



**Meeting Minutes for Meeting on:  
January 8, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:**

Colleen Valley

Duane Taddei

Joe Tucker

Sherry Duerst-Higgins

Tammy Hodgkinson

Taylor Wilhour

Tina Murphy

**Student Representatives Present:**

Cain Calixto- Al Kennedy High

Victor Rodriguez, Laura Sisson & Hayes Valley- Cottage Grove High

**Call to Order and Flag Salute**

Board Chair Taylor Wilhour called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 6:02 pm.

**Student Oath of Office** - Laura Sisson and Hayes Valley

**Public Welcome**

Chairman Wilhour welcomed the public, read an introductory meeting statement and reviewed the Agenda.

**Consent Agenda (Action)**

1. 12-4 Draft Minutes
2. Policy BDDH Public Comment at Board Meetings
3. Out-of-State Trip- Al Kennedy High to Washington
4. Resolution 24-03 Budget Adjustment (Increase Appropriations)

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, with Board Member Taddei requesting that item 2 be discussed. Board Member Valley seconded the motion of items 1,3 and 4. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **Public Comment**

**Susan Lawn-** Spoke on her history in SLSD as a Parent and Volunteer and her thoughts on the curriculum and group formed in the community.

**Jennifer Powell-** Spoke on the culture of bullying in the community and South Lane SD. Letter Provided

**Melissa Lanham-** Spoke on censorship and inability to speak on a person employed – Venue.

**Feather Benstead-** Spoke on Teachers Union the past mandate during Covid –Venue.

**Sherry Yoss-** Spoke on her petition that she had started the reasoning and numbers she felt it would reach, ending with a plea to listen.

**Tawny Lowrey-** Spoke on South Lane SD memories, agreed with bullying behavior, and shared a personal experience.

## **Reports/Discussion**

*Click the link above to view all Representative Reports in detail.*

1. Student Representative Report- Cain Calixto with Al Kenney provided his report and updated the Board. Hayes Valley and Laura Sisson gave the Board a list of dates of events that will be coming up and shared the last video of Mane Events.
2. OSEA Representative Report- Stephanie Rogers submitted a written report.
3. SLEA Representative Report – Emily Quindry shared she hadn't had much presented to her~ it has been a positive interaction.

## **Administrative Reports/Discussion**

1. Superintendent Update – Dr. Curtis provided her report.
2. Finance Office Update- Ms. Gowing updated the Board July to December- report provided.
3. School Board Appreciation- Dr. Curtis read the School Board Proclamation and asked that all join in celebrating the Board and share their appreciation for their countless hours of volunteering.
4. South Lane Parks and Recreation District\* Term Compression- Assistant Superintendent McCasline provided a summary.

**5. Policy BDDH Public Comment- Moved from Consent Agenda**



After discussion, the Board decided after a vote to move this to a work session for a deeper discussion.

Vote: Yay (Murphy, Taddei, Tucker, Valley and Wilhour) Nay (Duerst-Higgins and Hodgkinson)

### **Business (Action Items)**

1. ELD- English Language Development Curriculum Adoption *Action*

Board Member Valley motioned to approve the ELD Curriculum Adoption, with Board Member Duerst-Higgins seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Early Literacy Success Grant *Action*

Board Member Hodgkinson motioned to approve the Early Literacy Success Grant as presented, with Board Member Valley seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Review Board Operating Agreement – Potential Action

Board Member Taddei stated he wanted to have the word (Will/Should) brought back and discussed he did it due to the comment that it would be a shame not to have it signed. Board Member Taddei motioned to approve the School Board and Superintendent Operating Agreements after changing the word from will to ‘Should’, with Board Member Valley seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Agreement was revised and signed by Board Members.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- **January 22, 2024 Board Work Session**
- February 5, 2024, Board Regular Session
- February 15, 2024 Parent/Community Event ‘Student Success’
- February 26, 2024, Board Special Session
- March 4, 2024, Board Regular Session

### **Board Committee and School Events Reports**

*Click the link above to view the Board of Directors Reports.*

Board member Murphy read a resignation letter, sharing that tonight would be her last Board Meeting due to her selling her home and moving to Eugene.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Wilhour adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm

Meeting minutes were prepared by Tonya Kerns, Secretary of the Board.

Taylor Wilhour, Board Chair

Dr. Yvonne Curtis, Superintendent