

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**School Board Meeting
Electronic Link Available
Fullerton IV Elementary School
2560 W Bradford Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471**

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Board Members:

Dr. Brandon Bishop	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rodney Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rev. Howard Johnson, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ann Krimetz	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Larson, Chair	EXC
Charles F. Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Shirtcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>

Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services	<input type="checkbox"/>

REGULAR SESSION

TIME/PLACE: A regular meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in the library of Fullerton IV Elementary School located at 2560 W Bradford Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, in person with an electronic link available.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Vice Chair Howard Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and invited Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Board members were in attendance, along with Superintendent Cordon and Cabinet members. Board Chair Rebecca Larson and the RHS Leadership Students were all excused from the meeting and were in attendance at Roseburg High School's Evening of Excellence.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD / REVIEW OF AGENDA

Superintendent Cordon welcomed everyone here in person, as well as those joining the meeting remotely. In reviewing the agenda, Jared noted that there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

WELCOME TO FULLERTON IV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Vice Chair Johnson shared that he was excited to be at the meeting and is honored to act as Chairperson in Chair Larson's absence.

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION

Vice Chair Johnson had the honor and pleasure of sharing highlights of the letters of recognition that the schools will be presenting to the following outstanding students and staff:

Donovan Loy-Steiner, Eighth Grade Student at Joseph Lane Middle School

Eighth-grader Donovan Loy-Steiner is known as a respectful student who is a leader in the classroom. Teachers say Donovan is a very capable student; however, it is his curiosity, his willingness to engage and to explore an idea that makes him such an exceptional addition to his school. He is willing to share his knowledge with his peers and provides great insight during classes such as language arts, modern issues and technology. Donovan

seems to truly view intellectual challenges as opportunities and sets a quiet example for others to follow.
Congratulations, Donovan!

Annabell McDiffitt, Fifth Grade Student at Sunnyslope Elementary School

Fifth-grader Annabell McDiffitt is known for being kind to everyone. During class and at recess, lunch and PE, she is the person most likely to help someone in need. Annabell exhibits Sunnyslope’s traits of SHINE (Safe, Helpful, Involved, Nice and Empathic). Teachers say Annabell consistently and wholeheartedly embraces every good thing that school has to offer her and seems to look courageously toward the person she will grow to be. She sets a high bar for herself, completing nearly all schoolwork, taking assessments seriously, and engaging fully in the learning and activities.
Congratulations, Annabell!

Special staff members were also recognized and honored with Crystal Apple Awards this evening:

Ann Schneider, Instructional Assistant at Hucrest Elementary School

Hucrest Elementary Instructional Assistant, Ann Schneider was presented with a Crystal Apple inscribed with, “Exceptional! A true advocate for kids.”
Ann Schneider is known as a highly effective Instructional Assistant at Hucrest Elementary. She is described as being extremely knowledgeable, compassionate, and driven. She is a true advocate for all students and is dedicated and committed to help each and every one experience success. Ann’s passion for her job is evident among all staff. She is recognized as someone to model and use as a resource in supporting students in small groups and interventions. And she has an easy way about her that students respond well to. Ann has made a significant contribution to education and represents Hucrest and the district well.
Congratulations, Ann!

Michele Weaver, Fourth Grade Teacher at Hucrest Elementary School

Michele Weaver was presented with a Crystal Apple inscribed with, “Passionate, creative, and driven to help all students experience success.”
Fourth Grade Teacher Michele Weaver is known as a forward-thinking educational leader with a passion to make great things happen. Michele sets high expectations for students and understands just how much to nudge each one to be successful. She also sets high expectations for herself and constantly searches for new and better ways to reach students. Michele understands the challenges educators face and develops systems to ensure that students grow. When you’re feeling down, you can always count on her to be there to offer encouragement and support. Students absolutely love her, and the entire Hucrest staff agrees that this recognition is late in coming.
Congratulations, Michele!

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration, including approval of the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the April 13th Board Meeting, Surplus Items, and Gifts to the District. Personnel actions included recommendations for hire and acceptance of resignations as follows:

Recommendations for Hire:

Administrative:

- Winchester Elementary
 - **Meghan Pirtle, Principal**

Licensed Staff:

- Department of Teaching and Learning
 - **Tyrone Wing, Elementary STEAM**
- Roseburg High School
 - **Josiah Buster, Language Arts**
- Roseburg Virtual School (RVS)
 - **Kathy “Kat” Bierkens, Special Education**
- Sunnyslope Elementary School
 - **Bailey Morgan, Fifth Grade**
- Winchester Elementary School
 - **Ashley Bullard, First Grade**
 - **Timothy Hammett, First Grade**
 - **Lisa McDonal, Special Education**

Resignations:

- Hailey Gibson, Language Arts Teacher at Roseburg High School, is resigning in June to relocate;
- Karen O’Brien, School Psychologist, is retiring at the end of the school year, after 24 years with the District;
- Melissa Plummer, STEAM Teacher, is retiring at the end of June after 16 years in the District; and
- Rick Snyder, Winchester Elementary School Principal, is retiring at the end of June after four years in the District.

Director Andrew Shirtcliff moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Ann Krimetz seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

M3-49 Approved the Consent Agenda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Vice Chair Howard Johnson opened Public Participation and asked Assistant Superintendent Michelle Knee to explain the process for the “raise your hand” feature in Zoom for those attending remotely and explained that she would advise speakers as their two-minute limit approached. No individuals attending in the audience in person or via Zoom requested to address the Board.

