



Santiam Travel Station

750 S. Third Street, Lebanon, OR 97355

MEETING MINUTES

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:</u>
Mike Martin, Chair Richard Borden, Vice Chair Tammy Schilling, Member Todd Gestrin, Member, via Zoom Absent: Tom Oliver, Member	Bo Yates, Superintendent Jennifer Meckley, Assistant Superintendent William Lewis, Business Director

These meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Ruth Hopkins.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mike Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were several members of the community that requested to address the Board regarding the Governor's newly required state mask mandate in Oregon schools, and asking the Board not to require Lebanon students to wear masks in school. The following community members addressed the Board regarding this subject, speaking against the mask mandate:
Laura Stewart, Jamie Cobat, Eduardo Jimenez, Josh Rebel, Jason Powell, Aspen Rogers, Malinda Davis, and Alisa Triglia and Renee Lindsey.

3. BOARD RESOLUTION

Board Chair Mike Martin indicated that the Board has heard what the public has to say regarding the mask mandate. He then read into the record a resolution/petition to the Governor to rescind the July 29, 2021, K-12 mask mandate and to return to local health and safety decision-making under the June 25, 2021 Recovery Order. The Board will sign this resolution and deliver it to the Governor's office.

4. SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent Meckley provided the update for summer school, which is currently in the third session. She gave a brief overview of the content areas that were being taught at the elementary and middle school levels.

For the high school level, there have been 130.75 credits earned and 12 students moving to now being on track for graduation, from starting the summer being off track.

There are 120 students who receive special education services that have participated in summer school. There has been tremendous growth for these students in the areas of behavior, socialization, academic endurance and communication.

5. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION TIMELINE

Chair Martin shared the Superintendent Evaluation Timeline from OSBA and COSA. It provides a timeline for the Board to follow to complete the Superintendent Evaluation, as well as the standards to review in the evaluation process.

The question was asked about past conversation about having an outside party to help with that process, rather than just adopting one by OSBA. Chair Martin will look into an outside evaluation process for the superintendent to see what is available.

(Whereupon, there was a disruption in the meeting from the audience.)

6. 2021-22 STRATEGIC PLAN AND GOALS

Superintendent Yates discussed the evaluation process and the need to be aligned with goals and the availability of data. He indicated that there is an assessment schedule that the district is following and that is what he had been using to provide the information to the Board.

7. COVID-19 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Superintendent Yates shared the update to the 2021-22 Resiliency Framework to reflect the Governor's indoor mask mandate. He indicated that the district will follow the guidance that is provided. He shared that the district is trying to determine where the schools can have outdoor classrooms so that they are able to have school without masks and the possibility of having multiple outdoor areas at each school.

The question was asked as to whether or not Superintendent Yates has reached out to the district attorney regarding the mask mandate. It was answered that they had looked at what would happen if they did not follow the mandate and they had looked at what exposure teachers would have, what the exposure is to our community and what the school system would be exposed and what the liability is there. The financial penalty is \$500 per student, per occurrence.

It was then asked if the same student could be fined repeatedly, and it was answered that it is a daily fine. It was also asked if there could be personal liability for employees and it was answered that there could be.

He also mentioned that there is exposure to the school board as well.

(Whereupon, there was lengthy discussion regarding having local control and liability to the district and individuals.)

It was agreed by the Board that they go back to the district's attorney and ask how the district can take back local control.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- B. Hiring
- C. Policies – Second Reading

Upon a motion made by Vice Chair Richard Borden, duly seconded by Member Todd Gestrin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as a whole, thereby approving the July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes, the hiring of Eric Zittel as LHS Choir Teacher, and the adoption of Policies ECACA, IIBGA, INDB, JGA and JHCA/JHCB.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Operations

Superintendent Yates said that the facilities and maintenance departments are looking at all opportunities they can to provide a way for students not to have to wear masks in the schools. He mentioned they have purchased cooling units to help keep the air moving through the schools. He added they are continuously looking at how we can improve the learning situation for our students and the teaching situation for our teachers, and what ways that we can support the students after school starts.

- B. Human Resources

There was nothing to report for human resources.

- C. Finance

William Lewis reviewed the finance report. He shared that the seismic project and new roof on the LHS gym is right on target to be completed this fall. The spending is right in alignment for summer school, which is paid for by the summer school grant and does not come out of the district budget.

