

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on April 10, 2023.

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair Naomi Raven called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Director Light read the following Land Acknowledgement:

*We acknowledge that we are in the traditional homeland of the Kalapuya people, specifically the community that was known as Chifin, the area that we now call Springfield.*

*Kalapuya people, who have lived in this region since "[Time Immemorial](#)", were illegally dispossessed of their land and forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations over several years, but most notably in treaties between 1851 and 1855.*

*The Kalapuya are now members of the [Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde](#) and the [Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians](#), and members of the Kalapuya still live, work, study, and thrive in this area, and continue to make important contributions here in Springfield, across the land we now refer to as Oregon, and around the globe.*

*This information is shared out of a responsibility to honor the heritage and the humanity of all people and to promote unity within our school district.*

#### **Attendance**

Board Members attending the meeting included Board Chair Naomi Raven, Board Vice Chair Todd Mann, Director Jonathan Light and Director Kelly Mason. Director Emilio Hernandez attended virtually.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Dustin Reese, Brett Yancey, Martie Steigleder, Jonathan Gault, Brian Richardson, Jeff Mischa, Andy Price, Joan Bolls, Jose DaSilva, Greg Crawfk, Anne Beard, Marilyn Williams, Stan Petersen, Mather, Giselle Garcia, Violet Olsztyn, Alana Strand, Lesa Haley, Ariel Jordan, Sahara Fisher, Kimberlee Pelster, and Brooklyn Ramirez.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Raven asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 agenda as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Light moved, seconded by Director Mason, to approve the March 13, 2023 agenda as presented.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Chair Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the March 13, 2023 agenda as presented: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Student Board Representative Communication

*A3:* A Board Report had been submitted.

April 6 - 7, 2023, the A3 students presented their mid-year reviews.

Study help was offered to students during the spring break. About 25 students participated.

Upcoming Events:

- The Art Walk will be held April 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The Earth Day Celebration will be held April 21, 2023 at Island Park. More details will be coming.
- Parent Engagement Night will be held April 25, 2023.
- The A3 Dance Class Concert will be held April 28 - 29, 2023 at Wildish at 7:30 p.m.
- A Talent Show will be held at Wildish in May. More details will be coming.
- The theme for this year's prom is, The Forest and will be held at the Elks Lodge in Springfield.

*Gateways High School:* A Board Report had been submitted.

Topics such as the benefits of using positive affirmations, cultural differences in the celebrations of spring, and the term confirmation bias, which is a tendency to interpret information in a way that affirms what someone already believes, had been discussed in depth.

On March 23, 2023 a guest speaker from Willamalane was present to discuss the different jobs available to students during the summer months.

Students participated in Sources of Strength (SOS) training, a suicide prevention training program led by students and staff.

Using ESSER grant funds, a large amount of equipment was purchased for the physical education classes.

Upcoming Events:

- A hands-on Career Day for juniors and seniors will be held Friday April 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be held at the Lane Community College campus.
- Prom will be held on April 29, 2023 on the Brattain campus. The prom theme is, Retro.
- The new two-year, CTE program Cosmetology will begin in the Fall of 2023. Juniors will be eligible to apply for the program the following 2023-2024 school year.

*Springfield High School:* Giselle Garcia-Rosales shared:

On March 17, 2023 Colton Peterson was elected as ASB President, Sahara Fisher as Vice President, Makenzie Webster as Secretary, Finley Bodewitz as Secretary, Jade Kemry as Treasurer and Aubree Marshall as Social Promoter. Class elections will be held soon.

An assembly was held to celebrate the Girls Basketball Team for winning the State Championship.

Prior to Spring Break, the Performing Arts department presented their spring productions. Choir and Band both qualified for State with their repertoire and presented full concerts. The Orchestra hosted a festival with over 400 visiting musicians and performed a lively pre-spring concert. The Acting Ensemble presented the annual Talent Show, which featured 11 different acts. They are currently rehearsing for their upcoming Spring Musical, Honk!

The Student and Family Resource Center distributed 124 weekend food bags and partnered with Food For Lane County to distribute 158 food boxes and host two mobile pantries. They are seeking donations for formal wear, especially for suits, ties, button down shirts, and dress pants.

Over 17% of their student population participates in spring sports. Track and Field has the largest number of athletes ever involved, with 120 students-athletes.

Upcoming Events:

- The Spring Musical, Honk! will be held April 20, 2023 and will run for two weekends.
- Prom will be held in May. Further details will be coming.
- Leadership will host a fundraiser on April 11, 2023 at Papa's Pizza. 50% of the profits will go towards the support of Prom.
- A Junior Night will be held April 19, 2023 for juniors and their families to learn of the expectations and opportunities for next year.
- A Hiring Fair will be held April 19, 2023 from 9:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m.
- A Financial Aid workshop, hosted by the College and Career Center will be held during the day on April 25, 2023.
- An SHS Showcase for incoming freshmen will be held on the evening of April 25, 2023.

*Thurston High School:* Brooklyn Ramirez shared:

That progress toward their goals, especially in the areas of student empowerment and school pride had been made. To celebrate and recognize the unique identities and achievements of individual students, the Colt of the Week program showcases a student's achievements. A schoolwide risk-taker campaign highlights individual positive risk-takers in the school.

