

Time & Location:

A regular Board Meeting was held December 11, 2024 at Green Elementary School, 4498 Carnes Rd. in Roseburg, Oregon, available via Zoom and followed by an Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(i)



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Cordon extended gratitude to Nutrition Services staff for providing special Thanksgiving meals for students district-wide. 1,100 RHS students welcomed 17 Vietnam veterans who shared their personal stories and experiences. Melrose students marked November's Native American Heritage Month by creating "button blankets", traditionally used as ceremonial robes. RHS Team Leo placed first and Team Scorpio placed third in the Southern Oregon Area Robotics League Meet. School Resource Officer supports continue to be a priority with the addition of two Douglas County Sheriff's deputies, allowing security planning and trainings to take place. Our Board has lead the process of creating a plan to address infrastructure and building needs to maintain our commitment to the long-term success of our district and community. Jared shared Gov. Kotek's proposed budget that will become the starting point for budget conversations with Legislators as districts grapple with a sudden escalation in PERS costs.

Welcome to Green Elementary School—Home of the Dragons!!

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Next Board Meeting:

January 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Eastwood Elementary School
2550 SE Waldon Avenue
Roseburg, Oregon
Zoom Link available

Green School Principal, Tammy Rasmussen, shared the school's vision for student learning: "All Green students feel safe and valued and have the ability to learn. They can thrive with high expectations and compassion that will lead to a positive, resilient and engaged learner." Principal Rasmussen outlined the increases so far this year in the areas of Literacy, Math, and Path to Graduation, along with the associated goals within those areas to support continued student achievement.

**STUDENT AND STAFF
RECOGNITION**

Director Keith Cubic was very pleased to present honorary certificates and McDonald's gift cards to the following outstanding students:

- * **Kalyna Rodriguez, Fifth Grade Student at Green Elementary;**
- * **Gideon Lander, Seventh Grade Student at Fremont Middle School; and**
- * **Briana Smith, Ninth Grade Student at Roseburg High School.**

Chair Andrea Miner had the distinct honor of presenting Crystal Apple Awards to these deserving staff members:

- ◆ **Lori Pederson, Instructional Assistant at Green Elementary School; and**
- ◆ **Ellie Wycaver, a Teacher in the Developmental Learning Center (DLC) at Green Elementary School.**

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

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

Licensed Hire Recommendation:

—Charroll Bailey, Math Teacher at Roseburg High School

Resignations / Retirements:

- Susan Valente, LRC Teacher at

RHS, resigning after one year effective Jan. 24, 2025; and

- Rachel Jackson, Language Arts Teacher at RHS, resigning for PERS retirement purposes and remaining in her current position for the 2024-2025 school year.

OSBA Resolutions

Oregon School Districts have been asked to consider three OSBA resolutions including increasing their Dues Schedule, changing the composition of their Board of Directors, and amending their By-Laws. The RPS Board was unanimous in their decision not to support those proposed resolutions.

PHOENIX CHARTER SCHOOL

Interim Executive Director Laurie Newton, Principal Corrie Bernard and Asst. Executive Director Hope Assink presented Attendance data (21% of students are attending more than 90% of their school days); and state assessment data in the areas of Science, ELA and Math. Student achievement levels were below state average in all areas.

Audited Financial Statements as prepared by KDP Certified Public Accountants, LLP

KDP Lead Auditor, Aria Bettinger, CPA and Partner, presented financial statements and the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and announced that there were no deficiencies or material weaknesses found, and that the district has again been awarded an "unmodified opinion" the highest level of assurance in financial reporting attainable.

Long-Range Facilities Report

Susan Miller of the Woolpert Group, shared her updated Long-Range Facilities Report specific to Roseburg Public Schools. Ms. Miller will assure that the Report is submitted to ODE within the required timeframe to preserve funding opportunities for RPS.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT AND RENEWAL OF BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICANTS & MEMBERS

Two highly qualified individuals, Mike Schofield & David Campos, expressed interest in serving the remaining term of the Budget Committee position vacated by Keith Cubic following his appointment to the School Board. The Board has selected Mr. Mike Schofield to serve out the term that expires June 30, 2025. Vice-Chair Rodney Cotton thanked both candidates, noting that each were extremely capable and we are grateful for their interest in volunteering at RPS. Budget Committee members whose terms expired this year had expressed willingness to continue to serve for another term. The Board unanimously approved both Micki Hall and Tom Nelson to additional three year terms.

Student Leadership Report

RHS leadership students Alivia Shirtcliff and Emma Rethwill reported that preparations are being made for Winter Week and a "Winter Wonderland" dance. A leadership conference was recently held in Grants Pass; the first club grant cycle is complete; basketball, swimming and wrestling are underway, and "A Christmas Carol" musical performances opened last week.

<i>Student Enrollment</i> 11/26/2024	2024	2023
Elementary	2550	2577
Middle School	1269	1238
High School	1556	1627
Phoenix Charter	150	179
Total	5525	5621

School Board:

- Andrea Miner, Chair
- Keith Cubic, Director
- Steve Hammerson, Director
- Ann Krimetz, Director
- Michael Leone, Director
- Andrew Shirtcliff, Director