

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Budget Hearing and School Board Meeting

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Sunnyslope Elementary School

2230 SW Cannon Rd.

Roseburg, Oregon 97471

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Board Members:

Dr. Brandon Bishop

Rodney Cotton

Rev. Howard Johnson, Vice Chair

Ann Krimetz

Rebecca Larson, Chair

Charles F. Lee

Andrew Shirtcliff



Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

Robert Freeman, Director of Human Resources

Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent

Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations

Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services



BUDGET HEARING Pursuant to ORS 294.453

A Budget Hearing was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the library on the campus of Sunnyslope Elementary School, located at 2230 SW Cannon Road in Roseburg, and brought to order by Chair Rebecca Larson at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to ORS 294.453. Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, presented the proposed 2022-2023 Budget, noting that the Budget Committee approved a General Fund Budget amount of \$116,854,449 on May 4, 2022. The proposed Budget as approved by the committee was duly published in The News Review on May 25, 2022. This Budget Hearing provides a final opportunity for individuals to ask any questions regarding the Budget prior to consideration of adoption by the Douglas County School District 4 Board of Education. The document includes appropriations for expenditures in the 2022-23 Budget. Once approved, the Board hereby levies taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$4.0327 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations from all taxable property within the district. Mrs. Northam further outlined changes to the approved budget including removing appropriations for debt service and capital outlay expenditures related to the bond. An appropriation increase is requested due to a change in the State School Fund formula related to the federal forest fees revenue stream. Prior to 2018, those fees were treated as local revenue, and used as an offset to school support funding.

Chair Larson entertained a Motion from Director Rod Cotton to approve changes to the 2022-23 budget as proposed on page one of the board packet. Director Charles Lee seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M3-53 Approved changes to the approved 2022-23 Budget as proposed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Chair Larson opened the floor for public input specific to the proposed Budget. Mr. Keith Cubic, 159 W. Broccoli, Roseburg, speaking as a member of the Budget Committee and citizen of Roseburg and resident of the District, shared his recommendation and support of the adoption of the 2022-23

Budget and associated transfers. He explained that the Budget Committee approved the Budget on May 4th after having met twice. Mr. Cubic acknowledged that the Budget document presented this year was sound and developed based on the District's Strategic Plan with the interests of children and the community in the design and proposed funding.

Chair Larson publicly thanked Mr. Cubic for chairing the Budget Committee, as well as the other public members, all volunteers, of the 2022-23 Budget Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: With no additional members of the public wishing to comment on the proposed Budget, Chair Larson adjourned the Budget Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A regular meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, immediately following the Budget Hearing, in the library of Sunnyslope Elementary School located at 2230 SW Cannon Road in Roseburg, Oregon, in person with an electronic link available.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Chair Rebecca Larson called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., and invited Director of Human Resources, Robert Freeman, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Board members were in attendance (Director Krimetz via Zoom), along with Superintendent Cordon (via Zoom) and Cabinet members.

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 additions to meeting minutes, recommendations for hire and resignations, and a discussion regarding purchase of portable classrooms.

WELCOME TO SUNNYSLOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Thank you to Principal Dan Endicott and Sunnyslope staff for making the Board feel welcome this evening.

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION

Chair Larson Johnson had the honor and pleasure of announcing the names of students who were previously recognized during 2021-22 when meetings were held via Zoom due to COVID. Students recognized included Amelia Barry, Aiyana Brown, Cadence Ellenwood, Hunter Fullerton, Sligh Gallino, Nathan Gould, Hannah Heuberger, Jazlynn Landeros, Thomas Ogle, Conner Thomas, Amelia VanDyke, V Vasser, Brianna Villanueva, and Hayden Wier. She welcomed those who were able to attend, thanking them for allowing the Board the opportunity to acknowledge these deserving students in person.

