

## ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Time & Location:**

The January 13, 2021 School Board Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon via Zoom link, followed by a Board Work Session.



**SUPERINTENDENT:**  
**JARED P. CORDON**

**Superintendent's Acknowledgement of School Board Appreciation Month — January 2021**

Superintendent Cordon reminded everyone that during the month of January, we are celebrating School Board Appreciation Month in honor of the seven members of our Board of Education. These dedicated volunteers selflessly lead the work of Roseburg Public Schools.

**Superintendent's Report**

Jared expressed that over the past year of transitions, parents have had to adjust

**Next Board Meeting:**  
(in person)

January 27, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

Location to be Determined

work and life schedules. While staff were adapting to new ways of teaching, our students had to adjust to new ways of learning and a sense of isolation. This Board has adjusted to new ways of working as well as leadership.

Superintendent Cordon also thanked Representative Gary Leif for advocating for vaccine availability for school staff.

**ODE and OHA announce that updated guidance and metrics to the Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) mandates are expected to be released January 19, 2021**

RPS Board Chair, Rebecca Larson, announced that since the Board approved a January 25th reopening plan last week subsequent to the Governor's statement on December 23rd, ODE has shared their intention to release updated metrics and guidelines on January 19th that could potentially cause a dramatic shift in the ability of Oregon school districts to reopen schools to in-person instruction. The legislature passed HB 4402 in December allowing protections for schools to ensure tax dollars stay in the classroom supporting our kids, parents and staff.

Any changes to reopening plans pursuant to release of updated metrics on January 19th will be shared as quickly as possible.

**Action Items**

The School Board approved the Consent Agenda and

Minutes from the January 6th School Board Meeting.

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RPS Purchasing Manager, Denny Austin, reported that the evaluation and reference checks of the finalists for Project Manager for the Fremont Middle School Seismic upgrade project were completed, resulting in a recommendation to approve WestCoast Solutions. The Board approved the selection and directed District staff to publish a Notice of Intent to Award and proceed with contract negotiations in preparation for Board approval at the January 27th Board meeting.

**Board Work Session**

*Capital Improvement Bond and  
RHS Mascot Discussions*

Supt. Cordon reflected on the Board's Strategic Plan, adopted over a year ago and centered on Equitable Student Experiences:

- ◆ Students will master grade-level academic standards;
- ◆ Attain behavioral and social-emotional skills needed to thrive and graduate from high school with a plan to achieve success.

In applying the Equity Lens, Superintendent Cordon recapped current and ongoing efforts:

- 1) Adoption of a Strategic Plan that focuses on equitable outcomes.
- 2) Adoption of RPS Equity Lens, a tool used to improve decision-making and resource allocation.

- 3) Merging Rose School into Roseburg High School.
- 4) Development of an RPS Virtual School.
- 5) Developing an A-ROI system that provides a better understanding of whether our investments are leading to an academic return.

Upcoming work (Bond) -  
-Continued work toward passing General Obligation Bond to improve facilities district-wide;  
-What are potential barriers to promoting equity within our district and what can we do to address them?

Priorities surrounding equity:  
\*Student and staff safety;  
\*Student learning and care.

Next steps in moving forward toward passing GO Bond:  
\*Proposed projects  
\*Timeline: May of 2022  
\*Marketing

Upcoming work (Mascot and Building names) -

What are potential barriers to promoting equity within our district and what can we do to address them?

The Board will share their questions and needs with the Superintendent to allow for engagement in a thoughtful, informed discussion of the RHS mascot and/or school building names as they relate to our equity work.

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