The Thurston High School, Kids Helping Kids Pageant and contestants raised over \$19,000 for the local Children's Hospital through the Children's Miracle Network.

The Culinary program excelled in the LCC Knife Skills competition, with two individuals earning top spots in the contest.

Student-led Prom Cohort meetings were held last month to prepare the student body with the opportunity to prepare for both short-term and long-term goals as scholars and for plans to bring home the Colt Cup. Last month the junior class took the ACT and AVID 10th graders took the pre-ACT to help guide their post high school planning. Earlier in the year, students had the opportunity to opt into ASVAB testing. Students participated in an in-school teen drinking and distracted driving prevention program, Every 15 Minutes. The following day an assembly was held, which featured the story of a parent affected by an impaired driver.

The Family Resource Center has been making prom attire available for those in need, while the student TAs have been helping to refill the classroom's granola and maintain a grab'n'go station in student services with free seasonal clothing, hygiene items, backpacks, and other supplies.

Upcoming Events:

- Colt Night will be held April 11, 2023.
- Spirit Week will be held the week leading up to the prom.
- The schoolwide Prom Assembly will be held Thursday April 13, 2023. Classes will compete to bring home the Colt Cup.
- The 2023 Prom, Moonlight Masquerade will be held Saturday April 15, 2023.

*Willamette Leadership Academy:* Alana Strand shared:

Director Light attended the Spaghetti Feed dinner fundraiser event. The Senior Drill and Precision Rifle Team gave a performance, followed by a Red Beret Ceremony. A generous amount was raised to cover expenses for their junior/senior prom.

State testing had begun.

Students took advantage of Spring Break to catch up on school work, in time for the end of the third quarter.

#### Upcoming Events:

- A fire drill will soon be conducted to improve the efficiency and safety of staff and students in the face of an emergency.
- The Senior Color Guard Team was asked by Walmart to host colors, in honor of their grand opening at the end of the month. The Red Berets will perform while Walmart staff make speeches.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Raven read the following statement concerning public comment:

*This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. The board provides three ways for community members to share public comment: written public comment, in person oral public comment and virtual public comment. Written public comment is received via email. Public comment received via email for this evening has been reviewed by the Board and has also been posted on the District's website. The deadline for submitting a request for oral public comment was today at noon. Those who requested an opportunity to speak this evening were notified by the board secretary about their request.*

*We encourage groups with a common purpose to designate a spokesperson. If your comments will be covered by a group spokesperson, please indicate so when your name is called. I want to remind those members of the public who have indicated a desire to make comments that our policy provides for a limitation of three (3) minutes per person.*

*The Board will not hear comments regarding any school personnel. We ask those speaking to refrain from using names and titles of school personnel. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in Board policy KL, which requires that complaints be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. This procedure must be followed before there is any Board involvement with such issues. A compliment involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, their supervisor and the Board.*

*Speakers are reminded that their public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.*

There were no public speakers and there had been no written testimony received.

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. March 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Financial Statement Brett Yancey
3. Personnel Report, Resolution #22-23.033 Dustin Reese
4. Contract Extension: Superintendent, Resolution #22-23.034 Chair Raven

**MOTION:** Director Mann moved, seconded by Director Light to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they supported the motion in favor of approving the Consent Agenda: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

**B. Approve Out of State Travel, SHS, Resolution #22-23.035**

It is recommended the Board approve SHS Black Student Union delegate's request to travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to participate in the Team Harmony's We Have a Dream Action Institute and Rally. Dates of travel will be May 7 - 11, 2023. Four (4) school days will be missed. All estimated costs to cover the trip have been secured.

Mr. Collins explained that the students work with faculty from universities across the country and professional practitioners to learn skills in the areas of effective advocacy for racial and social justice. Students will bring their learning back and in that effort, look to apply that to change within the community and within their schools. Team Harmony will continue to monitor the efforts of the attendees and will continue to provide support as the work and plans are identified.

**MOTION:**

Director Mason moved, seconded by Director Light to approve the Out of State Travel for Black Student Union delegate's request to travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to participate in the Team Harmony's We Have a Dream Action Institute and Rally.

Ms. Mason asked if it was appropriate to request a report from the students upon their return.

Mr. Collins replied that it was a possibility and a matter of timing, as to who would be available in June.

Mr. Hernandez asked if there was a way for them to continue in their work, once the group had returned. He would like the students to be seen as ambassadors to the next step, having the support of mentors from the community college, the university, as well as from the Board members.

Mr. Collins answered that his hope was that the students and their chaperones would go on to develop an action plan addressing issues locally within the school and community. He could not provide specifics at the time.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they approve SHS Black Student Union delegate's request to travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma to participate in the Team Harmony's We Have a Dream Action Institute and Rally: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

**C. Approve 2023-2024 Academic Calendar, Resolution #22-23.036**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar as presented. The calendar includes 175 school days for students, one (1) full day collaboration for staff (January 2), 15 early release /collaboration days. Adjustments may be required to fit projected budget conditions prior to Board approval in June.