Chair Larson shared highlights of letters of recognition to the students being honored this month, including:

Rayna Collins, Fifth Grade Student at Winchester Elementary School

Staff at Winchester report that fifth-grader Rayna Collins is known as a conscientious student who takes her academic responsibilities very seriously. She is inquisitive, has a positive attitude, and is willing to rise to the occasion when presented with a challenge. She perseveres and always completes her work with attention to quality. She is supportive, cooperative, and works well both independently and with

others. Rayna is a strong role model for others, demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behavior and choices. She works well with students and staff, not hesitating to lend a hand whenever and wherever there is a need. The qualities and character she exhibits every day will always serve her well. Congratulations, Rayna!

Carter Anderson, Seventh Grade Student at Fremont Middle School

Seventh-grader Carter Anderson is a student who values the learning environment and shares his passion for learning with others. Carter's teachers share that his kind and thoughtful nature endears him to others. Always an active participant in class, Carter is willing to share his insightful thoughts and works well in any partner group. Outside of the classroom, Carter is a good friend who listens to others and is respectful to peers and teachers alike. Carter contributes to the success of Fremont by promoting a positive school environment through his words and actions. Congratulations, Carter!

Luke Robbins, Ninth Grade Student at Roseburg High School

Ninth-grader Luke Robbins is known as a bright, determined, and conscientious student who demonstrates a maturity beyond his years. When asked about his favorite subject, Luke responded that that he likes all of his classes and his teachers and appreciates the passion they show for their subjects. Also described as a leader among his peers, Luke is taking both algebra and geometry at the same time. Teachers report that Luke, who also plays football and baseball, is a joy to teach. He is genuinely nice to all people, his peers enjoy working with him, and he is always making everyone around him better. Congratulations, Luke!

Marin Gray, Roseburg High School Senior

Throughout her high school career, Marin has demonstrated an insatiable thirst for learning and service to her school and community. As valedictorian and co-ASB president, Marin encompasses the true meaning of leadership. She is passionate, energetic, a thoughtful team player and a shining intellectual. From her anti-bullying work in the community to her Link Crew and Interact Club participation at RHS, Marin has consistently revealed her compassion for others. She has also shined in her academic studies, having taken an extensive number of honors and AP course during her time at RHS. Marin's many accomplishments are too great to list here, and there is no doubt that this list will only grow as she embarks on her next journey. Congratulations, Marin!

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

Diane Parker, Language Arts Teacher at Joseph Lane Middle School

Language Arts Teacher Diane Parker has been a member of the Jo Lane staff for four years and she goes above and beyond for her students and the school. Her positivity is infectious, and she brightens any room she enters. She is best described as "all in, and then some". She brings compassion, kindness, patience, leadership, and commitment to everything she does at Jo Lane. Principal Nicki Opp says that Diane will be missed as she moves on to her next adventure at Roseburg Virtual School, but we know she will be loved by all the students she will be impacting there. Congratulations, Diane!

Marya McDowell, Office Manager at Joseph Lane Middle School

Office Manager Marya McDowell started her first day at Jo Lane just three weeks before the COVID-19 Shutdown in 2020 – talk about a crash course into a new job. Principal Opp reports that Marya has been a blessing to have in their building. She is a quick learner, a good role model, and great with

technology and money. She is calm, professional, funny, extremely patient, kind, pleasant and amazing. Even on the hardest days, she has a smile on her face and laughs at the craziness. She is always willing to help out in any capacity across the building. Marya amazes her colleagues by the number of hats she wears daily, and her ability to keep her cool under all circumstances. Congratulations, Marya!

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda was presented, including approval of the Consent Agenda, Minutes from the April 27, May 11 and 25 School Board Meetings; Curriculum and Instruction Committee minutes from May 4 and June 1; Policy Committee minutes of December 16, 2021, January 19, February 14, March 30 and May 31, 2022; a Surplus Items listing, Gifts to the District and personnel actions listed below:

Hiring Recommendations:

Licensed Staff:

