



**Meeting Minutes for Meeting on:  
February 5, 2024**

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**Board Members Present:**

Colleen Valley

Duane Taddei

Joe Tucker

Sherry Duerst-Higgins

Tammy Hodgkinson

Taylor Wilhour

**Student Representatives Present:**

Cain Calixto & Leland Whiterock- Al Kennedy High

Victor Rodriguez & Laura Sisson- Cottage Grove High

**Call to Order and Flag Salute**

Board Chair Taylor Wilhour called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 5:30 pm

**Public Welcome**

Chairman Wilhour welcomed the public and reviewed the Agenda.

**Consent Agenda (Action)**

1. 1-8 Draft Minutes
2. Policy BDDH Public Comment at Board Meetings

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, with Board Member Taddei requesting that item 2, Policy BDDH Public Comment at Board Meetings, be pulled out. Board member Valley seconded the motion to approve item 1, the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Wilhour shared that Policy BDDH will be moved to Business for a vote this evening.

**Public Comment**

**Evan Moses-Jones-** Spoke on Student Voice sharing clubs within the school and support of Superintendent Curtis and the positive work in the district.

**Bonnie Sono-** Spoke on civil rights.

**Reports/Discussion**

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

1. Student Representative Report –Al Kennedy provided their report
2. Cottage Grove High Students shared the Unity Advocate award, Winter Formal, and the upcoming Kills Monsters Drama – Report to follow.
3. OSEA Representative Report –Online Viewing Due to the length and importance of the meeting, she chose not to present.
4. SLEA Representative Report- Online Viewing Due to the length and importance of the meeting, she chose not to present.

### **Position 7 Board Member Interviews**

*Click the link above to view all interviews in detail*

### **Lane Education District Superintendent Scurto Assisted with the Process**

### **Chairman Wilhour Drew Names for number order of Interviews**

**Superintendent Scurto had Board Members Draw question numbers to ask applicants.**

1. **Susan Lawn**
2. **Joseph Lengele**
3. **Jeff Gowing**
4. **Angel Reeves**
5. **Brittney Stewart**

Superintendent Scurto gathered the Board Tally Sheets to count- there was one candidate with three (3) votes and three (3) with one vote each.

Sheets were given back for Board Members to choose their Top and a second.

Board Member Taddei motioned to postpone the decision to another meeting, wanting to review Policy BBE-AR Procedure for filling Board Vacancies' last paragraph.' Board Member Duerst-Higgins said you don't have to take the motion forward. Board Member Tucker gave a second to postpone another meeting, with Board Member Duerst-Higgins requesting a call for the question.

Question: To postpone the vote to another meeting?

Board Member Valley-No

Board Member Taddei-Yes

Board Member Tucker- No

Board Member Duerst-Higgins-No

Board Member Hodgkinson- No

Board Member Wilhour-No

Superintendent Scurto read the results from the 2nd round of votes.

Jeff Gowing had four (4) votes in round two (2).

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to appoint Jeff Gowing to Position 7 of the South Lane School Board, with Board Member Valley seconding the motion passed with Board Members Taddei and Tucker opposing.

**Chairman Wilhour called a 10 Minute Break.**



At reconvene, Chairman Wilhour asked to move the Lane Education District Local Service Plan up to allow Superintendent Scurto to leave. He thanked him for assisting us in the interview process. The Board Agreed

**Administrative Reports/Discussion**

1. Lane Education District, Local Service Plan- Tony Scurto-*Action*

Board Member Hodgkinson motioned to approve the Lane ESD Local Service Plan, with Board Member Duerst-Higgins seconding the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

1. Superintendent Update – Dr. Curtis provided her report
2. Finance Office Update: Ms. Gowing shared her department's work using a PowerPoint presentation, including a highlight of the payroll for the month and a tie-in to our district goals.
3. Contract Negotiations- Ms. Doland shared the process and calendar; they have just started this week.
4. Data Cycle & Graduation Rate- Mr. McCasline shared a PowerPoint highlighting our programs and services, including the data collection and cycles of gathering, as he wrapped up by stating why our Goals Matter.

**Business (Action Items)**

1. Oath of office- Position 7 Board Member Jeff Gowing
2. Policy BDDH Public Comment

Chairman Wilhour shared that this was first brought forward for a second read on December 4, 2023, with input from the Oregon School Board Association and brought up to date in the October 2021 Policy Update. The only edit as a South Lane school board was removing the multiple times same subject from the policy. Board Member Taddei brought concerns with Public Comment materials submitted before a meeting and not included in the meeting document. For Clarity to Board Member Taddei, Chairman Wilhour and Superintendent Curtis, along with the Board Secretary, shared all documents after a meeting posted- noted 'Public Comment' will be included in the Meetings' Additional Document' for the record. This has been standard practice.

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to approve Policy BDDH Public Comment, with Board Member Taddei seconding the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- February 26, 2024, Board Special Session
- March 4, 2024 Board Regular Session
- March 18, 2024 Board Executive Session
- April 8, 2024 Board Regular Session

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

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

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Wilhour adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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

**Date:**

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Taylor Wilhour, Board Chair

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Dr. Yvonne Curtis, Superintendent