10. COMMUNICATION

- A. Board

Member Todd Gestrin apologized for not being at the meeting in person, as he is on vacation and attending via Zoom. He thanked the community members that have come out and expressed their concerns. He also clarified that school Board meetings, per law, do not have to allow audience comments, but that we want to have community input, so we do allow that.

Member Tammy Schilling shared that wanting local control is something that we need to do on a daily basis and advocate for local control. She appreciated the community attendance and their comments on the subject tonight.

- B. Superintendent

Superintendent Yates shared that he is trying to keep our community functional and not divided. He shared that everyone has different ideas and perspectives, and we need to work with each other and show grace to each other, and not to condemn others who do not believe the same as you do.

11. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Janice Jackola requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding athletes being required to wear masks during practice.

The following members of the public requested the opportunity to address the Board and speak against the Governor's required statewide mask mandate in schools: Amanda Nugent, Wanda Grajeda, Melissa Barnard, Chris Nordstrand, and Lisa Darby.

Chair Martin addressed the audience and let them know the Board has heard the concerns of the audience members. Member Tammy Schilling added that the audience could add their signatures to resolution that will be delivered to the Governor's office.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.



Mike Martin, Board Chair



Bo Yates, Superintendent



LCSD SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

LEBANON COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

PURSuing EXCELLENCE FOR EVERY
STUDENT, EVERY DAY

LCSD 2021 SUMMER SCHOOL DATA

Highlights: Elementary and Middle

Students have been excited to come to school and eager to learn and interact with each other. They've learned about plants, space, dinosaurs, bats, and many other exciting topics. They read and complete math each day, often outside the classroom. We've been able to reach families that previously were not able to attend. Transportation and food services have been at all three buildings each day to take care of student meals, bussing to and from enrichment, with some to home or home school. Our staff is also teaching at the Boys and Girls Club and online. Parents and staff have given great feedback to us for future experiences, and we're pleased that kids can't wait to return the next day.

Highlights: High School

Students may recover a class in as little as one week, depending on how close they were to passing. Once credits have been recovered, students no longer need to attend summer school. Our registration is still open, allowing students to join after the session has begun. Some students attended for a few days and then transitioned to CDL due to transportation issues, jobs, and home responsibilities. High school Teacher Cadets were involved, working with our younger summer school students.

Highlights: Special Education

We had over 120 students who receive special education services participate in summer school. Students are of all levels of ability. We have seen huge growth and success in the areas of behavior, socialization, academic endurance, and communication. Some who were attending school for only a couple of hours each day are now attending for the full day. Parents who have previously struggled to get their children up in the morning to attend school have reported that their students wake up earlier than before and are eager to attend. We have also made growth in understanding the diverse needs of students, which will have a positive impact in the coming school year.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Session #1

- Grades 1-5
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **109** (+60 BGC)
 - Average daily attendance: **96** (+35 BGC)

- Grades 6-8
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **35**
 - Average daily attendance: **27.27**

Session #2

- Grades 1-5
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **138** (+61 BGC)
 - Average daily attendance: **110.08** (+44.17 BGC)

- Grades 6-8
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **25**
 - Average daily attendance: **19.25**

Session #3 (as of August 4th):

- Grades 1-5
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **88** (+44 BGC)
 - Average daily attendance: **53.75** (+31.3 BGC)

- Grades 6-8
 - Total number of students attending at least 1 day: **23**
 - Average daily attendance: **19**

CREDITS EARNED

Session #1:

- Total number of students attending at least 1 day: 114
- Average daily attendance: 73
- Credits Earned: 66.5 (includes 22.5 at Ralston)

Session #2:

- Total number of students attending at least 1 day: 94
- Average daily attendance: 51
- Credits Earned: 59.25 (includes 13.5 at Ralston)

Session #3 (so far):

- Total number of students attending at least 1 day: 61
- Average daily attendance: 45
- Credits Earned: 5 (includes Ralston)

Total Credits Earned Thus Far: 130.75

Students moved from off-track to on-track for graduation:

- Freshman: 6 students
- Sophomore: 2 students
- Junior: 3 students
- Senior: 1 student