

**Time & Location:**

The October 11, 2023 School Board Meeting was held in the Fir Grove Elementary School Library, located at 1360 W Harvard Blvd. in Roseburg, Oregon, and also available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT  
JARED P. CORDON**

Supt. Cordon shared learning celebrations including the FFA Vet Science and National Forestry Teams qualifying for National FFA convention in Indiana. The RHS marching ensemble earned its highest season opener score in over 20 years at the Pacific Coast Invitational. The Southern Oregon Trade Careers Expo was attended by 65 of our CTE students. The combined GPA of fall varsity student-athletes is 3.56 with over 300 students participating. RHS student Sylvia Eckman was selected OSAA Student Athlete of the Week after winning the 2023 Prefontaine Memorial Meet by 53 seconds. A huge shout-out to all our building leaders as we celebrate National Principals Month! Jared also updated the Board on our P-20 Pathways, an

**Next: Board Meeting  
(Work Session):**

October 25, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Central office Board Room  
1419 NW Valley View Drive  
Roseburg, Oregon  
Zoom Link Available

initiative between the district and UCC to expand career paths for advanced health care, advanced manufacturing, elementary education and first responders. Local industry leaders are helping to guide the process.

Superintendent Cordon again acknowledged the leadership of this Board in ensuring our students get the care, support and instruction they need to succeed, thrive, feel happy and proud.

All RPS staff are helping move the Board's work forward and we look forward to working together through the upcoming collective bargaining process to ensure employees are provided with the compensation, support and culture they deserve, with the goal of retaining & recruiting the very best employees to serve our students.

**Welcome to  
Fir Grove Elementary**

Principal Katrina Hanson led a tour of the school, sharing the constraints created by the combination cafeteria/gymnasium space. Playground and classrooms were included in the tour, as well as the new vestibule area that will increase safety and security of the campus. The Board greatly appreciated Mrs. Hanson's morning affirmation as the children gather for breakfast:

*"We are Falcons and we SOAR to success.  
I am loved.  
I am a problem solver.  
I am safe—I belong."*

**STUDENT AND STAFF  
RECOGNITION**

RPS Board of Education

Director Andrew Shirtcliff had the pleasure to present award certificates and McDonald's gift cards to these outstanding students:

- \* Sofia Smith, Fifth Grade Student at Fir Grove Elementary;
- \* Alivia Shirtcliff, Eighth Grade Student at Joseph Lane Middle School; and
- \* Christina Lai Ying Chi, a Senior at RHS.

Vice-Chair Howard Johnson was honored to present the Crystal Apple Awards to the following employees:

- ◆ Tracy Clements, Fir Grove Elementary School Librarian;
- ◆ Val Titus, Fir Grove Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher; and
- ◆ Liz Elder, Hucrest Elementary Nutrition Services Lead Cook.

Congratulations to each of these students and staff members whose actions and accomplishments are helping to move our Strategic Plan forward. We appreciate and celebrate each one of you!

**Action Items**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, consisting of approval of the Agenda, Minutes from the September 13 and 27 Board Meeting and Work Session, Surplus Items Listing and Gifts to the District, and Personnel actions:

**Licensed Hire Recommendations:**

**Office of Student Services**  
Catherine Follmar, Home Instruction (temp. for 2023-24)

**Licensed Resignations included:**

- Joanie McLain, 2nd Grade Teacher at Melrose School, after 33 years, effective Oct. 1st for

PERS retirement purposes. She would like to continue in her position for the 23-24 school year.

**RESOLUTION 23-24-09  
National Education Week:  
November 13-17, 2023**

Chair Rodney Cotton shared Resolution 23-24-9 designating Nov. 13-17, 2023 as the 102nd celebration of American Education Week, which was then unanimously approved by the School Board.

**DIVISION 22 STANDARDS**

Asst. Supt. Michelle Knee presented the 2022-23 Division 22 Assurance Report as required of all Oregon school districts. RPS is in full compliance with the 50+ standards adopted by the State Board of Education and set out in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 581 Division 22. Mrs. Knee also shared the 2023-24 school year compliance requirements including PE and health services, along with potential rule changes.

**TEACHING & LEARNING—  
School Report Cards**

In anticipation of the 2022-23 Oregon school report cards being released on October 26th, Dr. Jill Weber provided a comprehensive overview of district and school report cards and how to interpret the data profiles including staff, outcomes, environment, academic progress and success, high school success, etc. All families will have access to the 2022-23 reports.

**School Board:**

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