

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A Business Meeting of the Springfield School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on January 9, 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, Jeff Michna, Judy Bowden, Kim Donaghe, Giselle Garcia, Ariel Jorkan, Bambi VanDyke, Kari Isham Skelton, Joan Bolls, Brooklyn Ramirez, Natalie Paskett, Rachel Allen, José da Silva, Kimberlee Pelster, Jeff Fuller, Andy Price, Jonathan Gault, Whitney McKinley, Mindy LeRoux, Rachel Allen, Taylor Madden, Lane ESD Superintendent Tony Scurto and Trenay Ryan, minutes recorder.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Raven asked for a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 agenda as presented.

**MOTION:** Director Mann moved, seconded by Director Mason, to approve the January 9, 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 January 9, 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. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Superintendent Hamilton read the following proclamation in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

## **School Board Recognition Month Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, school boards create a vision for what students should know and be able to do;

**WHEREAS**, school boards establish clear standards for student performance;

**WHEREAS**, school boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards;

**WHEREAS**, school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement;

**WHEREAS**, school boards align school district resources to ensure that students meet standards;

**WHEREAS**, school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels;

**WHEREAS**, school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork and shared accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards are committed to continuous education and training on issues related to student achievement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we hereby declare our appreciation to the members of the *Springfield Public Schools Board of Education* and proclaim the month of January to be School Board Recognition Month.

We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Student Board Representative Communication**

Brooklyn Ramirez from Thurston High School shared the following:

- Emphasis on student performance for the semester. 87% of their students were achieving class goals and 96% were on time to class each day.
- Student Cell Phone policy was put back into place after the winter break. It was a policy that had been in place before COVID, but had not been closely enforced since the return to school following the pandemic.
- Students continued to stay connected to campus through participation in clubs and activities over the winter break.
- Winter sports started and Theater prepared for their upcoming One Act Plays.

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- Student Academic support time continued to take place during advisory time. Students also had access to the Academic Success Center and peer tutors.
- Student Council, which is a group of 80 student representatives from each club and activity on campus, met together with Administration to share feedback on how the school year had been going.
- Prior to the break, they held their second grade-level, student-led Cohort meetings.
- The Winterfest assembly would be held on January 26, 2023 and all were invited to attend.

Giselle Garcia-Rosales from Springfield High School shared the following:

- They kicked off 2023 with a Welcome Back to School Spirit Week. Each day featured a different fun-filled theme.
- Assistant Principal Lisa Dillon and multiple teachers volunteered to organize two sessions of *Cookies and Cram*, an event which ninth graders could attend and make up any missing work. 160 students happily participated in the event.
- Chemistry teacher Emma Mullen took her College Now Chemistry Class on a field trip on December 7, 2023. They assisted in an experiment at the University of Oregon and were able to see a scanning electron microscope in action.
- The Robotics team took first place at a Coding Competition.
- 56 students from six different elementary schools were given gifts and food items for the holidays.
- The Girls Basketball team traveled to Arizona over winter break for the Nike Tournament of Champions and came away with two wins and two losses.

## 5. 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 comments.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approve Consent Agenda

1. December 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Financial Report
3. Personnel Action, Resolution #22-23.022

**MOTION:** Director Mason moved, Director Mann seconded the motion 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. Appoint Budget Committee Members, Resolution #22-23.023

Oregon State budget law (ORS 294.414) requires that every school district in Oregon establish a budget committee, which is a vehicle that enables the public to participate in the budgeting process. The budget committee consists of the five (5) elected School Board members and an additional five (5) appointed community volunteers, selected at-large. The five appointed community volunteers each serve three (3) year terms. Springfield Public Schools currently has two (2) budget committee positions that expired on December 31, 2022 and need to be filled. In an effort to solicit interested community members, the Superintendent's office advertised the vacancies and made applications available to the public. Following the advertisement, two (2) individuals expressed interest and submitted their application. The two applicants have previously served on the budget committee and it was determined that it was not necessary to conduct an interview process prior to appointment.

