

Time & Location:

A School Board Work Session was held Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in the administrative office Board Room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, and available via Zoom link.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Please join us in honoring Roseburg Public Schools' Board of Education during the month of January —School Board Recognition Month

The Board & District goal of assuring that "All students receive the care, support and instruction needed to graduate from high school with plans for their most successful futures" could not be achieved without the steady leadership of these dedicated volunteers.

We are in awe of your commitment to RPS students!

Next Board Meeting:

February 8, 2023; 6:00 p.m. in the Library of Winchester Elementary School, 217 Pioneer Way, Winchester, Oregon. Zoom Link will be Available

GRADUATION RATE AND 9th GRADE ON TRACK

RHS Principal, Dr. Jill Weber and RHS Drop-Out Prevention Specialist (Graduation Coach), Rob Coulson shared how the graduation rate and 9th Grade on Track calculations are made, and steps being taken to help students regain momentum. Dr. Weber began with the Board's work around the Strategic Plan, noting that student care and support are at the heart of the work at RHS. Mr. Coulson shared that the 9th Grade on Track calculation is a one year calculation of the percentage of freshmen on track at the end of their freshman year, with the entire picture developing over time. It's important to note that the on track numbers are indicative of the grad rate three years later. The grad rate differs in that it is a four-year calculation, meaning that freshmen are already accruing data for their graduation rate. Our district has the philosophy that we will provide the right support needed by a student, whether it is graduation, GED, modified diploma, etc.

Dr. Weber described how the impact of COVID is reflected in both on track and grad rate numbers, and is expected to continue to do so. The necessity of distance learning during the pandemic didn't allow for the achievement results students benefited from until 2020 when they enjoyed the support, care and connection that had resulted in student success. Mrs. Weber related that COVID negatively impacted not only students who really need to be in the building connecting with adults, but also our community, demonstrating how important school is to us all.

Added student supports we provided during COVID were:
-Chromebooks / hot spots
-Home visits
-Meals—3 per day during distance learning

- Clothing Closet
- Attendance Monitor
- Admin/Counselor Check ins

Mr. Coulson shared heart wrenching stories of students who were on track prior to COVID who abandoned their academic trajectory to instead enter the workforce to help provide for their families.

Principal Weber described the tools put in place to help students thrive at RHS, including:

- ◆ Clubs/Athletics
- ◆ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)/QPR/ASIST training
- ◆ PBIS
- ◆ Advisory—4 years with same group
- ◆ After-school Activity Bus
- ◆ On-campus Mental Health access
- ◆ On-campus Physical Health access

Instruction is bolstered by:

- * Engagement strategies-5D
- * Student interest courses
- * Increased CTE
- * Credit Recovery
- * Summer School
- * Tutoring
- * Strategies classes

Additional supports are also being targeted specifically to 9th and 10th grade students.

Principal Weber was also quick to point out that while metrics are below pre-pandemic levels, her team is encouraged that we are ahead of where we were 6 years ago.

BOND MEASURE 2023 Discussion

Supt. Cordon reviewed the previous 2022 bond effort along with the proposed 2023 capital improvement bond needed to address investments within the three priority areas identified by this Board and community:

- ◆ School Security
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Rebuild of Old Main

The \$4.4M security proposal encompasses controlled access systems district-wide; camera system completion district-wide; and perimeter fencing installation around athletic properties at secondaries.

The Health & Safety packages included items necessary for improved air quality, roofing needs, plumbing and electrical. The \$45.4M option includes upgrading heating/cooling/air exchange systems district-wide and additional roofing.

An Old Main Rebuild (\$31.5M) would create a modern educational facility including historical architectural elements.

At the Feb. 8 board meeting, a Resolution will be considered to move forward with a May '23 bond measure. The district was awarded an OSCIM matching grant of \$5.8M (if the bond measure is successful) reducing the \$81.3M package to \$75.5M. The Rate per \$1,000 assessed property value for the \$75.5M package would be \$.99.

Vice-Chair Larson explained that \$75.5M is less than half of the amount proposed in 2022, and these 3 priorities were the result of listening and working with this community. The sad reality for schools is that there is no other avenue available to address capital improvement needs aside from asking our communities to please help.

School Board:

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