

Time & Location:

The September 13, 2023 School Board Meeting was held in the library of Fremont Middle School 850 W Keady Court in Roseburg, Oregon, and also available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cordon shared that we have incredible staff and students, and the 2023-24 school year is off to a great start! Staff are working hard to build connections to help prepare students for successful learning.

The Board's Strategic Plan is guiding the work of supporting students and staff, and remains our anchor as we focus on care, support, instruction and graduation. Schools are more secure thanks to their vision. Using available resources, we are finding ways to continue to grow opportunities for students.

To operationalize the Strategic Plan, our Leadership Team works with their staff to develop theory of action plans to improve results.

A special thanks to our Board of Education for continuing to invest in safety at our schools.

Next Board Meeting:

September 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
Board Work Session
Central Office Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon
Zoom Link Available

**Fremont Middle School
Principal Ben Bentea**

Principal Ben Bentea shared the 2023-2024 priorities at Fremont intended to support the Strategic Plan of RPS that all students will receive the care, support and instruction needed to graduate from high school with plans for their most successful futures. Specific mission focus within this year's priorities included:

Fremont will build positive relationships in a safe, respectful, enjoyable, and inclusive environment where students' diversity and life experiences are explored and celebrated.

Students will engage, collaborate, think critically, and make connections, as they develop real-world knowledge.

By taking ownership of their learning, students will be empowered to take risks, persevere, and build their social-emotional and academic skills as lifelong learners.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda; Minutes from the August 23rd Board Meeting; Surplus Items and Gifts to the District, along with the following personnel actions:

Licensed Hire Recommendations:

Eastwood Elementary School
Joge "Anne" Thomas,
Kindergarten Teacher
(temporary position for 2023-24)

Joseph Lane Middle School
Kimberli Holmquist
Science Teacher
(temporary position for 2023-24)

(Consent Agenda cont.)

Notice of Resignation included:

- Jessie Palacios, Language Arts Teacher at RHS, after 9 years in the district, is resigning effective Nov. 9 or after a suitable replacement can be found, whichever occurs sooner.

Approval of 2023—2024 Strategic Plan Messaging / Communications

RPS Communications Coordinator, Chelsea Duncan presented her proposed distribution plan to share the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan messaging with students, staff and the community. The intent is to create a sense of shared purpose and direction for student success. Chelsea outlined the plan as follows:

1. Creation and distribution throughout our facilities of Strategic Plan posters.
2. Inclusion of our Strategic Plan in our staff and community newsletters.
3. Regular reference to our Strategic Plan throughout our messaging.
4. Regular updates about Strategic Plan progress in Board Bulletins.
5. Articles about our Strategic Plan with specific examples of its application throughout our schools and progress (for publication on district website and submission to local media, etc.)

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, provided a broad overview of RPS Business Operations, Facilities, Purchasing and Transportation departmental staff and their extensive duties. Nutrition Services and Safety will be included in a future report.

English Learners in Oregon

2021-2022 Annual Report

Asst. Superintendent Knee summarized the 36-page English Learners in Oregon Annual Report for 2021-22 as published by the Oregon Department of Education and required by ORS 327.016 to share information on district and state progress toward meeting the needs and objectives of this student population. RPS currently has 53 students (38 elementary and 15 secondary) who receive daily English language instruction from ELL teachers at each student's school. 114 students have reached proficiency and have exited the program, but we continue to monitor them. While Spanish is the primary language for many of these students, there are actually 20 different languages spoken by students in the district. English is not the first language for nearly 100,000 students in Oregon.

School Board:

- Rodney D. Cotton, Chair
- Rev. Howard Johnson V Chair
- Steve Hammerson
- Ann Krimetz
- Michael Leone
- Andrea Miner
- Andrew Shirtcliff