- Allison Vogel-Bochart, Student Services Support Specialist;
- Lindsey Daron, Athletic Trainer at RHS;
- Krista Johnson, Fourth Grade Teacher at Green Elementary School;
- Karami Miller, Third-Grade Teacher at Fir Grove Elementary School
- Corey Merrell, Social Studies Teacher at RHS;
- Kimberly Moline, First Grade Teacher at Green Elementary School;
- Tyler Parsons, Special Education Teacher at RHS;
- Brynn Pitts, Social Studies Teacher at RHS (temporary for 2021-22 school year, returning);
- Heidi Shirley, Third Grade Teacher at Green Elementary School;
- Vern Thompson, Social Studies Teacher at Fremont Middle School (PERS working retired);
- Lauren Todd, Second Grade Teacher at Fullerton IV Elementary School;
- Marcus Todd, Drafting Teacher at RHS; and
- Angelica Mountainspring-Wood, Language Arts Teacher at RHS.

Resignations:

Licensed staff:

- Emily Booth, Fifth Grade Teacher at Hucrest Elementary, has accepted a position in another district after four years in the District;
- Ashley Bullard, hired for First Grade at Winchester Elementary School and approved at the May 9, 2022 Board Meeting, will not be accepting the position and instead remain in California;
- Stephen Flesher, World Languages Teacher at RHS, has submitted his resignation for retirement purposes after 12 years in the District;
- Jaime Vredenburg, Kindergarten Teacher at Melrose Elementary School, will be relocating; and
- Kathleena Younce, Third Grade Teacher at Green Elementary School, is resigning after three years.

Director Brandon Bishop moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Charles Lee seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

M3-54 Approved the Consent Agenda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair Larson invited Public Participation, explaining that the 20 minutes allowed is limited to two-minutes per person, and that Assistant Superintendent Michelle Knee would let speakers know when two minutes was up.

Kara Campbell, corporate representative of McDonalds Corporation, presented two \$1,250 donations, one each for Green and Sunnyslope Elementary Schools for teacher discretionary classroom use. Ms. Campbell shared that she is a former secondary school teacher and hopes to become very involved in her community. Principal Endicott accepted the donation on behalf of Sunnyslope, and Mendy Endicott, SEL Coordinator, accepted on behalf of Green Elementary.

RESOLUTION 21-22-16: ADOPTING THE 2022-23 BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, presented the proposed 2022-23 Budget as approved by the District’s Budget Committee on May 4, 2022, and explained that it is reflective of the changes made earlier during the Budget Hearing.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve Resolution 21-22-16 to adopt the 2022-23 Budget, make appropriations and levy ad valorem taxes. Director Howard Johnson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M3-55 Approved Resolution 21-22-16 Adopting the 2022-23 Budget, Making Appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes
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REAPPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER KEITH CUBIC TO A THREE-YEAR TERM

Chair Rebecca Larson noted that Mr. Keith Cubic has been a long-term member of the District’s Budget Committee and served in a leadership position again this year as Budget Committee Chair. Mr. Cubic has agreed to service another term on this essential committee. Director Rodney Cotton pointed out that we have two vacancies on the Budget Committee and encouraged patrons to become involved and contact the District if they are interested in serving on this essential committee. Director Charles Lee added that Mr. Cubic has served as Chair of the Budget Committee and takes that responsibility very seriously.

Director Brandon Bishop moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Keith Cubic to a three-year term on the District’s Budget Committee, beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025. Director Charles Lee seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Chair Larson noted that the Budget Committee is an important part of our accountability to our citizens and thanked Mr. Cubic for attending tonight.

M3-56 Appointed Mr. Keith Cubic to a three-year term on the Budget Committee
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PAC MEMBER BOND RECAP

PAC committee members, Alex Palm and Joe Garcia were welcomed and introduced. Alex Palm is president of i.e. Engineering, a fourth generation RHS graduate, and his son is a fifth generation RPS student. His family is all-in for Roseburg. He thanked the PAC, an incredible group of individuals who dedicated an insane amount of time and effort to the bond levy, and some are in attendance tonight. They put everything they had into the effort and are proud of the campaign. He noted the incredible support from local businesses in exceeding the original \$40,000 goal by attaining \$120,000 to run a campaign. Members of our local business community and leaders report challenges in recruiting professionals aged 24-50 to Roseburg due to their perception of our schools. There is huge support from those who understand the importance of vocational education. The team developed incredible social media presence, encouraged letters to the editor, etc. Alex shared learnings from the bond effort, specifically that our voter base did not show up, which is a big obstacle moving forward. Only 26.9% of voters aged 24-50 voted. Those aged 65 years and older voted. Our student families need to

show up. Mr. Palm pointed out the excessively warm temperature of the building tonight as an example of the facility needs experienced daily in our schools. He assured the Board that the PAC remains willing to serve in this capacity and encouraged RPS to challenge employees to help in the effort.

