

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

4/A Business Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on September 9, 2019.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Board Chair Zach Bessett called the Springfield Board of Education meeting to order in the Board Room of the District Administration Building at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board Members present included Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Naomi Raven and Todd Mann.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Todd Hamilton, David Collins, Judy Bowden, Whitney McKinley, Suzanne Price, Brian Megert, Jeff Michna, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Brenda Holt, Laura Pavlat, Joan Bolls, Melissa Stalder, Linda O'Shea, Lesa Haley, Ame Beard, José da Silva, Charles Clark, Amber Mitchell, Laura Weiss, Hannalei Rozen, Penny Jordan, Nicole Deer, Bob Brew, Anne Goff, Mindy Leroux, Mike Eyster, Jenna McCulley, Jordyn Brown from the *Register Guard* and Kathy Savelich (Minutes Recorder).

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda.

MOTION: Naomi Raven moved, seconded by Todd Mann, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed: 3-0

3. RECOGNITION: CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Chair Bessett introduced Chief Financial Officer Brett Yancey who said the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to Springfield Public Schools by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement was the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represented a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Mr. Yancey introduced staff members Joan Bolls, Brenda Holt and Laura Pavlat and recognized them for their efforts in preparing the district's CAFR. The district had received the award for 14 consecutive years. Joan Bolls is the internal auditor for the district. Brenda Holt is the district Demographic Specialist and oversees all district investments, treasury management and fiscal state reporting. Laura Pavlat is the district Payroll and Benefits Supervisor. Mr. Yancey said all of the district's financial statements are held to the highest standard.

Mr. Yancey led the audience in a round of applause for this achievement.

Naomi Raven shared her gratitude for their well-written and quality documents that assist in the understanding of the issues therein.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Chair Bessett introduced Director of Elementary Education Suzy Price. Ms. Price introduced new staff members: Laura Weiss, Interim Assistant Principal at Guy Lee Elementary School and Linda O’Shea, Interim Principal at Maple Elementary School.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bessett read the following statement concerning public comment:

This is the portion of our agenda for public comment. 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.

Those wishing to make public comments must complete a “request to speak” form and speakers will be called upon in the order in which they are received. Audience members who wish to make public comments must state their name and address for the record.

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.

The board will not hear personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. Any complaints regarding a particular employee must be processed through the procedure set forth in policy, 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.

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

A. Hanalei Rozen, of 1551 B St, Springfield, OR, shared that she senses a palpable positive energy in the room and is encouraged by that. She has been reading up on past meeting minutes and would like to see more positivity. Ms. Rozen is proposing more communication through coming together. She is suggesting kicking off a year of investigation in October, more than just quarterly, with small committees that don’t necessarily need to be staff members. Ms. Rozen also would like to request that when a person comes to the Board with ideas, they should be able to count on hearing back regarding the actions that may or may not be taken.

B. Penny Jordan of 91947 Marcola Rd., Springfield, OR, shared her thoughts regarding earthquakes in the area and what she feels is a lack of an emergency preparedness plan for the SPS District in the event an earthquake strikes our area. She stated that she would definitely like to receive feedback from the Board.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. August 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Personnel Action, Resolution #19-20.004

New Hires

Caroline Berry
Sasha Chang
Johnathan Felix
Nok Jones
Kari Kaldahl
Mary LaPlante
Tawnee Lovell
Nikole Matthews
Sasha Mattingly
John Monteverde

Megan Reaves
Kaitlynn Riehl
Jill Smith
Peter Stice
Alani Stuart
Denise Williams
Roxanne Winston

Resignations

Amy Halley
Elly Steinbaugh
Katie Stiles

C. Change of Address for Gateways High School, Resolution #19-20.005

Beginning July 1, 2019, remodel work began at the original Brattain Elementary School. Over the course of the summer, the school was successfully transformed into a new campus that is home to Gateways High School and Springfield School District's alternative education programs. These programs have moved from the existing Gateways High School (665 Main Street) and the Willamalane owned, Memorial Building (765 A Street), combining into a comprehensive campus.

With the move to a new campus, Oregon Department of Education requires the District's School Board to "officially" change the address during a public meeting.