ROSEBURG VIRTUAL SCHOOL (RVS) GRADE CHANGES FOR 2022-2023

Assistant Superintendent Knee shared that the addition of RVS has been a positive addition to the District this year and in order to continue providing District students and families a choice, the Board is being asked to approve an expansion in the program which would take RVS from being a K-5 program to offering K-8 curriculum.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve the RVS grade changes beginning 2022-2023 as presented. Director Brandon Bishop seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Director Cotton inquired about the number of additional staff that would be required in order to make this change. Assistant Superintendent Knee confirmed that there would be one additional teacher needed for this change. Director Shirtcliff inquired about additional costs beyond the staff, as well as whether or not the teacher will be taken from one of the other sites, leaving them short. Mrs. Knee confirmed for Director Shirtcliff that in fact the cost would be for a new teacher position and would not be taken from another school/program. Director Shirtcliff also asked about enrollment. Currently we have approximately 95 students enrolled in RVS and with the addition of the 40 middle school students, we are looking at the potential for up to 140 students. Director Krimetz asked about the ADM for this program and whether or not it will be the same. Assistant Superintendent Knee confirmed that it will be.

M3-50 Approved RVS Grade Change to K-8 beginning 2022-2023
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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Superintendent Cordon presented the proposed schedule of Board Meetings/Work Sessions for the 2022-2023 school year. The meeting schedule for the coming year mirrors that of the 2021-22 year. The proposed meeting schedule recommends keeping the present practice of the first meeting of the month being focused on Board business and the second meeting being a work session to wrestle with issues.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Director Andrew Shirtcliff seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Director Bishop expressed his concern about conflicts, such as the RHS Evening of Excellence that was taking place on the same night as a Board Meeting. This required Board Members to decide which event to attend. Additionally, Director Bishop inquired if there is a district master calendar that can be consulted to avoid situations like this and if not, suggested one be created. Superintendent Cordon acknowledged that we do have a district calendar. Vice Chair Johnson noted that this is one of the reasons we are presenting this calendar now; to prevent future occurrences. Director Lee noted that normally it has been up to Board members to attend events such as the Evening of Excellence if they want to. Director Krimetz inquired about Board meeting dates and whether or not it is just past precedent that keeps them on the current schedule. Directors Cotton and Lee discussed the past but were both in agreement that family is important and takes precedent. Vice Chair Johnson noted that in the 7 years he has been on the Board, the only change to the schedule of Board meetings, has been an earlier start time. In response to Director Krimetz's inquiry if the Evening of Excellence date is set in stone, Assistant Superintendent Knee shared that this was a fluke, as there was an issue with the venue and RHS had+ to change dates. Vice Chair Johnson reminded his fellow Board members that we are required under public meeting law to adopt a meeting schedule.

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT CHECK-IN SCHEDULE 2022-2023

Superintendent Cordon presented the proposed schedule of Board & Superintendent Check-ins for the 2022-2023 school year. This is developed in a similar fashion as the regular Board meeting calendar.

Director Brandon Bishop moved to approve the 2022-2023 Board & Superintendent Check-in Schedule as presented. Director Ann Krimetz seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Knee reported the results of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee meeting held on May 4, 2022. During the meeting, the committee reviewed the upcoming changes being handed down from ODE on the High School Math Pathways 2 + 1 Model, as presented by Dr. Jill Weber. Assistant Superintendent Knee gave an update on the grades 6-12 ELA adoption process and a report on the results of the elementary health curriculum pilot. That the committee will be bringing forth a curriculum recommendation for the Board to adopt at the June 8, 2022, meeting. Mrs. Knee noted that the ELA materials will be available for public review May 23rd – 27th.

Following Assistant Superintendent Knee's report, the floor was opened for discussion. Director Bishop inquired as if there was a specific time that the public would be able to view materials or if they will be able to just drop-in. Mrs. Knee shared that the public can either drop by from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd and/or Thursday, May 26th or they may call and make an appointment if these times do not work for them. Director Krimetz shared that it was very helpful the health curriculum was handled in the same way as it helped the public become more comfortable with the materials that will be used in classrooms. She added that she is encouraging people to review the materials, particularly for those being used for the older kids in the ELA, as it is important to be aware of and keep track of what schools are doing. Director Lee inquired if a particular product has been recommended for the health curriculum yet and if the materials will be available for review. Mrs. Knee responded to Mr. Lee's inquiries and let him know that the curriculum product recommendations will be brought to the Board at the June 8th meeting and that the materials for the health curriculum had already been made available to the public to view.

Vice Chair Johnson thanked Assistant Superintendent Knee for the noteworthy report on the Curriculum & Instruction Committee and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Cordon.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (copy attached)

Superintendent Cordon shared that open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is taking place right now. All students and families, new, returning and re-enrolling, are required to complete the online enrollment process. The online enrollment process is the first step and families will be required to complete the in-person

portion of registration in the Fall. Mr. Cordon announced that we are once again offering summer learning and enrichment opportunities to our students. Parents are scheduled to receive interest surveys soon and learning opportunities will run from July 5th to August 4th. In addition to being opportunities for students to learn something new and have fun, activities are also being designed to provide opportunities for completing unfinished learning. To wrap up his report, Superintendent Cordon reminded all those in attendance, both in-person and on-line that election day is May 17th and that every voice matters; please go vote.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Vice Chair Howard Johnson expressed his gratitude to the donors for the Gifts to the District included in the packet. Director Johnson reminded his fellow Board Members that the annual Board photo is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 25th, prior to the Work Session. He also shared that he is extremely honored to be asked to fill-in for Chair Larson this evening and thanked everyone for their support and involvement and that he appreciates the candor of everyone, making it possible to share the business of the school district.

ADJOURNMENT: With all regular business before the Board completed, Vice Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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Next Meeting: May 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Board Work Session in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive, Roseburg, Oregon and accessible via Zoom.