

Time & Location:

The December 15, 2021 School Board Meeting was held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Cordon thanked the members of the Bond Development team who presented tonight, and expressed gratitude for the entire committee who did the important and deep work around the future of RPS. He also congratulated the Business Office for achieving an "unmodified opinion", the highest rating possible in their 2020-21 financial audit. It's important to thank our Board, staff and community for 2021, for their focus on student safety, added opportunities for kids and keeping our schools open. It takes a village!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Chair Rebecca Larson introduced students being honored, sharing their numerous accomplishments:

- Hunter Fullerton, RHS**
- "V" Vasser, Fremont MS**
- Brianna Villanueva, Fullerton**

Staff members were also honored:

- Mike Booze, Green School**
- Jannah Cummings, Fullerton IV**
- Jamie Hummel, Green School**
- Holly Knox, Fullerton IV**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Next Board Meeting:

January 12, 2022
via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Dr.
Roseburg, Oregon

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda, Minutes of the November 17th Board Meeting, Surplus Items, Gifts to the District and personnel actions listed below:

Licensed Staff Recommendations

- Carolyn "Jean" Christensen, who after retiring from the District after 22 years, is recommended for a temporary contract for the 2021-22 school year for an unfilled Third Grade Position; and
- ◆ Alexa Scroggins, Sixth Grade Math and Science Teacher at Jo Lane Middle School, a 2021-22 temporary position.

Licensed Resignations

- ◆ Dianne Hoffine, Learning Specialist at Sunnyslope Elementary, resigning for PERS retirement purposes after 37 years, and will work through the 2021-22 school year. Congratulations!
- ◆ Will Long, Fourth Grade Teacher at Sunnyslope since 2020, has resigned effective December 13, 2021.

2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

Chief Operations Officer, Cheryl Northam, introduced Ms. Aria Bettinger, an auditor and partner with accounting firm KDP CPAs LLP. A member of this year's audit team, Ms. Bettinger, shared the required communications to the school board subsequent to the completion of the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit. Following review of the main focus areas, Ms. Bettinger advised the Board that the audit had been awarded an "unmodified opinion", which is the highest level of assurance possible.

Community Bond Development Presentation

After meeting since August 2021, members of a Community Bond Development Committee shared their process and findings with the Board of Directors. Committee members Aric Groshong, Corrie

Peachey-Briggs, Jennifer Sikes and Lance Colley shared insights developed throughout the process. Dr. Groshong and the team began by explaining the "Why" behind this bond effort, specifically

- ◆ An investment in Roseburg's children is an investment in our community's future.
- ◆ Our children deserve to learn and grow in safe, secure, healthy educational environments.
- ◆ Our schools are our community's assets and their responsible stewardship includes maintaining and improving community investments.
- ◆ Every school in our district will experience increased safety, accessibility and quality educational upgrades.
- ◆ Economic development investment opportunity that will continue to accelerate partnerships throughout and beyond our community that benefit both our youth and our adults.
- ◆ Roseburg Public Schools has no capital improvement bond.

The committee's role included reviewing the District's vision, enrollment trends and facility needs; reviewing polling data specific to bond scenarios; served as advocates for the process in our community; and prioritizing investment priorities to best serve students. Community polling resulted in a proposed \$154 million bond with an estimated bond rate of \$1.85/\$1000 of assessed value to be applied to health, safety and security (39%); building systems and energy efficiency (23%); and educational improvements (38%). The Board will deliberate on the recommended bond package at their January 12, 2022 meeting.

Resolution 21-22-13: Accept and Appropriate Coronavirus Recovery Grant

The Board approved the request to approve Resolution 21-22-13 accepting and appropriating a Coronavirus Recovery Grant from the State of Oregon in the amount of \$211,927 to provide

highspeed data access and acquiring classroom equipment for remote learning.

Student Leadership Report:

RHS leadership student Marin Gray shared updates of current happenings at RHS. This week is Winter Week with lots of fun activities for the added enjoyment of the students. The week wraps up with an Ugly Sweater Day tomorrow. The campus is sporting a festive look complete with snowflakes and holiday decorations for all to enjoy. The library is hosting creative workshops. Leadership students are now preparing to mentor younger students to take on leadership roles next year. Sports are in high gear with the wrestling team travelling to Nevada this weekend for a championship tournament. The FFA veterinary science career students placed third in the advanced class, with the beginning team placing first. A band concert is scheduled this evening, with a choir concert to follow on Friday night. Students are definitely ready for Winter Break, and are very grateful for the uplifting positivity and support coming from both students and staff, with everyone wearing a smile as they prepare for the holidays.

Enrollment: 11/30/2021

	2021	2020
Elementary	2,593	2,441
Middle School	1,251	1,323
High School	1,627	1,549
Phoenix	192	199
Total	5,663	5512

- School Board:**
- Rebecca Larson, Chair
 - Rev. Howard Johnson, V Chair
 - Dr. Brandon Bishop
 - Rodney Cotton
 - Ann Krimetz
 - Charles Lee
 - Andrew Shirtcliff