Brett Yancey recommended that Springfield School District Board of Directors approve the change of address for Gateways High School and the District's alternative programs to 425 10th Street, Springfield, Oregon 97477.

D. Lane ESD Transit Dollar Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Pursuant to ORS 334.177, as amended by 2013 House Bill 3401, a component school district board may request that a percentage of the state formula revenue received by Lane Education Service District be distributed to the school district for any purpose identified by the District school board.

During the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, Springfield School District requested 50% of our transit dollars and utilized the resource to support Special Education Life Skills programming for students in our district, as well as a small number of students from surrounding districts. We anticipate utilizing the transit dollars in 2020-2021 to continue supporting Life skills programming in Springfield Public Schools. The ORS requires that the Board submit the request to Lane ESD in advance of the budget process.

David Collins recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Lane Education Service District – School District Transit Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Specifically, it is recommended that the Board of Directors request not more than 50% of the Transit Dollars pursuant to ORS 334.177.

MOTION: Todd Mann moved, seconded by Naomi Raven to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Superintendent Todd Hamilton and Assistant Superintendent David Collins shared an update on the Student Success Act. State Legislation passed revenue reform that provided additional funding for K-12 as well as Early Learning.

Student Success Act

- Unprecedented investment in Oregon's K-12 Education System
- Includes 28 different programs focused on student outcomes
- Student Investment Account (SIA) meet students' mental & behavioral needs and increase academic achievement & reduce academic disparities

SIA

- Nearly \$500M directly to school districts: well-rounded education, reducing class size, instructional time and health & safety
- Implementation Phases
 - Defining success
 - Refining the work
 - Supporting students
 - Defining Success

Defining Success

- Integrated Approach
 - Ongoing Evaluation work
 - Life Ready Students
 - Engage Students & Families
 - Engage Staff & Community
 - Invite Online Feedback

Next Steps for the Board

- Life Ready Students – Conversation at upcoming work session
- Promote & attend community involvement opportunities

B. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Hamilton shared Oregon Department of Education had started releasing more information about the SSA. In addition to that, school started last week. He said that most of the district's energy had been dedicated to welcoming students and staff back to school. There have been numerous professional development activities for staff, both at the district office and in the buildings. Mr. Hamilton said he enjoyed sharing time with the secretaries, new teachers, bus drivers, K12 principals, instructional coaches and maintenance staff. There was also a welcome back BBQ held at Thurston High School. He thanked all the staff both at the district office and at Thurston High School who helped to make this a great event. He added there were professional development opportunities for classified staff both before and after the BBQ. He continued by saying that last Wednesday the students arrived at school and district leadership was out in all buildings trying to ensure that the first week of school went well.

Chair Bessett asked if the classified staff enjoyed the professional development. Mr. Collins answered that it was well received and that more than 100 staff attended the workshops.

C. Board Communication

Ms. Raven said she also enjoyed the BBQ and connecting with students, families and staff as they returned from summer adventures for a new year of school. She was very impressed with the wonderful atmosphere at the BBQ.

Mr. Mann said that he had visited the Transition Garden and was treated to a tour by Joyce Douglas. He was very impressed with the beautiful space and all the hard work that goes into maintaining the gardens. He added he had a wonderful time at the BBQ and was pleased with the positive energy. He also said that his daughter entered kindergarten this year and he was so impressed with the amount of work that goes into the transition for students and families as students start kindergarten.

Mr. Bessett said that it was a great back to school for his family, his daughter who is in middle school and his wife who is an elementary school teacher. He also was impressed with the positive atmosphere at the BBQ. He appreciated all the work from staff to get schools up and running.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bessett shared the Board is scheduled to meet on the following dates:

- September 23, 2019: Work Session scheduled for 4:00pm in the Board Room. Interviews for the board vacancy.
- October 14, 2019: Business Meeting scheduled for 7:00pm in the Board Room.
- October 16, 2019: TEAM Springfield Annual Update Meeting scheduled for 5:30pm at the City of Springfield.

- October 23, 2019: Work Session scheduled for 5:00pm in the Board Room for Roles and Responsibilities Training.
- October 28, 2019: Work Session scheduled for 4:00pm in the Board Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

(Minutes recorded by Kathy Savelich)