

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Jenna McCulley welcomed those in attendance and asked Superintendent Bruce Smolnisky to read the following proclamation in recognition 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 14th day of January 2019.

Staff, students and members of the community shared their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the School Board at the reception. Several representatives from our District schools shared gifts for each board member. Those schools which sent representatives were: Carla Smith from Douglas Gardens Elementary, Emily Minnis from Maple Elementary, Cindy Nees from Mt. Vernon Elementary, Jeremy Hugo from Ridgeview Elementary, Amy Halley from Centennial Elementary, Nicki Gorham from Thurston Elementary, José da Silva, Marilyn Williams and Calli Dean from Springfield High School and Missy Cole, Sun Saeteurn and Chad Towe from Thurston High School. Charlie Jett from Two Rivers Dos Ríos shared a video featuring his students and staff thanking the School Board for all they do.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

9/ A Regular Meeting of the Lane County School District No. 19 Board of Education was held on January 14, 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 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board Members present included Board Chair Zach Bessett, Board Vice Chair Michelle Webber, Laurie Adams, and Naomi Raven. Dr. Emilio Hernandez was excused from the meeting.

District staff and community members identified included Superintendent Bruce Smolnisky, David Collins, Judy Bowden, Jenna McCulley, Whitney McKinley, Suzy Price, Brian Megert, Jeff Michna, Brett Yancey, Dustin Reese, Crystal Haddock, Emma Haddock, Toby Haddock, Jessica Auxier, Kim Donaghe, Colleen Hunter, Anne Goff, Vanessa Truett, Audrey Davids, Andrew Hock, Rhea Cramer, John DeWenter, Claire Barnum, Kim Donaghe, Tony Scurto, Emily Minnis, Hanalei Rozen, Amy Haley, Kenneth Woodruff, Cadence Rose, Jacob Sieczowski, Ian Ker, Chad Towe, Ame Beard, Mike Eyster, Chris Reiersgaard, Dave Hulbert, José da Silva, Marilyn Williams, Calli Dean, Missy Cole, Sun Sateurn, Kevin Ricker and Kathy Savelich.

Student Board Representatives present included:

Cadence Rose/Academy of Arts and Academics (A3)
Kenneth Woodruff/Willamette Leadership Academy (WLA)
Jacob Sieczowski/Thurston High School (THS)
Ian Ker/Springfield High School (SHS)

The student representative from Gateways High School was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. SCHOOL PRESENTATION: WALTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Dave Hulbert shared why he enjoys Walterville Elementary School (WES) and a PowerPoint presentation "Walterville Wildcats: Every Child, Every Day, Let's Go!"

❖ Springfield Public School Board Goals

- Promote growth and success for every student
- Support families so that every student is ready to learn
- Provide personalized learning opportunities for every student
- Create safe and future ready facilities
- Advocate for funding and policies that support education
 - Who are these people who work at Walterville Elementary? They are loving, dedicated, fun, collaborative, learners, creative and team-focused educators.
- He said it all starts with Relationships.
- Social-emotional learning overlays with the PBIS systems.
- Supportive families in the community.
- Small school setting.
- Caring School Community

- Principal Hulbert asked the board members and his students to spend a few minutes mingling and introducing themselves.
- Wildcat parent perspectives: Principal Hulbert introduced Rhea Cramer and Claire Barnum who spoke to their experiences with the school and the positive learning environment for their children.
- Student-centered discipline that connects to parents/guardians
- Morning & closing circle, class meetings
- Cross-age buddies as mentors
- Positive relationships = Positive behavior
- Positive relationships = Academic growth
- Performance and growth by school
 - We are building on our past work
- Looking ahead to continued growth
- Gutsy Goal: students in high risk for reading and math
- Student voice
 - Principal Hulbert played a video featuring students speaking about their positive experiences at Walterville Elementary School.

4. 2019-2021 Lane ESD Local Service Plan Review

Lane ESD Superintendent Tony Scurto introduced Lane ESD Board Member Vanessa Truett and shared the 2019-2021 Lane ESD Local Service Plan for Review.

