



**Meeting Minutes for Meeting on:
September 9, 2024**

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Board Members Present:

Colleen Valley

Duane Taddei

Jeff Gowing

Joe Tucker

Sherry Duerst-Higgins

Tammy Hodgkinson

Taylor Wilhour

Student Representatives Present:

Victor Rodriguez - Cottage Grove High

Call to Order and Flag Salute

At 4:30 pm, Taylor Wilhour, the Chairman of the Board, welcomed the public, led the flag salute, and called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

The governing body may hold an executive session: To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed 192.660 (2)(h)

To Consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing. 192.660 (2)(b)

Chairman Wilhour reconvened the public meeting at 5:55 pm No Board action was taken during the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda (Action)

1. 6-10 Draft Minutes
2. 8-14 Draft Minutes
3. ~~Reclassification Request and Recommendation~~
4. Retirements, Resignations, New Hire, LOA



Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, with Board Member Valley seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

***HR Director Reta Doland removed item #3 on the afternoon of 9-9-24. The revised agenda was posted.**

Reports/Discussion

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1. Student Representative Report –Victor with Cottage Grove High gave the Board dates of upcoming events and shared that he would provide his document later.
2. OSEA Representative Report –Not present
3. SLEA Representative Report—Former SLEA President Emily Quindry introduced incoming President Angelina Kendoll, who shared enthusiasm for continued collaboration and the coming year.
4. Final Audit Presentation *Pauly Rogers joined the meeting to present the Final Audit.
Audit Open for Public Comment - None

Public Comment

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Johanna Zee- Spoke on Complaints.

Emily McDonald- Spoke about her payroll and taxes.

Christina Hussey- Spoke on parental rights.

Art Lancaster- Spoke on Politics.

Administrative Reports/Discussion

1. Fall Data Update
2. Superintendent Update – Superintendent McCasline provided his report.



Business (Action Items)

1. OR Learners Annual Report- *Action*

Board Member Hodgkinson motioned to approve the OR Learners Annual Report and accept the policies needed to implement, with Board Member Gowing seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Superintendent Goals & Timeline- *Action*

Board Member Valley motioned to approve the Superintendent Goals & Timeline, with Board Member Gowing seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Board Goals-*Action*

Board Member Taddei motioned to approve the Board Goals, with Board Member Gowing seconding the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion and Decision on June Complaint-*Action*

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned to reject the Investigative report as unfounded, with Board Member Hodgkinson seconding the motion. Concerns about the money spent on the investigation and the privacy of those interviewed were discussed. This resulted in a conversation about lessons learned and expected to be conducted in the Board Roles and Responsibilities.

Board Member Gowing called for the question.

Chairman Wilhour restated the motion on the table from Board Member Duerst Higgins to reject the Investigative report as unfounded and take no action. The Motion does not carry with a 7-0 .

Board Member Gowing motioned to accept the Investigative Summary as presented, with Board Member Duerst-Higgins seconding the motion. The motions passed 6-1 with Board Vice Chair Valley opposed.



5. Discussion and Decision on August Complaints-*Action*

Board Member Duerst-Higgins motioned not to take any action on the August Complaints, with Board Member Gowing seconding the motion. A discussion of the Roles and Authorities of the Board was shared. Chairman Wilhour stated only the Public can recall or initiate a recall of a Board Member stating this was reaffirmed by our Attorney in a given statement that Board members have no power to remove an elected or duly appointed school board member; that has to be done by a recall petition filed with the county elections office and then an affirmative vote of the people to recall that board member. Again, this aligns with the Board's current policy. Chairman Wilhour will communicate with the August complainants. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates

- September 23, 2024, Board Regular Session
- October 7, 2024, Board Regular Session
- October 21, 2024 Board Special Session

Board Committee and School Events Reports & Future Agenda Item Requests

Click the link above to view the Board of Directors' reports.

Adjournment

Chairman Wilhour adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Tonya Kerns, Secretary of the Board.

Taylor Wilhour, Board Chair

Brian McCasline, Interim Superintendent