

**Time & Location:**

The October 9, 2024 regular Board Meeting was held in the Library at Winchester Elementary, 300 Page Road in Winchester, Oregon, and was also available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT  
JARED P. CORDON**

**Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Cordon reflected on the care, support and instruction provided at RPS, giving a shout out to RHS teacher, Sheri Carson, one of Oregon's Regional Teachers of the Year! Jo Lane MS students created anti-bullying videos for their peers; Roseburg FFA students helped at the 2nd annual Douglas County Farm Bureau's Ag Explorer Day for 4th graders around Douglas County, and five of our schools participated in "Reading Under the Lights" at Legion Field. During October, please join us in celebrating our RPS principals during National Principals Month!

We are proud that RPS students are above state average in many areas, while in some areas we have trended down. At RPS we have high expectations around student achievement, and will always be looking at best ways to support teachers, instructional staff and families for the betterment of our students. We are approaching the end of Oregon's 2023-2025 biennial budget cycle.

**Next Board Meeting:**

October 23, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Central office board room  
1419 NW Valley View Drive  
Roseburg, Oregon  
Zoom Link Available

Districts are dealing with an onslaught of legislated unfunded mandates that cost significant dollars. Our grants and funding sources are being reviewed through the lens of whether the programs & expenditures are moving our Strategic Plan forward. He shared W.E. Deming's quote, "A bad system will beat a good person every time."

Jared also thanked the board for leaning into the work of examining the facilities needs of our district as we move toward updating our Long-Range Facilities Plan, a requirement for any district to apply for and receive future OSCIM grant funding.

**Welcome to Winchester Elementary School—  
Home of the Wolves**

*Winchester students achieve social, emotional and academic growth through experiences of perseverance, collaboration, risk-taking and effort.*

**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Winchester Elementary School Principal Meghan Pirtle is in her third year serving as principal after having previously taught at the school. Student assessment numbers are being addressed through goals specific to literacy, math and path to graduation. The instructional staff are utilizing 5D, core review meetings, classrooms



are reading and writing every day, grade level data review & decision-making, supports for core and small group instruction, Math TDG coaching and Math Studios, teacher learning walks, etc.

We look forward to watching our Winchester Wolves progressing on their pathway to graduation!

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, including the Agenda; September 11 and 25 Board Minutes; Committee Minutes, Gifts to the District; Surplus Items and Personnel Actions:

**Licensed Hire Recommendations:**

- Roseburg High School—**
  - Andy Crocker, Science Teacher (long-term substitute); and
- Dept. of Student Services—**
  - Shelby Shaw, Home Instruction Teacher.

**Resignations:**

- Heather Kehoe, a Long-term substitute at Green Elementary School; and
- Diane Parker, retiring for PERS purposes, and will continue in her position for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

**RESOLUTION 24-25-9**

The School Board unanimously approved Resolution 24-25-9 designating Nov. 18-22, 2024 as American Education Week, and acknowledging that public schools are the backbone of democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality.

**STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION**

Director Ann Krimetz had the pleasure of presenting honorary certificates and McDonald's gift cards to each of the following outstanding students:

- Lily Bland, Roseburg High School Senior;**
- Kada Brown, Eighth Grade Student at Fremont Middle School;**
- Elizabeth Kwok, Eleventh Grade Student at Roseburg High School; and**
- Zachariah Scheib, Fifth Grade Student at Winchester Elementary School.**

Board Chair Andrea Miner was honored to present Crystal Apple Awards to these staff members:

- Jessica Grubbs, an Instructional Assistant at Winchester Elementary School; and**
- Ashley Marshall, a Second Grade Teacher at Winchester Elementary School.**

**DIVISION 22 STANDARDS**

Asst. Superintendent Michelle Knee presented the 2023-24 Division 22 Assurance Report as required of all Oregon school districts. Roseburg Public Schools is in full compliance with the 50+ standards adopted by the State Board of Education and set out in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 581 Division 22. Mrs. Knee also explained the new rules for 2023-24 as well as rule revisions and existing waivers.

**Student Leadership Report**

RHS Leadership students Sylvia Eckman and Spencer Bingham shared activities at RHS, such as sports, a College Fair, ASVAB and PSAT tests next week, and preparations for Homecoming "Miami Nights". "Lunch with Mr. Vickery" is a chance for students to meet with Principal Vickery.

| Student Enrollment<br>09/30/2024 | 2024        | 2023        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Elementary                       | 2547        | 2584        |
| Middle School                    | 1275        | 1253        |
| High School                      | 1588        | 1669        |
| Phoenix Charter                  | 154         | 160         |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>5564</b> | <b>5666</b> |

**School Board:**

- Andrea Miner, Chair
- Rodney D. Cotton, V Chair
- Keith Cubic, Director
- Steve Hammerson, Director
- Ann Krimetz, Director
- Michael Leone, Director
- Andrew Shirtcliff, Director