

ROSEBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Special Meeting
Central Office Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon 97471
Available via Zoom

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May 20, 2024

Board Members:

Rodney D. Cotton, Chair
Steve Hammerson
Vacant
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 SPECIAL MEETING

TIME/PLACE: A special meeting of the Douglas County School District No. 4 Board of Directors was convened on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the central office board room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive, Roseburg, Oregon, in person and available via Zoom link.

ATTENDANCE: Board members attended in person, with Director Shirtcliff in communication with Supt. Cordon as he was with a family member at the local hospital. No media representatives announced themselves.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board Chair, Rodney D. Cotton, called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and invited Director Andrea Miner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Cotton also advised that Board meetings are recorded for future viewing and all cell phones should be silenced.

Chair Cotton announced that there are two action items for consideration this evening.

1. Appoint a new Vice-Chair to serve through June 30, 2024
2. Select a successor director to fill Board Position No. 3 through June 30, 2025.

Review the Process: The Board accepted Reverend Howard Johnson's resignation on May 8th. On May 9th the vacancy was announced and posted. Potential candidates were provided the opportunity to apply for consideration beginning May 9th through 4:00 p.m. May 16th. Three candidates responded within the application window, and we will meet them this evening. Board members will then select one candidate from their individual ballot and votes will be tallied. Once a majority is achieved, Janet will announce the successful candidate and ask Chair Cotton to request a confirmation vote from the Board.

REVIEW OF AGENDA / COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Cordon noted that there were no changes to the agenda since publication on May 17th. Director Shirtcliff was attending via cell phone as he was with family at the local hospital.

APPOINT A SUCCESSOR VICE-CHAIR TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY REV. HOWARD JOHNSON’S RESIGNATION, TO SERVE THROUGH THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (JUNE 30, 2024).

Chairman Rodney asked for a nomination to fill the vacant position of Vice Chair through June 30, 2024.

Director Steve Hammerson moved to nominate Director Andrea Miner to fill the Vice-Chair vacancy until June 30, 2024. Director Ann Krimetz seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M5-64 Approved Director Andrea Miner to fill the Vice Chair position vacancy through June 30, 2024.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD POSITION NO. 3 (in order of application)

The Board spoke individually with candidates including Dr. Brandon Bishop, Rachele Mills, and Keith Cubic. Each candidate was invited to ask any questions of the board, and board members asked for confirmation that candidates had time available to serve not only on the board, but also on subcommittees.

Dr. Brandon Bishop participated via Zoom as he had a prior commitment at the hospital. He shared his prior experience serving on the school board, and that as a small business owner, is passionate about this community. He noted that the board has important, challenging decisions to make in the coming year, including needed capital improvements and maintenance needing to be done. He acknowledged that the district not succeeding in the last bond initiative was hard, but he continues to want to work hard and serve this community, and serving on the board is a great opportunity to do that. He confirmed that while he dislikes taxes as much as anyone, but also understands why a successful bond is essential to our schools and community.

Rachele Mills participated via Zoom, sharing that she moved here from Washington, looking for a new community. Currently a director of curriculum and scheduling at Umpqua Community College, she is interested in being a part of the community and helping holistically support all who live in this community. While she has no experience on a school board, she has two children attending schools within the district and would enjoy working on pathways for students K-12 to graduating from college. As a parent of children with special needs, she has experience in advocating to make sure they receive the resources that they need.

Keith Cubic reported that he is a native of Oregon, residing in the Fullerton IV neighborhood and his three children attended Roseburg Public Schools. Being retired after 48 years with Douglas County, he is quite familiar with this county, and our school facilities. He shared his personal commitment to positive results and being a role model for his family and living in a way to influence others. After serving on the board for 18 years, he took time away to focus on family. He has served on the district budget committee for many years, pursued continuing education in management and leadership, and remains active in scouting after 50 years. He also continues to officiate soccer at all levels.

RECESS: With interviews complete, the board took a recess at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

COMPLETION OF INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS

With introductions completed, board members completed individual ballots that were tallied by the Board’s assistant. Chair Cotton was informed that the board had reached a majority vote for candidate Cubic.

APPROVE CANDIDATE FOR BOARD POSITION NO. 3

Chairman Cotton confirmed that a majority vote had been reached and invited a Motion to confirm the selection of candidate Keith Cubic to serve in Board Position 3 for the remainder of the term due to expire June 30, 2025.

Director Steve Hammerson moved to approve candidate Keith Cubic to fill the remaining term of Board Position No. 3. Director Michael Leone seconded, and the Motion passed unanimously.

M5-65	Approved Mr. Keith Cubic to complete the term of Board Position No. 3 which will expire June 30, 2025
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Superintendent Cordon confirmed that this was a unanimous vote to move Keith Cubic forward as the newest member of the Board of Directors for RPS. He thanked all three candidates for their interest in serving on the school board, and encouraged them to explore other avenues, such as committees, in which to serve.

ADJOURNMENT: With special business before the Board concluded, and with no objections, Chair Cotton adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will take place on May 22nd at Green Elementary School.

Jared P. Cordon, Superintendent
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Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – May 22, 2024, at Green Elementary School, located at 4498 Carnes Road, Roseburg and available via Zoom.