**MOTION:**

Director Light moved, seconded by Director Hernandez to approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar resolution.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

**D. Approve English Language Development Program and World Language Instructional Materials Adoption, Resolution #22-23.037**

Mr. Light asked what was the overall financial impact to the district for the adoption.

Ms. McKinley answered that the estimated cost for all three of the foreign languages was approximately \$148,000. For the K12 ELD it was approximately \$147,000. This is based on the state contract price. It is the start of negotiations, but usually comes in much lower.

Mr. Light asked why ELD is in World Languages and not in Language Arts.

Ms. McKinley replied that ELD is not part of World Language, but happens to be part of this adoption. The ELD program is specific to Language Acquisition with specific standards and expectations for students. It is separate from the English Language Arts standards, which cover reading, writing, listening and speaking. There are different standards, different skills specific to a program, not a core class.

Mr. Hernandez asked if parents were still a part of the material selection process.

Ms. McKinley said yes, they were given the opportunity to offer opinions on the materials and provide feedback.

Ms Mason asked if it was true that the language arts teachers were a part of the Material Review Committee.

Ms. McKinley replied yes, all of the World Language teachers participated in that review.

**MOTION:**

Director Mason moved, seconded by Director Mann to approve the English Language Development Program and World Language Instructional Materials Adoption resolution.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they approve the English Language Development Program and World Language Instructional Materials Adoption: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

**6. Reports and Information  
A Superintendent Communication**

*Superintendent Hamilton* shared that their partners in Washington DC had arranged a remote meeting with representatives from the Association for Career and Technical Education. The District CTE TOSA was able to participate. The Communities of Color and Allies Network, First Friday was hosted by Springfield Public Schools and Willamalane's Equity and Community Consortium members. Willamalane opened the facility to the large gathering. There were many fun activities for both children

and adults. The first Springfield Arts and Culture Awards through the Wildish Community Theatre was held in Springfield on Friday. Longtime educator Martha Moultrie who is actively involved in the arts community gave a touching speech. A Springfield High student won the Young Artist of the Year Award. A staff member from the Chifin Native Youth Center won the Culture and Connection Award. Mr. Hamilton highlighted the role that Ms. Mason had taken on as Vice President on the Wildish Community Theatre Board and thanked her for her fantastic work.

## **B. Board Communication**

### Board Committee Reports

*Chair Raven* shared that she was able to attend the Every Fifteen Minutes assembly at Thurston High School, with part of their Drunk and Distracted Driving program. Seeing the community, students, staff, parents, the Sheriff's department, and first responders all come together, was incredibly powerful. Ms. Raven thanked Smith Dawson, their United Front partners in DC for arranging their meetings. Ms. Raven attended a CTE Career and Tech-ED program meeting on Friday. As a follow up from the Board Retreat, Mr. Mann and Ms. Raven have been meeting with Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Richardson to look over all the different channels of communication and look forward to sharing that with the Board. The topics for the next work session will be on communication and equity.

*Director Hernandez* shared that over the past four months he had been kept informed with all Board information. He thanked all those who were so diligent about dropping off Board packets to him at his home. He thanked all the Board members for all they had done over the past few months.

*Director Light* shared that he had attended the Communities of Color event at Willamalane. He enjoyed seeing the number of families participate and the people in the community be so supportive. Mr. Light also attended the S.O.C.C.E.R (Springfield Arts and Culture) Awards and felt the students did an outstanding job, as they were dressed up, looking professional, well-spoken and articulate in acceptance of the award. He had the pleasure of attending the WLA Spaghetti Feed fundraiser. He noted that calling it a spaghetti feed was an understatement. It had been prepared by a gourmet chef and the students did a remarkable job as servers. Mr. Light thanked Ms. Mason for doing an outstanding job of representing the Board at the Wildish Theatre.

*Vice Chair Mann* shared that the deadline for the Springfield Education Foundation's (SEF) Innovative Educator grants is April 25, 2023. SEF has been busy with their new Buddy Program and gave a presentation at Yolanda Elementary. They will begin a Grant Giving Tour the second week of June. SEF hosted two staff parties at Brattain Campus and Centennial Elementary. Those were sponsored by donors of Night of 11,000 Stars and had involved grilled cheese sandwiches donated by Brenda Hanson. SEF is accepting applications for new board positions. Mr. Mann was asked to be part of an Education Advocacy panel for Leadership Eugene Springfield. Lately, he has been heavily involved in the organizing and oversight of student soccer.

- April 22, 2023 a reception for the Early Career Educator event will be held at the Graduate Hotel in Eugene.
- Book Fest will be held the first week in June.
- Night of 11,000 Stars Gala and Auction will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023 at University of Oregon Board Alumni Center.

*Director Mason* shared that she had watched a beautiful video at the SOCCER Awards, about a project called Illumination. An underrepresented group was chosen and stories were collected throughout the year

to share with the community about the group's activities in Springfield and how they contributed to their art and culture. Ms. Mason is enjoying growing with and being a part of the community.

**7. NEXT MEETINGS**

April 24, 2023 Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

May 8, 2023 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Chair Raven thanked everyone for attending.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Raven adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan, LCOG)*