Joe Garcia also thanked the Board for welcoming he and Alex tonight for a recap and shared that many individuals engaged in direct one-on-one conversations with citizens. He acknowledged nation-wide negative messaging around public education, while school districts are limited in their ability to address bond measures. However, the PAC can engage in direct dialogue around school safety needs, etc. He reflected that schools would have to wrestle with the need for active shooter drills, etc. due to the world we currently live in. Based on feedback, he believes it basically came down to the amount of funding requested, and ongoing education is needed as many citizens don't understand how Oregon schools are funded. Mr. Palm added that State School Funds cannot be used for school facilities, so the only way to rebuild the Old Main is through a bond. Director Charles Lee commented that many of the younger electorate think politics and government are bad, don't want to participate, and just don't vote. Mr. Garcia noted that the majority of school districts in Oregon currently have a school bond, and it comes down to how a community is connecting with their school district. There are 127 districts who have supported bonds, several within the past five years, indicating that large numbers of people understand the investment needed. Alex added that multiple districts have passed multiple bond levies. We are challenged with how to encourage local families to become more involved.

Director Brandon Bishop suggested that the bond effort needs to move forward in November 2022 or May 2023. Chair Larson agreed it should be revamped and attempted again. Mr. Garcia pointed out that we need to do more collectively, and also suggested reducing the overall amount, closer to what was asked in 2020 to try to address affordability to support schools. He believes the electorate will appreciate the work this Board did in their previous work session, but more work remains to be done to continue the momentum. Alex pointed out that if businesses can't staff their organizations here, they will go elsewhere. Director Rod Cotton stated that the Board will be discussing priorities and suggested that there are creative ways to structure a bond with separate issuances of debt. Director Ann Krimetz questioned costs for signage, and Mr. Palm responded that less than 2% of the PAC budget was spent on signage. Chair Larson expressed that the Board is sincerely grateful for the efforts of this committee.

BOARD PRIORITY PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Superintendent Cordon added his appreciation for the PAC members consistent, selfless work over the last two bond campaigns, noting that this is an incredible group of individuals who reached into their own checkbooks to help fund the effort. They really are a community treasure. Jared reflected that keeping students and staff safe requires honesty, transparency and sensitivity, and borrowing money has financial and staffing impacts. The four safety and security priority examples and associated costs provided to the Board represent examples only and are not a suggestion of how to move forward. Superintendent Cordon summarized the three Board priorities:

- Security entrances School-wide (minus generators) \$16 million
 - Rebuilding the Old Main at RHS \$30 million
 - Renovation and Repair District-wide \$37 million
- Total: \$83 million

With the "why", "who" and "what" determined, the next step is "how". Director Andrew Shirtcliff shared that he is prepared to discuss not only options 1-4, but also additional options to address immediate safety issues. ESSER funds could help with some projects, but not all of the items proposed in the bond. Safety Coordinator,

Ed Villarreal, had shared a school safety priority list, such as fencing some schools. Mr. Shirtcliff offered his opinion that we spend available monies now to proceed with the most urgent items and direct that those be ready for next year, such as vestibules and fencing. Superintendent Cordon stated that some of those items will be covered in the Superintendent Report later this evening.

Director Ann Krimetz shared that she was asked if any fencing companies might be interested in donating materials or labor in exchange for advertising. Chair Larson confirmed that everything is on the table but explained that fencing numerous schools is not comparable with fencing personal property. These are large expenditures and that is why a bond is necessary. These items are not considered to be luxury items and our kids, neighbors and spouses are working in these schools every day. Director Cotton advocated to follow up to the work session and use monies from ESSER and perhaps borrow some to address the safety issues.

