

Time & Location:

A School Board Meeting and Board Work Session were held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, available via Zoom, and immediately followed by an Executive Session.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cordon thanked the Board following the incident on Tuesday, relating that the situation was scary, but well-handled by our staff, and our kids did great. Mr. Cordon also thanked local law enforcement and first responders.

The Board was reminded of the value of having their Strategic Plan in place that focuses on the care and support of kids. The importance of having initiated necessary safety investments such as school fencing and secure entrances became clear this week.

Jared will be participating in debriefing conversations with our partnering agencies to assure that we benefit from our learnings this week. Staff members reported feelings of relief after schools were closed due to weather on Wednesday, as it provided the opportunity to reflect and prepare to support students the following day.

Action Items

Next Board Meeting:
March 8, 2023; 6:00 p.m.
Green Elementary School
4498 SW Carnes Road
Roseburg, Oregon
Zoom Link will be Available

***Amended
Resolution 22-23-12:
Measure Election for
General Obligation
Bonds in May 2023,
Including Bond Title***

Superintendent Cordon expressed appreciation to the Board for their unanimous decision at the previous board meeting to move forward with the bond measure in May. As a final requirement, the Board was asked to approve the Bond Title to accompany that previously approved Resolution. The Board of Directors again voted unanimously to adopt this companion piece amending Resolution 22-23-12.

As a reminder, this bond effort 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.

***RECOMMENDATION
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF
ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL***

Superintendent Jared Cordon welcomed Mr. David Vickery via Zoom, thanking him for taking time to join our meeting. Jared particularly thanked our Human Resources Director Robert Freeman, the central office staff, RHS staff and students for their participation in the vetting process that led to the recommendation to hire Mr. Vickery as incoming RHS Principal effective with the 2023-24 school year. Director Brandon Bishop stated that he had spoken with several high school teachers who had the opportunity to meet the candidate, and they were extremely enthusiastic at the prospect of his acceptance of the position of RHS principal this July, as Dr. Weber transitions to Director of Teaching and Learning. Superintendent Cordon shared that Principal Weber will be handing off the high school in great shape for Mr. Vickery, who expressed his appreciation to the

Roseburg School Board for their unanimous approval of this recommendation.

***UPDATE FROM PHOENIX
CHARTER SCHOOL***

Phoenix Charter School's Executive Director, Thomas McGregor, and Principal, Kat Bierkens, shared the highlights of the 2021-22 results from the Oregon Dept. of Education. Goals One and Two, attendance and High School Success were reported to meet standard, but RPS board members indicated disappointment with only 17 of 167 students attending 90% of the time and 28 of 62 students completing in the four-year cohort. Eight of those students have continued enrollment in 2022-23. Performance standards were not met in the areas of English Language Arts or Math. Phoenix Board member Laurie Newton shared that the Phoenix Board looks forward to data for this school year following the improvements put into place due to their concerns regarding student supports. Principal Kat Bierkens pointed out that these changes are currently in the developmental stage. RPS Director Andrew Shirtcliff was encouraged at seeing the large increase in numbers of students who are taking assessments that help teachers identify areas where students need assistance.

***STRATEGIC PLAN
INVESTMENTS***

Asst. Superintendent, Michelle Knee updated the Board on our goal for every student: Every student should have an opportunity to grow into a caring, responsible and productive citizen. Embedding our social-emotional learning and behavior management strategies into all aspects of student life, we help students develop skills in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. Michelle reviewed the various investments in student

care and support, including:

- ◆ Social Emotional Learning Coordinator
- ◆ Weekly K-12 social-emotional learning lessons
- ◆ Child Development Specialists (CDS)
- ◆ Counselors at secondary schools
- ◆ Strengthening partnership with Adapt
- ◆ School Psychologists
- ◆ Skills Trainers

Investments in that care and support also include:

- * Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs)
- * Conscious Discipline Strategies * PBIS
- * Behavior Support Team
- * District Office Support
- * Professional Learning (suicide and crisis prevention)
- * Horizons Foster Education Center and Ed Center

***Superintendent Cordon's
Contract Extended through
2025-26 School Year***

On behalf of the School Board, Chair Johnson announced that Supt. Cordon performed with high marks this school year demonstrating problem-solving and listening skills that gave the Board confidence in extending his contract an additional year. Rev. Johnson added that this is truly an assessment of the district as a whole. Chairman Johnson emphasized that the Board's Strategic Plan has been implemented through the efforts of our classified, licensed and administrative staff, who are focused as one to provide the best experience for our students.

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