

Time & Location:

A Board Work Session and regular meeting were held Wednesday, Sept. 21st at 6:00 pm in the Board Room located at 1419 NW Valley View Dr. in Roseburg, Oregon and available via Zoom.



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Board Work Session

Phoenix Charter School Check-in

Phoenix Charter School Board Vice-President, Laurie Newton, and Principal, Kat Bierkens, were welcomed by Chairman Howard Johnson.

New this year to Phoenix, Principal Bierkens shared her background in early intervention and special education.

General updates included:

- Phoenix has welcomed 7 new faculty members, out of a total of 14, with the majority of remaining staff having been with Phoenix over a decade.
- ESSER funds provided the resources to upgrade ductless HVAC at the school during the summer.

Next Board Meeting:

October 12, 2022; 6:00 p.m.
Joseph Lane Middle School Library, 2153 NE Vine Street
Roseburg, Oregon
Zoom Link will be Available

- Support staff are focusing on instructional assistance, student safety and transition services. They are working with ADAPT to provide on-site mental health and skills training.
- As of September 16, 2022, 78% of students are returning and 22% of students are new to Phoenix Charter.
- New Partnership with the SW Oregon Workforce Investment Board is funding two employment coach positions and ability to place all eligible charter students into paid internships.
- CTE faculty team has added a member with computer science area of focus capacity.

Phoenix Vice President Newton and Principal Bierkens confirmed that Phoenix shares concerns expressed by the RPS Board with the data being conveyed regarding student attendance, progress toward graduation and graduation rates. Additional information regarding plans for improvement was provided as follows:

Attendance and Engagement Updates:

- For the first 10 days of school, 30% of students attended over 90 percent of the time.
- Pathways and homeroom class teachers are working on interventions to increase school connections.
- Systems development work tracking behavioral barriers is holding both students and staff accountable.

High-School Success Updates:

- As of 9/13/2022, 27 students are receiving special education services.
- Working to ensure households understand available high school completion options.
- Information Coordinator hired to build internal database (the Phoenix Flight Plan) to track high school success data points, attendance benchmarks, and student barriers to engagement.

Academic Achievement Updates:

- New faculty members are leading district's 5D framework model and attending 5D workshops.
- 58% of student body has been tested within the first three weeks of school. Testing will continue with goal to reach 100% students tested. New Student Pathways class was created for newly-enrolled students.
- Assessment team to ensure use of data for instruction and course planning. PLC processes feature a lead role for English Language Arts and Math faculty.
- Systems being designed to assist students needing instructional interventions.

Chair Johnson expressed his appreciation for Board member Newton and Principal Bierkens for attending and sharing this update on Phoenix Charter students' progress.

Discussion of 2022-2023 RPS Strategic Plan

Board Chair Howard Johnson reviewed the four remaining options of the proposed wording for the updated Strategic Plan language. Board members made quick work of reaching consensus on a final selection.



Regular School Board Meeting

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda, Minutes from the September 7th regular Board Meeting, a Surplus Items Listing and Gifts to the District.

Policy JHCD/JHCDA: Medications, and JHCD/JHCDA-AR: Medications

Superintendent Jared Cordon presented this policy and the accompanying administrative rule (AR) for First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption as advised by the Oregon School Boards Association in order to have processes in place in the event of an opioid overdose occurrence on school grounds.

Staff will receive training from our nursing professionals in how to store and provide a potentially life-saving drug, Naloxone (commonly known as Narcan) and administered as a nasal spray as necessitated by the ever-increasing fentanyl overdoses occurring locally.

2022-2023 RPS Strategic Plan Adopted

The Board gave their unanimous approval of the proposed version of the 2022-2023 Strategic Plan as discussed during the Work Session preceding this meeting.

School Board:

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