

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting & Work 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, Vice Chair
Keith Cubic
Steve Hammerson
Ann Krimetz
Michael Leone
Andrea Miner, Chair
Andrew Shirtcliff



Administration:

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent
Michelle Knee, Assistant Superintendent
Cheryl Northam, Director of Finance and Operations
Melissa Roberts, Director of Student Services
Dr. Jill Weber, Director of Teaching and Learning



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A regular meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Office board room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, in person and available via Zoom link, followed by a Board Work Session.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Madam Chair Andrea Miner called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked Director Andrew Shirtcliff to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked audience members to silence their cell phones and advised that Board meetings are recorded for future viewing.

ATTENDANCE: Board members and Cabinet members attended in person.

REVIEW OF AGENDA / COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Cordon welcomed everyone attending in person, as well as those who were joining the meeting remotely. He announced that since initial publication, two new hires have been added to Item No. 1, Approval of recommendations for employment.

APPROVE PENDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Knee, announced the recommendations for employment included the following:

District Safety Coordinator:

 Mr. Jeff Eichenbusch

Licensed Hires:

Green Elementary School

 Heather Kehoe, First Grade Teacher

 Kayla Luther, Learning Resource Center Teacher

Director Andrew Shirtcliff moved to approve the proposed recommendations for employment. Director Steve Hammerson seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Cotton shared his understanding that we were fortunate to have incredible candidates for the District Safety Coordinator position, and the selection of Mr. Eichenbusch is, in his opinion, a home run hire. Kudos to everyone involved. Director Steve Hammerson concurred, adding that Jeff's resume is incredible and he is also a fellow criminal justice western graduate.

M6-13 Approved recommendations for employment

NOMINATIONS FOR OSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGIONAL MEMBERS

Board Chair Andrea Miner notified the Board of the opportunity to be considered for nomination to become a regional member of the OSBA Board of Directors for a two-year term. Nominations from school districts must be submitted to OSBA no later than the September 27, 2024 deadline.

Vice-Chair, Rodney D. Cotton, motioned to nominate Director Steve Hammerson for position No. 9 of the Douglas / South Coast Region of the OSBA Board of Directors. Director Michael Leone seconded, and the Motion carried with Director Hammerson abstaining. Our nomination will be forwarded to OSBA Elections.

M6-14 Approved the nomination of Director Steve Hammerson as a candidate for Position No. 9, Douglas / South Coast Region of the OSBA Board of Directors

BUILDING AND SITES COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Rodney D. Cotton provided a summary of yesterday's Building & Sites Committee Meeting that was basically a review of the proposed properties that have become available behind the high school. They are now coming to the board with a recommendation to consider purchase of the two properties.

APPROVE PROPERTY PURCHASE

Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, confirmed that two property owners recently presented the district with an opportunity to purchase their properties located behind Roseburg High School. The purchase of 364 W Selmar Court has an asking price of \$300,000 and 642 W. Finlay has an asking price of \$499,000. If the district were to purchase those properties, it would then own 22 of 23 houses and lots behind Roseburg High School, leaving one to be purchased in the future. The expense would be charged to the property rental fund. The board will be asked to approve an appropriation adjustment at the end of the school year.

Director Steve Hammerson moved to purchase the property known as 364 W. Selmar Court for \$300,000 and 642 W. Finlay for \$499,000 as proposed. Vice-Chair Rodney Cotton seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M6-15 Approved the purchase of 364 W. Selmar Court for a purchase price of \$300,000 and 642 W. Finlay for a purchase price of \$499,000

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janay Trimble of 14566 N. Umpqua Hwy, addressed the Board as Chapter Chair of the Oregon Moms for Liberty, a non-profit, non-partisan parents’ rights group. She wanted to inform the board of an as yet undated injunction intended to allow schools to not be held responsible for Title IX complaints if their school is included on the list of schools exempted from Title IX changes that became effective August 1st. Janay reported that 22 schools are included in the injunction.

ADJOURNMENT: With regular business before the Board concluded, Chair Miner indicated that with no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m., after wishing Director Krimetz a belated happy birthday! Director Andrew Shirtcliff was unable to remain for the Board Work Session and departed at the conclusion of the brief regular meeting.

BOARD WORK SESSION

Board members were provided dinner immediately following the regular meeting, and at 4:50 p.m. departed for a tour of district properties led by Physical Plant Manager, Tracy Grauf and Superintendent Jared Cordon. As noted earlier, Director Shirtcliff was unable to attend the tour. Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, Teaching and Learning Director, Dr. Jill Weber, Communications Coordinator, Chelsea Duncan, and Board Executive Assistant, Janet Kischel, also attended.

Destinations included:

- Vacant property at Charter Oaks
- Viewed location of the Hucrest Elementary School Restroom Facility construction project
- Vacant property behind Fremont Middle School
- Vacant property on Rolling Hills Drive
- Site of Roseburg Virtual School / Horizons Program located at the former Rose School
- Vacant property on Vine Street
- Viewed extensive construction progress at Winchester Elementary School
- Viewed entrance to vacant property between the Jackson Ranch and UCC
- RHS field to view the recently completed lighting upgrade to improve student/athlete safety

The Work Session / Field Trip concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent

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Next Meeting: School Board Regular Meeting, September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Fullerton IV Elementary School – 2560 W Bradford Court, Roseburg, Oregon and available via Zoom.