Director Andrew Shirtcliff inquired if the \$16 million was enough for safety, and Jared responded that this focuses on controlled access and vestibules, along with fencing. This is similar to what other districts are doing around the state. Chair Larson explained that her previous experience in North Carolina was that you had to wait outside and have the office identify you before you could enter a building. In Las Vegas visitors must have an appointment, have a reason to be on campus and wear a name tag.

The Board discussed various options for a future bond and while some preferred November, ultimately suggested May 2023 as the prudent choice. Director Johnson confirmed that we need to come back to the community with definite ideas, structure, outcomes and return on investment. Director Cotton explained that a bond would not take effect until November 2023. Superintendent Cordon summarized Director Cotton's suggestion to utilize \$8 million of ESSER funding, \$3 million of the ending fund balance and possibly borrow \$5 million to move forward with potentially using bond funds to repay the debt in the future.

Director Ann Krimetz made a Motion to use \$8 million in ESSER, \$3 of ending fund balance and borrow \$5 million to address the \$16 million in security issues. Director Rodney Cotton seconded. During discussion, it was decided to hold off on borrowing funds. Director Krimetz amended her Motion to include ESSER funds and portion of ending fund balance. Director Cotton again seconded, and the Motion passed with Director Howard Johnson voting against. Director Krimetz requested a breakdown of security measures and costs.

M3-57 Approved use of \$8M in ESSER funds, and \$3M of ending fund balance

Director Brandon Bishop also made a Motion to move forward with a bond measure in May of 2023 in the amount of \$83,000,000. Director Charles Lee seconded, and the Motion passed with Director Rodney Cotton voting against as he preferred the earlier election date.

M3-58 Approved moving forward with bond measure in May of 2023

OLD MAIN PLANNING / PORTABLE DISCUSSION

Purchasing Supervisor, Denny Austin, had provided pricing and availability of modular structures to provide classroom space at RHS. Superintendent Cordon explained that at the previous Board Meeting, the Board expressed interest in the purchase of three portable buildings for classroom space on the RHS campus. As described in the memo on Page 49, Director Northam explained that RPS may participate in a price agreement with through the Salem-Keiser School District for the purchase of a Modern Building Systems portable classroom at a cost of \$547,695 with additional costs for electrical work, ramps, permits, etc., that would

increase the expenditure to approximately \$700,000. Director Andrew Shirtcliff moved to purchase 3 portable buildings for the RHS campus. Director Rodney Cotton seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M3-59 Approved purchase of three portable classroom buildings for the RHS campus

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CM / GC CONTRACTOR AND ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE JOSEPH LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL SEISMIC RENOVATION

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, shared that two proposals for CM/GC services were received and a scoring committee recommendation was for S+B James Construction. Fees include \$13,927 for the pre-construction phase and \$141,539 for the construction phase. One proposal for engineering services was received from ZCS Engineering for a fee of \$123,200.

Director Charles Lee moved to direct the District to negotiate contracts with ZCS Engineering for engineering services and S+B James Construction for CM/GC services for the seismic rehabilitation work at Joseph Lane Middle School. Director Andrew Shirtcliff seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M3-60 Approved ZCS Engineering and S+B James Construction for Joseph Lane MS Seismic Rehabilitation Project

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, had provided the Board with a memo outlining a request for approval of purchases exceeding \$50,000 including:

- Replacement of Intercom and clock systems
- Replacement of fencing at Green and Sunnyslope Elementary Schools
- Replacement of HVAC units at Fremont Middle School Gym, and
- Installation of a wheelchair lift at Joseph Lane Middle School

Director Brandon Bishop moved to approve the building maintenance and equipment expenditures as recommended. Director Rodney Cotton seconded. Director Cotton pointed out that the fencing bid came in lower than anticipated, and Ms. Northam confirmed that Facilities Manager, Tracy Grauf, has obtained a substantially lower bid resulting in substantial savings to the District. The Motion passed unanimously.

