

Time & Location:

A regular School Board Meeting was held at 6 p.m on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 in the library of Winchester Elementary School, at 217 Pioneer Way, Winchester, Oregon, available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cordon thanked the Board and community for putting trust in our schools. Our amazing people here want to make sure we can provide children opportunities to become productive citizens in our community and beyond. We pledge to be great financial stewards with this bond, just as was done with the 2000 bond that accomplished upgrades, such as the Rose Theatre, a fine example of what can happen when communities say, "We can do this". These projects will be done on time, on budget and will last for decades. We appreciate the vote of confidence tonight in putting a May bond before our community for consideration. While we have done a remarkable job with facilities that are on average 75 years old, some are beyond their projected lifespan. Approx. 130 Oregon districts have passed capital improvement bonds.

Our schools also lack space to provide equitable experiences for student athletes. Staff are currently working through a Title IX complaint pursuant to installation of

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Administration Board Room,
1419 NW Valley View Dr.
Roseburg, Oregon
Zoom Link will be Available

artificial turf at Legion Field that created disparities in access which led to the complaint. We are now working on processes to establish a softball field for girls in 2024.

STUDENT and STAFF RECOGNITION

Board Vice-Chair Rebecca Larson was honored to present individual certificates and McDonald's gift cards to highly deserving students, including:

- * **Riann Eggleston, RHS**
- * **Alexandra Mao, Jo Lane MS**
- * **Bailey Wolford, Winchester**

Chair Howard Johnson had the pleasure of presenting Crystal Apple Awards to the following Winchester Elementary staff members being honored tonight:

- * **Grace Johnson, Child Development Specialist, and**
- * **Ranyssa Syverson, Title 1 Instructional Assistant**

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of agenda approval, Minutes from January 11 and 25 Board Meeting and Work Sessions, a Surplus Items Listing and Gifts to the District, along with these personnel actions:

Licensed Resignations:

- Heather Hughes, 3rd Grade Teacher at Hucrest;
- Will Irwin, a Child Development Specialist at Eastwood Elementary;
- Jennifer Morrow, 5th Grade Teacher at Melrose, for PERS retirement purposes, and would like to continue for the remainder of 2022-23; and
- Jennifer Weiss, Language Arts Teacher at RHS, who is retiring at the end of 2022-23.

PURCHASE OF MODULARS

Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a request to add 2-classroom modular buildings at Fullerton IV and Melrose Elementary Schools to meet expanding program needs.

The initial cost per unit of \$160,000 does not include site work including electrical, fire alarms, steps and ramps for the buildings. Ms. Northam shared that the proposed purchase is being made possible by ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds).

Resolution 22-23-12: Measure Election for General Obligation Bonds in May 2023

The RPS Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve a resolution calling for a measure election for general obligation bonds and related matters in May 2023. Board members emphasized that the \$75.51M was developed after listening to the public and responding to their desire to narrow the bond focus to bare essentials specific to security, health and safety, and a rebuild of the Old Main needed to reclaim classroom space suitable for present-day instruction.

Adopt 2023-24 Douglas ESD Local Service Plan

The Board also adopted the 2023-2024 Douglas Education Service District's proposed Local Service Plan. Analicia Nicholson, Douglas ESD Superintendent, provided an overview of the Plan prior to adoption.

Resolution 22-23-13: Classified Employee Appreciation Week

Board Resolution 22-23-13 was adopted to recognize and honor our classified employees throughout the week of March 6-10, 2023.

Vice-Chair Larson expressed hope that our classified employees know how grateful we are for the work they do every day, adding that we couldn't do what we do without them. From greeting parents and students, driving kids to school, feeding them, sitting with them in reading groups, we are very grateful they work for our schools and children.

Student Leadership Report

RHS leadership reps Hannah Heuberger and Emma Kahler celebrated the addition of new students to their team. Planning continues for homegoing, volleyball, the arts assembly, senior sunset and senior family brunch (replacing mother-daughter tea). Student leaders continue to visit our middle schools, sharing ideas such as Kindness Week. Other celebrations included:

- ◆ Robotics Teams Aries and Leo will compete at State
- ◆ 16 FBLA qualifiers go to State in April
- ◆ Band Bingo Night Thursday
- ◆ "13th" the Musical 2/24 & 25, 3/3 & 4, and 3/5
- ◆ Unified Basketball 2/15
- ◆ Orange R broadcasts
- ◆ Future 1st Citizen nominees to be announced soon
- ◆ Swimming & Wrestling to be at districts this weekend
- ◆ Basketball teams both expected to make playoffs
- ◆ Huge turn-out for track informational meeting
- ◆ Boys Bowling placed 3rd/16
- ◆ Lots of support at Cheer Orange & Black meet
- ◆ Winter girls Basketball & Swim: 3:77 GPA; varsity sports combined: 3:31 GPA

Student Enrollment

1/31/2023	2022	2021
Elementary	2,679	2,588
Middle School	1,246	1,241
High School	1,583	1,608
Phoenix	163	182
Total	5,671	5,619

School Board:

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