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# LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MAY 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

750 S. Third Street, Lebanon, OR 97355

# **MEETING MINUTES**

ROAKD MEMBER2 PRESENT:	EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Tom Oliver, Chair	Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent

Richard Borden, Vice Chair William Lewis, Business Director Nichole Piland, Member

Kim Grousbeck, Human Resources Director

The meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Jessica Woody.

# 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Tom Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM and led the flag salute.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

## 3. APPROVAL OF CASCADES SCHOOL MOVING TO K-5

Jennifer Meckley speaks to the board regarding the decision to move 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Cascades to Seven Oak Middle School, which will make Cascades a K-5 school. It is determined that class size at Seven Oak will be able to handle this shift.

Richard motions to approve, and Nichole seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, it is approved to move Cascades School to K-5.

#### LHS BLOCK SCHEDULE

Jennifer presents the Lebanon High School block schedule to the board. Discussion takes place regarding how the process begun, starting with staff notification, as well as logistics and implementation. Jennifer also shares the challenges and benefits to the block schedule, and that the benefits definitely outweigh the challenges. When surveyed, 75% of LHS staff were in favor of the block schedule, and 15% were neutral or undecided. Currently a teacher committee is being put together to work out the details. Although a 1-lunch model would be preferred, due to staffing and facilities the school cannot support that at this point and will need to move forward with a 2-lunch model for the block schedule.

It is discussed that there is hope to see higher grad rates due to this, as there will be more opportunities for students. Eventually this may be something to consider for Seven Oak Middle School as well.

The board is supportive of the block schedule and the great opportunities that it provides. It is agreed that to make improvements you have to be willing to try new things.

It is also clarified that the block schedule is not at all relevant to academies or small schools that took place in Lebanon many years ago.

#### 5. LONGITUDINAL PERFORMANCE GROWTH TARGETS

Jennifer presents information regarding the Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets and how it aligns with Integrated Guidance. She explains that the district works with ODE to create the goals. The district will bring these goals to the June board meeting for board review.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Richard Borden motions to approve and Nicole Piland seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the consent agenda made up of the April 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, first reading policy update KL-AR, JEC-AR (1), JEC-AR (2), JEC-AR (3), IIA-AR (1), IIA-AR (2), and IIA-AR (3), and second reading policy updates AC-AR, JFCF-AR, and JGE, and 2023-24 new hires Emma Christensen, Sheridan Hounschell, Susanne Phillips, and Deidra Spencer is approved in its entirety.

## 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Operations

Nothing to report.

**B. Human Resources** 

Nothing to report.

# C. Finance

William Lewis speaks to the board regarding the approval of the guaranteed maximum price for the Seven Oak Project. He explains that last month the board approved the concrete and excavation work on the Seven Oak Project, and this month the district is asking for approval of the 3.299 guaranteed maximum price for construction of the facility.

Richard motions and Nichole seconds the motion, all in favor with a unanimous vote, the GMP for the Seven Oak Project construction is approved.

# 8. COMMUNICATION

A. Board

Nothing to report.

## **B.** Superintendent

Jennifer shares that the district was audited for federal programs, title 1 and 2, and is happy to report that the district passed with flying colors, receiving notations like stellar, and exemplary. She shares her appreciation for Tami Volz, the district's past curriculum director, and all who were involved in this successful audit, and specifically the title teachers who did a lot of work during the audit.

Jennifer also shares Jen's Zens, and references some great things that are going on in the district.

She shares information about the clubs that Cascades School offers to students, which provides engagement outside of school, for students.

On Fridays the Racial Equity Group celebrates world cultures, stories, and traditions from holidays and clothing, to food. The staff who participate will cook traditional dishes from their home countries for the students to learn about and try. This club consists of 20 kids, and is growing.

Cascades also provides a Bike Club, consisting of about 40 students who sharpen their skills on obstacle courses made of cones behind the school, and will get to ride in the Strawberry Festival Junior Parade. This club also enjoys visits from the Lebanon Police, who teach them about bike safety.

She notes that with Coding Club (about 70 students), Running Club, and Chess Club as well, every Cascades Colt can find a way to belong.

Jennifer also shares the dedication and care that the Ralston Academy staff members have for their students, as they hosted and cooked a spaghetti dinner for their students before Prom, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Lebanon High School's Drafting and Architecture Design students were also highlighted as they are nearing the completion of the home on Kees St., which started as a bare lot. The finishing touches will continue through June 20<sup>th</sup>. In the fall a team of student builders will break ground in the neighboring lot. Jennifer sends a thank you to Mr. Frazier and his assistant Harry West, and to Mardy Benedict for making this project possible and empowering students to leave a legacy in Lebanon.

Lastly, Jennifer shares the most recent apple awards that were given, consisting of, Katelyn Riegle teacher at Seven Oak, Jody Sipos graduation goach at LHS, Hannah Rhyno teacher at Cascades, and Chris Luckman teacher at Hamilton Creek.

# 9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments were made.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Tom Oliver, Board Chair

Jennifer Meckley, Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent

# BOARD APPROVAL



To:

The Honorable Chair and Members

Lebanon Community, School District Board of Directors

From:

William H. Lewis III, Business Director

Date:

May 10, 2023

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

Re:

Award Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment 2 to GBC Construction, LLC for the

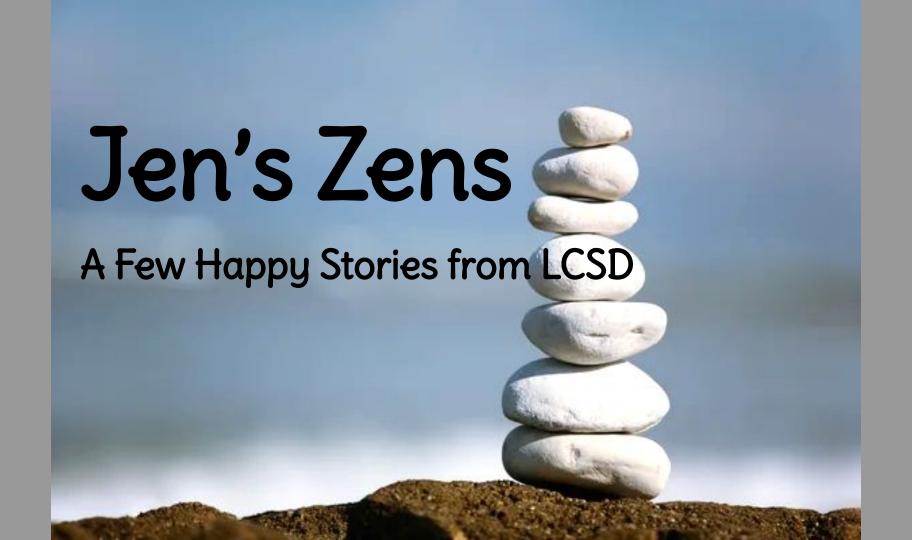
Seven Oak project.

# **Board Approval**

The Lebanon Community School District Board of Directors approves the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment 2 for the Seven Oak Classroom project to GBC Construction, LLC. for the additional Not to Exceed sum of \$3,299,217.84, for a total Not to Exceed Contract sum of \$3,973,922.74.

Motion Approved

Board Chair Tom Oliver







Ralston Academy's Prom Dinner



Congratulations to April's Honorees!





Katelyn Riegle Physical Education Teacher Seven Oak Middle School



Jody Sipos Graduation Coach Lebanon High School



Hannah Rhyno Kindergarten Teacher Cascades Elementary



Chris Luckman
Fourth Grade Teacher
Hamilton Creek School

