

Meeting Minutes for Meeting on:
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February 7, 2022



Board Members Present:

- Colleen Valley
- Dustin Bengtson
- Gary Mort
- Jerry Settlemeyer
- Sherry Duerst-Higgins
- Tammy Hodgkinson
- Taylor Wilhour

Call to Order

Board Chair Dustin Bengtson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Public Welcome

Chairman Bengtson welcomed the virtual public and reviewed the Agenda.

- Add: Assistant Superintendent Report – Reports/Discussion
- Remove: OSEA Representative Report-Reports/Discussion

Consent Agenda (Action)

1. 1-10 Draft Minutes
2. Capital Projects using ESSER funds

Board Member Duerst-Higgins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Board Member Hodgkinson seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Public Comment- None Submitted

Reports/Discussion

1. Lane ESD Local Service Plan, Superintendent Tony Scurto *Action Item*
Mr. Scurto was introduced to the Board by Assistant Superintendent McCasline and is available to answer any questions. Board member Duerst-Higgins shared appreciation for the services made available through the plan for the 16 districts served..

Board Member Duerst-Higgins made a motion to approve the Lane ESD Local Service Plan with Board Member Mort seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Career Technical Education – CTE Team
Principal Herington from Cottage Grove High School started the Powerpoint presentation that gave an overview of what CTE is and offerings through South Lane SD Mr. Florez along with Ms. Baker-Rudicel and Principal Ketcher from Al Kennedy High School along with Principal Bechen from Lincoln Middle shared their classes and answered questions from the Board. With February being CTE Month it was a perfect showcase for our staff and offerings for our students. Board Member Duerst-Higgins on a final note asked how many students are involved in CTE programs by the time they reach High School. Principal Herington shared 60% of CGHS students are involved and Brandi Baker-Rudicel was able to state 75% participate in blended format at Al Kennedy High with 100% use in the GED program.
3. **Assistant Superintendent Report**
Mr. McCasline updated the Board on how the staff has been doing more with less as he acknowledged how all staff has taken on tasks often that are not their own. They are still hiring for Social-Emotional Supports, Floating EA's and are currently recruiting for Substitutes. Mr. McCasline also touched on the decline in attendance and how that changes the dynamics of a classroom- especially when it may not be the same students. Living through the pandemic and the changes of how we support staff and students is something we at the District are trying to support- we are aware of the challenges and we are trying to find ways to support each other.
4. SLEA Representative Report- Brandi- Baker Rudicel
Ms. Baker-Rudicel Started her time with an appreciation for having a Voice due to the need to be heard, she Spoke on the Pandemic and the Negative effect it has had on all staff "We do need to work together" to create a safe environment to heal from this. She ended her report stating she looks forward to working with the District and the board on ways to heal.

Administrative Reports/Discussion

1. 2020-2021 Audit Presentation, Kori Sarrett- Accuity LCC *Action Item*
Ms. Sarrett shared the audit findings that were found came before our current Business Manager and the Systems we currently have in place. These findings also are likely due to Covid and with working off-site along with new staffing and review with independent work our Auditors feel we will not see a finding of this nature again.

Board Member Settlemeyer made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Audit with Board Vice Chair Wilhour seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Federally Qualified Health Center Update
Mr. McCasline shared the planning committee meets every 4-6 weeks The Dental Clinic is in Phase 2 and will continue to operate as is until the funding is complete. Board Member Settlemeyer questioned if we would be seeing a FAQ to share the Opening. Mr. McCasline stated the Lane County Communications Coordinator and our students in our Electronic Communications Media class will work on that project. It was suggested to have Electronic and Printed by Board Member Settlemeyer.

3. Graduation and Drop our Rates

Mr. McCasline share a PowerPoint that explained our data.

4. Pension-Bond Discussion

Ms. Gowing reminded the board tonight is not a decision to approve simply to entertain moving forward in the bond process. Board Vice-Chair Wilhour asked how we were approached? Ms. Gowin shared that Carol Samuels contacted us to state several other School Districts and Governmental Agencies are looking into the bond – by doing so it saves money to join together. (8-9) for us to participate as a group.

Board Member Settlemeyer made a motion to move forward in pursuing a Pension Obligation Bond with Carol Samuels with Board Member Duerst-Higgins seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Business (Action Items)

1. Budget Committee Application Discussion/Approval – Jake Boone *Action Item*

Board Member Mort made a motion to approve the Budget Committee Application Board Member Taylor Wilhour seconding the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Upcoming Dates

- March 14, 2022, Board Executive Session 5:30 p.m.
- March 21-25, 2022, Spring Break
- April 4, 2022, Board Work Session 5:30 p.m.
- April 18, 2022, Board /Budget Committee Special Session 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Chair Bengtson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Regular Session meeting minutes were prepared by Tonya Kerns, Board Secretary.

Date:

Dustin Bengtson, Board Chair

Dr. Yvonne Curtis, Superintendent