- ❖ Relevant Data: Includes all resolution and core service offerings available to component school districts.
- ❖ Developed in collaboration with component district superintendents, Lane ESD Administration and staff, and reviewed and approved by the Lane ESD Board of Directors on January 8, 2019.
- ❖ Local Service Plan Year One includes services for:
 - Students with Special Needs
 - Instruction, Equity and Partnerships (School Improvements)
 - Technology
 - Administrative and Support

This Local Plan is same as prior years with two exceptions: Behavior Assistance Fund and support for the Lane Regional Promise Programs.

Mr. Scurto offered to address questions. There were no questions, but rather compliments and thanks to Lane ESD. Mr. Bessett, Mr. Smolnisky and Ms. Raven all thanked Mr. Scurto for coming this evening and sharing the details of the new Local Plan.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bessett read the following statement:

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.

Hanalei Rozen, residing at 1551 B St. Springfield OR 97477 offered her thoughts on the Board's work and thanked them for all they do. She hoped to attend more of the board meetings this year. She invited all to come to the Learning Garden at Brattain and get their gift of appreciation. She would dig up her gift as a surprise. She felt they would walk away inspired and with a better understanding of what she believes could be accomplished in the garden by growing educational opportunities. Ms. Rozen said that her gift to the district was her time in the garden. Even though she was not an employee of the district, she felt that she worked for the district.

Colleen Hunter who resides at 4921 Glacier Dr., Springfield, OR 97478 addressed the board regarding the Amber Trano medical fund and thanking the board and community for their support. She gave details for the upcoming fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse, on January 28th and 29th, 2019. Ms. Hunter also spoke about HB2655 and the parent notification regarding state testing. She stated her desire to know when Springfield intends to send notifications out. She believes that the use of the Smarter Balanced Assessment scores as criteria for the Talented and Gifted program is discriminatory toward those students whose parents decide to exercise their rights according to the law to opt out of the state assessments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. December 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Statement

C. Division 22 Assurances, Resolution #18-19.022

Each district in Oregon is required to adhere to the requirements for public education outlined in OAR Chapter 581, Division 22. In response to requests from districts to Oregon Department of Education to lessen the reporting burden, the 2018-2019 Assurance submission includes responses to questions about Oregon Administrative Rules.

Currently, the District is out of compliance in only three areas. The areas and compliance plan are:

- 581-022-2045 Prevention Education Programs in Drugs and Alcohol.

As part of this year's Health/PE committee work, we are reviewing revised standards and planning for 2019-2020 compliance.

- 581-022-2055 Human Sexuality Education.

Through our Health/PE committee adoption work we will be in compliance at the elementary level with anticipated compliance at the secondary level at the 2019-2020 school year.

- 581-022-2355 Instructional Materials Adoption.

Due to the recession and lost revenue streams, the District became out of compliance. The District has postponed the adoption of instructional materials while deliberately investing fiscal resources and developing a plan to become fully compliant. We have a fiscal investment and adoption plan that will bring the District in compliance.

David Collins recommended that the Board of Directors accept the assurance standards as written.

D. Board Policy, First Read

Consistent with the direction of the school board, the school district has begun the process of updating all district policies over the next 18 months. With the assistance and guidance of the Oregon School Board Association staff, district staff respectfully submit the first two sections (Section A and Section B) of the Springfield School Board Policy Manual for review.

Jenna McCulley recommended that the Board of Directors review the following board policies as a first reading:

[Section A/B: Board Governance and Operations](#)

E. 2019-2021 Lane ESD Local Service Plan Year One, First Read

As required by ORS 334.175, Lane Education Service District has developed a Local Service Plan. The process in developing this plan included analysis of all resolution and core service offerings available to component school districts.

The 2019-2021 Local Service Plan Year One was developed in collaboration with component district superintendents, Lane ESD administrators and staff, and reviewed and approved by the Lane ESD Board of Directors on January 8, 2019.

