

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Meeting/Work Session/Executive Session

Central Office Board Room

1419 NW Valley View Drive

Roseburg, Oregon 97471

Available via Zoom

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Board Members:

Rodney D. Cotton, Chair



Steve Hammerson



Rev. Howard Johnson, Vice-Chair



Ann Krimetz



Michael Leone



Andrea Miner



Andrew Shirtcliff



Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent



Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent



Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations



Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services



Jill Weber, Director of Teaching and Learning



SCHOOL BOARD BRIEF BOARD MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office board room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, in person and available via Zoom link.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Chair, Rodney D. Cotton, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Cotton also advised the audience that Board meetings are recorded for future viewing.

ATTENDANCE: Board members and Cabinet members attended in person. No members of the media were present.

REVIEW OF AGENDA / COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Cordon welcomed everyone present in person, as well as those who were joining the meeting remotely. He further noted that since initial publication, no changes to the agenda have been made.

Superintendent Cordon announced that we continue to celebrate School Board Recognition throughout the month of January. Our seven-member Board of Directors are all volunteers who are dedicating their time to helping our children become the very best they can be.

**Roseburg City
Council President David Mohr read a Proclamation in
honor of School Board Recognition Month.**

Our sincere appreciation to the Roseburg City Council for their support of education.

REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A STORAGE BUILDING AT ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, requested approval to construct a metal building behind

the Rose Theatre at RHS for the Performing Arts Department to store equipment for the band and choir programs including risers, acoustical shells. S+B James Construction Management Company was the successful bidder at a proposed amount of \$142,689 for construction of the building.

Director Ann Krimetz moved to approve the proposal to construct a storage building behind the Rose Theatre to accommodate items for the Performing Arts Department. The district was directed to move forward with a contract with S+B James Construction Management to construct the building. Director Steven Hammerson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Johnson inquired when construction could be expected to begin, and Mrs. Northam responded that we would issue a notice to proceed tomorrow. Completion of the project is anticipated to be late May 2024.

M5-044 Approved construction of a storage building behind the Rose Theatre on the RHS campus.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING: With the business portion of the meeting concluded, Chair Cotton adjourned the regular meeting at 6:12 p.m. and moved into the Board Work Session.

BOARD WORK SESSION

DISCUSSION OF DOUGLAS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT (DESD) LOCAL SERVICE PLAN SPECIFIC TO ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Each year, local school districts in Douglas County consider approval of Douglas ESD's Local Service Plan (LSP). DESD Superintendent Analicia Nicholson was invited to present the 2024-2025 proposed LSP and provide an opportunity for the board to become more informed about the services being provided as well as their effectiveness.

ESD Supt. Nicholson shared that in her 16 years at Douglas ESD, this will be her second year serving as superintendent. A native of Douglas County, she resides in Glide and has a strong passion for the success of the 13,000 students served by the ESD. The services provided include four main areas:

- Special Education and Nursing
 - Autism: consulting /evaluation/support
 - Audiology
 - Complex Needs Classroom
 - Special Education Coordination
 - Nursing
 - Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy (OT/PT) Consult
 - Speech-Language Therapy Program
 - Child-Find
- Instructional Services
 - Basic Attendance
 - Behavioral Health Coordination and Mentoring
 - Instructional Coaching Support
 - Instructional Education Coordination
 - Notification System for Home-Schooled Children

- Technology
 - Digital Curriculum
 - Network Services
- Administrative
- Business Services
- Communications
- Countywide Licensed Substitute Services
- Courier
- Human Resources

Douglas ESD 2024-2025 Contracted Services for the 13 school districts they serve include:

- Business Services
- Communications
- Electronic Information and Design
- Human Resources
- Print Services
- Site-Based IT Services
- Behavior Support Services
- Data Collection Support
- District Test Coordination
- Nursing
- School-to-Career
- Special Education Evaluation & Support (SEECs)

Analia explained that the mission of the ESD is to assist school districts in achieving educational goals by providing equitable, high-quality, cost-effective and locally responsive educational services.

Of the 330 ESD staff, a majority are therapists rather than teachers. Due to its size, Roseburg Public Schools encompasses about 41% of services provided by the ESD. In addition to academics, the ESD provides free parenting education. Students both in-district and out-of-district are served in the Complex Needs Classroom at Fir Grove Elementary. The Horizons Program serves students at the former Rose School in partnership with DHS. Students are also served at the Juvenile Detention Center. Training is provided to adults working with children with suicidal ideations. An ODOT grant provides funding for children to learn how to safely operate a bicycle.

To better understand the district Local Service Plan, board members inquired about numbers of staff deployed in Roseburg Public Schools and asked for a breakdown in actual dollars spent for specific service line items in order to better evaluate the cost and related value of all services being received.

Nursing and School-to-Career services at RHS are contracted separately.

Brief overviews of Speech and Language Pathologists, Behavior Specialists and Autism consultants were shared. Superintendent Cordon confirmed the concern with having our district's allocation of one autism consultant service divided among three different staff.

RPS Board members emphasized that their burden of responsibility is to understand all services being provided and the need for assurance that RPS students are getting the most out of every dollar spent on their behalf.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION: With discussion concluded, Board Chair Cotton adjourned the Work Session at 7:17 p.m. and announced that after a brief recess, the Board would be convening in an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Fullerton IV Elementary School, located at 2560 W Bradford Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, and available by Zoom.

Executive Session

Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Chairman Cotton convened Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) at 7:20 p.m. All Board members were present. Superintendent Cordon and his Cabinet were present, along with Budget and Accounting Manager, Danielle Littlefield. Asst. Superintendent Michelle Knee was excused. The Board is conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: With discussion concluded, the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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