintendent is also participating in the Special Session of the legislature on Monday; is continuing to work on development of a District virtual school; and moving forward on the Rose/RHS transition plan for 2021-22.

Public Hearing to Review Findings in the Matter of Exemption Request of Roseburg Public Schools for the Fremont Middle School Seismic Rehabilitation; Provide for Public Input & Approve the Findings:

Cheryl Northam provided the background information pertaining to the seismic rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$2,499,980 for Fremont Middle School. We have previously utilized the Contract Manager/General Contractor CM/GC method of procurement rather than a traditional design/bid/build process. The public had opportunity for input, after which the Board, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, approved the Findings.

Action Items

The School Board approved the Consent Agenda, including Minutes from the November 18th School Board Meeting, Gifts to the District, Surplus Items and hiring recommendations for temporary positions:

- Cynthia Long, Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary; and
- Diana Van Dyk, RHS Math Teacher,

Resignations: Following 33 years in the District, Cynthia Long, Fifth Grade Teacher at Fullerton IV is retiring for PERS purposes at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Diana Van Dyk, advanced math teacher at RHS, is also retiring at the end of the 2020-21 school year for PERS retirement purposes after 23 years in the District.

The Board approved the purchase of 365 W. Selmar.

Season's Blessings—Patron Donation to Nutrition Services

Chief Operations Officer, Cheryl Northam, was deeply honored to share a letter from a parent who was moved to deliver a donation of \$10,500 not only from the parent, but also from the children in the household who contributed money from their savings to help offset the deficit in the Nutrition Services lunch account. The family shared that their intent was to honor District employees and their families for their tireless work this year; for parents and other adults in children's lives who are balancing life's responsibilities with remote learning; and finally to honor every student in the District as they learned resilience and fortitude while struggling not to lose joy for learning and maintain connections to friends. This family's heartfelt message is a profound and welcome reminder of the good things continuing to happen all around us.

Presentation of the 2019-20 Audited Financial Statements
Chief Operations Officer, Cheryl Northam, introduced the KDP CPA LLP audit team led by Mark Damon, Managing Partner, along with Tracy Caster, CPA and

Maria Macy, Senior Manager. Mr. Damon reviewed the main focus areas and reports in the audit. The Board was advised that the audit was awarded an "unmodified opinion", which is the highest level of assurance possible. In spite of the remote audit process necessitated by COVID-19 restrictions, the audit team expressed their appreciation for working with the District again this year, particularly Cheryl, Venice Anderson and the rest of the Business Operations staff.

Book Approval

Pursuant to recommendation from the School Board's Curriculum and Instruction Committee, a novel by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman, *Dry* was approved for students in Grades 8 and above.

Congratulations to Teachers and School Psychologists for National Achievement

HR Director, Robert Freeman, announced the names of five teachers who recently attained National Board Certification. They include Laura Harvey, Kristen Coopride, Marie Leary, Janet Parrot and Kari Taggart. School Psychologists Anela Plunkett and Lindsay Kraft have also achieved the ranking of National Board Certified Psychologist.

School Board:

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