The Local Service Plan contains all services mandated by law. Local Service Plan services are intended to: improve student learning; enhance the quality of instruction provided to students; assure equitable access to resources; and maximize operational and fiscal efficiencies.

The Lane ESD 2019-2021 Local Service Plan Year One includes services for:

- Students with Special Needs
- Instruction, Equity and Partnerships (School Improvement)
- Technology
- Administrative and Support
- Custom Services

The Lane ESD 2019-2021 Local Service Plan provides a two-year framework which must be approved annually by Lane ESD and component district boards no later than March 1 (ORS 334-175(5)(b)).

Bruce Smolnisky recommended the Board of Directors review the Service Plan as a first reading.

MOTION: Laurie Adams moved, Michelle Weber seconded, for approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Student Communication

Jacob Sieczowski/Thurston High School (THS) thanked the School Board for their work and efforts. He described fundraising efforts by Mr. & Mrs. THS contestants for the Children's Miracle Network and the dates for their upcoming sports competitions. On January 16th and 23rd one of the civics classes would be hosting a discussion about the United States Constitution. This will take place in the THS library and is open to the public. Finals week is coming the last week of January. Their band and orchestra programs would have a silent auction and luau on February 9th in the gym. The THS Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony would take place on January 26th at 6:00pm.

Ian Ker from Springfield High School (SHS) shared about the school's current sport efforts. The girl's basketball team is currently ranked #3 in the state. The school is going to try to break a Guinness Book world record for the most high fives in one minute. They are contacting Guinness Book to see if they can set this up. One SHS student had a discussion with Senator Jeff Merkley over the winter break.

Cadence Rose from the Academy of Arts and Academics (A3) shared about the J-term classes and internship opportunities. J-term classes included Playwriting, Interactive Storytelling, A3 Scouts, Modern Folklore, Rock Climbing, Recipe for Life, Film Study, Voices of the Sixties and Spies like Us. The A3 leadership team, which consists of parents, students and staff has met several times to focus on the school's mission, vision and values. In addition, they have been working on a Magnet School application for consideration by the school board. Magnet status would allow for some of the more unique features of A3 to be preserved while incorporating the Springfield School District infrastructure.

Kenneth Woodruff from Willamette Leadership Academy shared that he really appreciated the video that was presented tonight by Principal Dave Hulbert. He thought that all students could learn a lot from the culture that is present at Walterville Elementary. He also shared about the Penny Wars between the various companies (classes) and the "Good Night Tickets" program which commends students for rising above the

daily standards. A new part of the program rewards students for perfect weekly attendance. Next week, there would be a school field trip to the Springfield Armory and the indoor skydiving facility. The school recently introduced student government.

B. Superintendent Communication

Superintendent Bruce Smolnisky shared updates regarding the superintendent search. The posting is scheduled to close on January 16th at which time the search firm would start doing reference checks and initial screening of the applicants. He said several staff would be attending the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) Conference January 24th – 26th. He reminded the Board of the upcoming work session on January 28th and that there would be a presentation about the District's report card. Mr. Smolnisky shared the names J. T. Brattain, F. S. Churchill and M. H. Harlow and asked the Board if anyone recognized those names? He said that in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, he was sharing the names of the first School Board members for the District. They served on the Board in 1887.

C. Board Communication

Zachary Bessett said the superintendent search is going well. He had no other items to report.

Michelle Webber shared her current experiences with hosting an international exchange student.

Naomi Raven said she was able to attend the Springfield High School Madrigal performance and the choir concert at Hamlin Middle School. She appreciated how that great music programs are available for students in both middle school and high school. She also attended the Gateways High School holiday dinner and had a meaningful conversation with a student who told her that she would be the first person in her family to graduate on time from high school. The student added that she had encouraged her sister to return to school to complete her education and that they will both graduate at the same time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

Chair Bessett said the next Board meeting would be a mid-year planning meeting on January 28, 2019 beginning at 4:00 pm. Following that will be a business meeting on February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Bessett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

(Minutes recorded by Kathy Savelich)