M3-61 Approved building maintenance and equipment expenditures as proposed

RECOMMENDED STUDENT FEES FOR 2022-2023

Superintendent Cordon gave kudos to the Board for working hard to minimize family output for student fees over the past few years. The Student Investment Account (SIA) funds have provided students more access for opportunities for things that matter to them.

Director Andrew Shirtcliff moved to approve the 2022-2023 recommended student fees as presented. Director Brandon Bishop seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Director Shirtcliff also asked for confirmation that these reflect no increases from the prior year, and the superintendent was happy to confirm that we are one of the few organizations nation-wide that can say that.

M3-62 Approved Student Fees for 2022-2023

BOARD POLICIES SECTIONS A-B, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

Human Resources Director, Robert Freeman, provided an overview of how policies are adopted at RPS, essentially the rules directing how the organization operates. Once the Board approves policies for first reading, they are included in a future agenda for second reading and adoption, allowing the Board time to review prior to adoption. The Board tasked the District's Policy Committee, including Chair Cotton, Director Lee and Director Krimetz, to undertake a full review of all policies with assistance from OSBA Policy Analyst, Rick Stuckey. Director Freeman also took the opportunity to thank Stephanie Taylor from the Superintendent's Office for facilitating all scheduling, organization and documentation of changes throughout this process of reviewing all district policies, something that has not been accomplished since 1993. Both Director Freeman and Superintendent Cordon participate on this committee as well.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve Board Policy Sections A-B for Second Reading and Adoption. Director Howard Johnson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Director Ann Krimetz shared that as a member of both the Policy Committee and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, one of her motivations in joining the Board was to keep local control and represent our community and its values. She provided assurance that the committee reviewed policies page by page and she is confident in voting for approval and adoption of these policies that have been thoroughly vetted by the committee.

M3-63 Approved Board Policy Sections A-B as recommended by Policy Committee

BOARD POLICIES SECTIONS C-G, FOR FIRST READING

Director Charles Lee moved to approve Policy Sections C-G for First Reading. Director Howard Johnson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Policy Sections C-G will be presented for Second Reading and Adoption at the next Board meeting.

M3-64 Approved Board Policy Sections C-G for First Reading

PROPOSED ADOPTION – ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Knee, had informed the Board that the Secondary ELA Adoption team and the District Curriculum & Instruction Committee are recommending the adoption and purchase of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Into Literature as the district grades 6-11 ELA instructional materials beginning with the 2022/2023 school year at an estimated cost of \$512,297.60. Shipping and handling fees will not apply as the district will be utilizing Northwest Textbook Depository.

Director Rodney Cotton moved to adopt and purchase the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Into Literature as the district's Grades 6-11 ELA instructional materials as recommended by the adoption team and District Curriculum and Instruction Committee. Director Charles Lee seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Director Ann Krimetz shared that parents were invited to participate in the selection process by reviewing materials. Director Charles Lee shared that he took the opportunity to spend time looking at the different publishers and was duly impressed that each offered materials that included a wide variety of literature and reading materials. More important, directions and assistance were provided for students to express themselves with regard to how to process what they are reading.

M3-65 Approved purchase and adoption of grades 6-11 ELA instructional materials: Into Literature, by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

PROPOSED HEALTH CURRICULUM ADOPTION FOR GRADES K-5

The Elementary Health Adoption Team and the District Curriculum & Instruction Committee are recommending the adoption of The Great Body Shop as the district Elementary Health instructional materials beginning with the 2022/2023 school year at an estimated cost of \$31,849.05.

Director Charles Lee moved to approve the adoption of the Great Body Shops as elementary instructional materials beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Director Brandon Bishop seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Director Ann Krimetz acknowledged that this is an area of concern in our community and provided assurance that parents will have opportunities to review what will be taught each month and she feels very comfortable approving this adoption.

M3-66 Approved adoption of The Great Body Shop for elementary health instructional materials beginning 2022-2023
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PHOENIX CHARTER SCHOOL – UPDATE ON ATTENDANCE, GRAD RATE, ETC.