Brett Yancey recommended that the Board of Directors appoint the following people to the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025:

Position 2 – Nancy Cameron

Position 3 – Ken Kohl

**MOTION:** Director Light moved, Director Hernandez seconded the motion to appoint the following positions to the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025:

Position 2 – Nancy Cameron

Position 3 – Ken Kohl

Chair Raven asked if there was any discussion.

Director Mason asked how the positions had been advertised. Superintendent Hamilton replied that they used their regular communication channels, such as their website, social media and print media.

Chair Raven called for a roll call vote. Ms. Raven asked each Board member to indicate if they were in favor of the motion to appoint the following people to the Budget Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2025: Position 2 – Nancy Cameron and Position 3 – Ken Kohl: Director Hernandez – Yes, Director Light – Yes, Director Mann – Yes, Director Mason – Yes and Director Raven – Yes.

Motion passed, 5:0.

## **7. DISCUSSION**

### **A. 2023 – 2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Year One**

Lane ESD Superintendent Tony Scurto shared an overview of the 2023 – 2025 Lane ESD Local Service Plan. Highlights included:

- Districts would be able to choose whether or not they purchased services from Lane ESD.
- Possibility of saving money on services.
- Services provided by Lane ESDs: technology, administrative services, special education, and school improvement curriculum efforts.
- Human Resource Services added and paid for by ESDs.
- Four elementary Life Skills classrooms are once again operated by Lane ESD.
- Staffing throughout Lane County is operating at full instruction, full days and for the full year.

Chair Raven asked if they operated the Life Skills classrooms at the middle and high school level? Superintendent Scurto replied yes, for many years. The change this year was only adding the elementary level classrooms to Lane ESD supervision.

## **8. INFORMATION/REPORTS**

### **A. Superintendent Communication**

Superintendent Hamilton thanked Superintendent Scurto for his time to come and share with the Board the new information about the Lane ESD Local Service Plan this evening. He stated they were fortunate to have community, school staff, and school partners who recognized the need that people had during the holiday seasons. Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) raised money specifically for the Family Resource Center liaisons to use in their school to support families during the winter break and holiday. Each of the Family Resource liaisons received a \$500 check to support their programs and family needs. SEF members adopted students from twenty families, to ensure they had meals and toys over the holiday season. Lane County Toys for Tots partnered with Springfield Police to provide over 100 families with gifts for children for the holidays. Officer Amundson, one of our SROs stepped up to lead this effort. Olsen Electric vehicles parked outside of Hamlin Middle School and gave away 400 meals and over 700 presents to Springfield families in need. The Federal Omnibus bill was recently approved. One special program included in the bill was for the new CTE Cosmetology Program which will be located at Gateways High School on the Brattain Campus. Special Programs Director Brian Megert and Assistant Director Nicole Nakayama would be welcoming a delegation of teachers and administrators from Japan who would be hearing about the district's implementation and management of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), an evidence-based, three-tiered framework used to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day. The goal is to have all students succeed.

### **B. Board Communication**

Chair Raven shared that Springfield Public Schools had been awarded \$385,000 to move forward with the first CTE Cosmetology program in Lane County. She noted that the best part of it was that it had been a program advocated for by the students. She was also pleased to announce that their partners in the United Front group had also received federal money for their needs for which they advocated last spring during the United Front trip to Washington D.C. Ms. Raven attended the Annual Holiday Feaste, a lovely choir production at Thurston High School. She reminded the Board of the upcoming second day of the Board Retreat scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Director Hernandez had no updates.

Director Light shared that the financial documents for Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) were still not complete. He was hopeful LCOG would meet prior to the next district board meeting so that he could share an update with our board.

Director Mann shared that the Springfield Education Foundation (SEF) had been busy. They donated to 20 families during the holiday season. SEF was sponsoring a speech contest at the MLK Celebration on Monday January 6, 2023 at Springfield High School. SEF received a generous donation from Burrito Amigos for district CTE programs. SEF will be also be co-sponsoring Book Fest this spring in conjunction with United Way of Lane County, which will include a distribution of books for students at four district elementary schools.

Director Mason had no updates.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

The Board of Directors will hold a Retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The next Board Work Session is scheduled for January 27, 2023. Start time for the Work Session has yet to be determined. The next Business meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023.

Chair Raven thanked everyone for attending.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Chair Raven adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan)*