

**Time & Location:**

A regular Board Meeting was held Wednesday, September 7, 2022 in the administrative office Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, and available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT  
JARED P. CORDON**

**Superintendent's Report**

Supt. Cordon first extended kudos to custodial and maintenance crews for their huge efforts in preparing our facilities and grounds for the return of staff and students. Chair Johnson and Supt. Cordon visited every school building recently, while Vice Chair Larson and Director Krimetz joined them in welcoming our newest staff members. Jared shared how nice it's been to see the smiles from kids, staff and parents. Student enrollment is remaining fairly steady from last year, and we are seeing a significant increase in after school activities such as band, choir, robotics and athletics at all levels. It's great to see the kids participating beyond the classroom. A grant-funded seismic project at Fremont is closer to completion, with another to begin at Jo Lane MS. Phase I fencing work is in process and design work is moving forward on vestibules. Staff training is beginning on the I Love You Guys standard response protocols, with more training to come on the new RAPTOR system.

**Next Board Work Session:**  
September 21, 2022; 6:00 p.m.  
Administrative Office Board Room, at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Zoom Link will be Available

High temperatures and smokey air led to disruptions the first week of school and continue to present challenges. New OSHA rules are resulting in a two-hour early release time in all of our schools this Friday as air temperatures are projected to be extreme and the majority of our buildings lack capacity for air conditioning and circulation.

**Action Items**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda, Minutes from the August 10 regular Board Meeting and Work Session, Surplus Items Listing and Gifts to the District, along with the following personnel actions:

**Licensed Hire Recommendations:**

**Department of Teaching & Learning**

Patricia "Trish" McCracken, Teaching & Learning Specialist

Grace Tester, STEAM Teacher

**Department of Human Resources**

Rosa Mohlsick, Roving Elementary Teacher (temporary for 2022-23)

**Department of Student Services**

Maria Sheridan, School Psychologist

**Winchester Elementary School**

Sharon Bareswill, Third Grade Teacher

**Fremont Middle School**

Heather Barnett, Wellness Teacher

Madeline "Maddie" Weiss, Technology Teacher

**Roseburg High School**

Heidi Eichman, Social Studies Teacher

**Licensed Resignations included:**

- Carol Bilyeu, Sunnyslope Kindergarten Teacher, after 10 years, resigning effective June 9, 2023, for PERS retirement purposes;

- Colleen Jones, Language Arts Teacher at RHS, resigning after 8 years in the District, effective October 14, 2022; and
- Jeff Thomas, Social Studies Teacher at Joseph Lane MS, resigning after 15 years in the District, effective August 22, 2022.

**Resolution 22-23-09: Attendance Awareness Month September 2022**

The Board adopted Resolution 22-23-09 joining school districts across the nation in declaring the month of September 2022 as Attendance Awareness Month, thereby promoting regular school attendance to better provide equitable opportunities for our students to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially. Efforts will be made to engage parents and the community to help spread the message that good attendance matters and help us come up with solutions to ensure all children are in school as much as possible.

**2022-2023 Strategic Plan**

Board members had a robust and thoughtful discussion as they narrowed down the four remaining drafts of proposed strategic plan language to guide the work of the Board and District. With two of our board members unable to attend this evening, it was suggested that a blend of the final two options be combined for the board to consider for adoption at their September 21st meeting.

**2020-2021 Annual Report: English Learners in Oregon**

Asst. Superintendent, Michelle Knee, summarized the 50-page English Learners in Oregon

Annual Report for 2020-21 as published by the Oregon Department of Education and required by ORS 327.016 to share information on district and state progress towards meeting the needs and objectives of this student population. Mrs. Knee noted that RPS has 50 students currently served by this program, 36 in elementary with the vast majority in grades K-2, and another 14 served in grades 6-12. The English Language instructors provide lessons to these children every day at their schools. They also provide other teachers with strategies and supports as they help those students with limited skills.

Superintendent Cordon pointed out the stereotypical misconception that these students do not come to us with strong academic foundations, when in reality they can be very strong academically but are needing our help with the English language.

Michelle further explained that students served in the program are typically provided services over 5-7 years. They will always be second language learners, but won't always need a high level of support. Students already strong academically in their native language tend to quickly pick up a second language.

<b>Enrollment 9/6/2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Elementary	2,680	2,660
Middle School	1,253	1,254
High School	1,720	1,740
Phoenix	187	184
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>5838</b>

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