



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

5:15 p.m. Executive Session (non-public session)

6:15 p.m. Business Session (public session)

October 10, 2023

Location: Boardroom, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, Oregon. The boardroom will be open to the public with a total capacity of 65.

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Meeting broadcast on CC:Media, channel 21. Closed caption in English through CC:Media television and YouTube.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson
 - a. Attendance
All board members and student advisors were present. Director Chandragiri was present via Zoom.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (non-public session)** Chairperson

The board will meet in executive session under the following Oregon Revised Statute (ORS):

 - a. ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

3. **RECONVENE 6 p.m. (public session)** Chairperson
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
Student Advisor Hirsig-Gutierrez read the Land Acknowledgement.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Modifications
There were no agenda modifications.

4. **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS** Chairperson
 - a. Spotlights
 - (1) Gemanereida Barragan Cruz performed two songs, *El Mariachi De Mi Tierra* and *Hermoso Cariño*.
 - (2) Gwen Bruey-Finck and Brenda Dixon; staff spotlights.

5. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS** Superintendent
 - a. Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Castañeda presented a brief update regarding her first 100 days in the district, the FY24-25 budget, and the annual Division 22 Assurances report.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Chairperson

The board provided the opportunity for public comment in person, by phone call, virtually, or by written submission.

The following individuals provided public comments on a variety of topics, including contract negotiations, Superintendent's Report, Hands and Words are Not for Hurting Proclamation, Community Spotlights, Budget Committee Appointment, Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation, Safety in Schools, and other topics: Kimberley Reed Zauber, Casity

Troutt, Abigail Eckhart, Vanessa Ellison, Michelle Rose, Kristin Tomlin, Maraline Ellis, Melissa Wood, Tyler Scialo-Lakeberg, Mike Slagle.

The following individuals provided written public comments, which were posted on the district's website for this board meeting: Kari Zhoner, Martha Eslinger, Rachael Winters, Mara Arnold, Amanda Green, Jane Herb.

7. **ACTION ITEMS** Chairperson

- a. Appoint Three Community Members to Budget Committee
Chair Guzmán Ortiz invited each of the eight community member applicants for the budget committee to answer the following question: Next year, Salem-Keizer Public Schools will make at least \$38M in budget reductions, the first significant cut in a decade. Central office and school-based programming and services will need to be reorganized, reduced, or eliminated. What are the three most important personal beliefs you will use to guide your service and leadership during this important moment for Salem-Keizer Public Schools? The Board used ranked choice voting for each of the three vacant positions.

Position 1

Kelley Strawn received the highest rankings for position one. Kelley Strawn was appointed to the district budget committee.

Position 2

Lisa Harnisch received the second highest rankings for position two. Lisa Harnisch was appointed to the district budget committee.

Position 3

Kathryn Jones received the next highest rankings for position three. Kathryn Jones was appointed to the district budget committee.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** Chairperson

- a. Acceptance of Grants
- b. Approve Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
- c. Approve Hands and Words Are Not For Hurting Proclamation
- d. Personnel Actions

Director Chandragiri pulled item 8.c, the Hands and Words Are Not For Hurting Proclamation.

Director Hinojos Pressey moved, and Director Richardson seconded the approval of the Consent Calendar with the exception of item 8.c as presented. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of item 8.c passed unanimously.

Director Chandragiri read a statement about his commitment to nonviolence and encouraged all students and teaching staff to take the pledge. Director Chandragiri moved, and Director Avila seconded the approval of item 8.c, the Hands and Words Are Not For Hurting Proclamation. The motion to approve item 8.c, Approval of the Hands and Words are Not for Hurting Proclamation was approved unanimously.

9. **INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS (written form only)** Superintendent

- a. Head Start Pre-K Program Update
- b. Board Committee Assignments 2023-24
- c. Board/Budget Meeting Calendar

Board Chairperson Guzmán Ortiz reviewed the 2023-24 Board Committee Assignments.

Superintendent Castañeda briefly highlighted the Head Start Pre-K information as it relates to enrollment. Chair Guzmán Ortiz highlighted the 2023-24 Board Committee Assignments.

10. **BOARD REPORTS**

Chairperson

Board reports are to share the work from formal committee assignments and activities of the board related to youth programs and school district activities.

Student Advisor Pappas – Welcomed the Kawagoe City High School exchange students from Japan and helped organized the North Salem High School homecoming carnival and community event.

Student Advisor Hirsig-Gutierrez – Invited the Board and Superintendent to the South Salem High School (SSHS) homecoming assembly on Thursday afternoon and shared that the SSHS Latino club has been working diligently to perfect a Columbian dance for the assembly.

Director Richardson – Visited Washington Elementary School and was pleased with the completed reconstruction, programs, and school.

1st Vice Chairperson Avila – Completed his OSAA athletic game suspension period successfully and looks forward to attending games.

2nd Vice Chairperson Carson Cottingham – Attended the Safe Routes to School event at McKinley Elementary last week and shared a brief statement regarding the incomprehensible violence in the Israel and Gaza conflict and called for peace and nonviolence.

Director Hinojos Pressey – Highlighted the Northgate Neighborhood Association and community for coming together to paint a mural on fencing at the Hood View Park. They also attended the SKATS committee meeting and encouraged the community to review the ongoing Cordon Rd. / Kuebler Blvd. planning.

Director Hudson – Thanked everyone who attended the Board meeting this evening and who applied for the budget committee and encouraged continued communication.

Director Chandragiri – Visited Cummings Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and North Salem High School and thanked the teacher and staff for their work.

Chairperson Guzmán Ortiz – Attended the Native American Education Foundation/Native Education Program rummage sale and community event and volleyball games. She thanked coaches, parents, and athletes who put in substantial work and time for the athletic programs. She is looking forward to the upcoming Community Conversation events and encouraged participation.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:50 pm

Chairperson