

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Time & Location:

The February 24, 2021 School Board Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the RHS Rose Theatre, 400 West Harvard Blvd., live streamed and followed by an Executive Session.



SUPERINTENDENT:
JARED P. CORDON

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent expressed his appreciation of living in a community where patrons care deeply about our schools, and are provided a voice. He was able to get out to the schools and work alongside our teachers, who have been so flexible this year in doing things they have never done before, not only supporting student academics, but also social/emotional needs. We are all grateful to have kids back in school, and hope that this year will help them to become independent thinkers. He also emphasized that this School Board shares a passion for our schools and students.

Next Board Meeting:

March 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.
RHS Rose Theatre
400 W. Harvard Blvd.
Roseburg, Oregon

Jared continues to advocate with our representatives that school funding increase from the proposed \$8.9 B to \$9.6 B for Oregon schools.

Action Items

The Consent Agenda was approved, consisting of the approval of the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the February 10th School Board Meeting and Gifts to the District. There were no personnel actions included in the Consent Agenda.

The Board approved the recommendation to approve renewal of Probationary Administrator Contracts; Contract Administrators Three-Year Extensions 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024; Probationary Teacher Contracts—First Year to Second; Second Year to Third; Third Year to Contract; and Probationary First Year to Contract; Contract Teachers Two-Year Extensions 2021-2022, 2022-2023 were approved along with those temporary contracts expiring at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. The Board acknowledged resignations and retirements at the end of the 2020-21 school year, as well as the resignation of staff on Leave of Absence.

Classified Employee Appreciation Week Resolution 20-21-12

Resolution 20-21-12: Classified Employee Appreciation Week, was adopted by the Board to honor our valued employees to be celebrated throughout the week of March 1-5, 2021.

Chair Larson noted that

these staff members work hard to keep our buildings and grounds looking their best; assure that the offices run efficiently; provided hundreds of meals during the pandemic to student families; aid our teachers in making the most of learning opportunities in the classrooms, and help to keep children safe on playgrounds. We hope you will join us in celebrating our unsung heroes.

Request to Purchase Additional Chromebooks

Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Knee, submitted a request to the Board to consider approval of her request to purchase 1,000 additional Chromebooks. These additional devices would be used to replace those that have reached the end of their useful life, those that are broken, and allow us to provide enough devices at the elementary schools to ensure that all students have access to a device. The Board approved the request to purchase 1,000 devices from CDW-G in the approximate amount of \$234,000.00.

Subcommittee Report RHS Mascot - Phase One

Subcommittee Chair, Micki Hall, announced that in all, over 2,100 responses were received in answer to the invitation to provide input with regard to the high school mascot. The committee is now tasked with a thoughtful review of each response prior to considering a vote on whether to respectfully retire the mascot. Subcommittee members hope to facilitate further thoughtful and respectful conversation around this matter with the intent of finding a path forward that best serves all students, keeping in mind our District Strategic Plan.

Roseburg High School Student Leadership Report

RHS students Amiya Fulton and Kaydence Schwender were welcomed to the School Board Meeting—it's been a while since students were able to join us. Current sports activities were shared, including football, soccer, cross country and volleyball. Members of many of the clubs have begun meetings, such as FBLA, NHS, Astra, etc. Leadership students are reaching out to students who are struggling with Zoom or those who are not accessing the learning opportunities available to them, letting them know that they are missed! The students are busy trying to bring back old traditions, such as planning for Spirit Week. Kaydence reported that while it's hard to remain six feet apart, kids are glad to be back. She is thankful for the teachers who have made themselves available for feedback. Amiya added that for her, the transition to hybrid learning was relatively smooth, and the administrative team and teachers have done a good job reaching out to students. She also shared her gratitude to the RHS staff for maintaining quality education during these most difficult times. Both students acknowledged their appreciation for being back in school.

School Board:

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