Chair Larson thanked Phoenix Executive Director, Thomas McGregor and Principal, Brandy Osborn for their patience during this long meeting. Mr. McGregor shared the dashboard data on page 69 reflecting that 24% of all 2021-2022 students are on track for graduation; 9% of students are attending 90% of the time; and 133 students were tested out of 198 enrolled at the start of the school year. Director Brandon Bishop shared his main concern for students showing up and graduating, noting that while he appreciates what they are doing, he just needs more. Chair Larson thanked the administrators for their update.

Mr. McGregor noted that he is looking forward to returning in August/September for their next report.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Due to the length of the meeting, this important discussion topic was postponed to a future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (copy attached)

Superintendent Cordon shared that he has nothing but gratitude for this Board and expressed congratulations to our 2022 RHS graduates. The work of the Board is so important for the success of our kids. He appreciated the dedication to children as evidenced by the authenticity and passion expressed this evening. Superintendent Cordon shared that a new Ed Center will be opening at the Rose Elementary School site to assist students struggling with disciplinary issues, helping to assure that they not fall further behind. The District has received nearly \$2.5 million in seismic rehabilitation grant funds for the Eastwood Elementary School multipurpose room and kitchen with work to potentially begin in Summer 2023. A district safety officer will be hired to support our elementary and middle schools. Work is also continuing to address safety and security needs across the district including installation of front-door cameras, continued installation of perimeter fencing, magnetizing locks, and staff training. Superintendent Cordon continued that there is never enough he can say in appreciation for our staff, noting that miracles have happened with children this year. Staff continue to do things for kids that are not required or expected. Student success is highly connected to the work of our staff.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Charles Lee shared that he was unable to attend RHS graduation as he was attending a graduation at Jefferson High School in Portland. He enjoyed the excitement of watching students reach a high point in their lives and achieving a milestone in progress.

Director Brandon Bishop wished Asst. Superintendent Michelle Knee a successful surgery in her noble and honorable donation of a kidney for her son. He had the privilege of attending the RHS all-night graduation party, appreciating how this community rallies around our students. The event was a huge success, and he offered his appreciation for individuals who donated their time, money and efforts to this important occasion.

Chair Rebecca Larson noted that it was a wonderful weekend, and it was delightful celebrating with those kids. She had the privilege of being present at Melrose Elementary School when the bus carrying graduating seniors arrived to visit with the littles. For the young students to see and visit with the graduating class was amazing. Mrs. Larson extended her thanks to our teachers for doing what they do every year. We are so grateful for what they do for kids.

Director Ann Krimetz thanked Superintendent Cordon for sharing the photo of the seniors visiting the younger students, acknowledging that when they graduate, we are so proud of them. She is glad that RPS curriculum is rigorous without diminished standards, adding that it makes the learning process a challenging school experience. She looks forward to developing a great strategic plan for making all those things happen.

Director Howard Johnson expressed sincere appreciation for the sub-committee's work. While he respectfully reserves the right to disagree, he acknowledges the tremendous amount of work that is required. He believes our newly adopted policies will withstand the scrutiny of any court. On a more personal note, Rev. Johnson shared his PSA percent pre-radiation of 17.7 and post 0.1%. Deserving of congratulations!

Director Rodney Cotton was unable to attend graduation in person but enjoying watching it from beginning to end. The audio/visual was perfect, and the event was great. He also recognized outgoing leadership student, Marin Gray, who was acknowledged earlier by RHS during student recognition. He reflected that she is a great person and he enjoyed so much her presence at board meetings this school year. Marin responded that this has been a huge part of her life as well. Director Cotton noted that he will be keeping Michelle in his prayers during her medical journey. He also thanked Sunnyslope for their work in welcoming the Board, pointing out that it was likely Principal Endicott's beautiful bride who was responsible. The Board appreciates the consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: Acknowledging that this has likely been the longest meeting of her time as Board Chair, Chair Rebecca Larson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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Next Meeting: July 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting in the Administrative Office Board Room, located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive, Roseburg, Oregon and accessible via Zoom.