

Time & Location:

A regular Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Eastwood Elementary School, 2550 SE Waldon Avenue in Roseburg, Oregon, available via Zoom



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Superintendent's Report

It's School Board Recognition Month! Roseburg Mayor Larry Rich presented a proclamation recognizing the critical role these volunteers have in leading their school districts and the students they serve. Thank you!

Jared celebrated the Care, Support & Instruction provided to students, highlighting our RHS Fine Arts students, Fir Grove students visiting the U of O's Museum of Natural History, and Fremont Middle School students building beds for children at Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Governor Kotek shared her proposed budget on December 2nd that, while supportive of education, districts will also be impacted by higher than expected increases in PERS costs — a \$4 million impact to RPS, due to growth in payroll and half of the expected return on investments by the state actuaries. Together with maintaining ending fund balances, the district will also continue to assess current programs along with staffing levels for efficiencies, as we assure that we continue our alignment with our district's Strategic Plan.

**Next Board Meeting:
A Work Session**

January 22, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Central Office Board Room
1419 NW Valley View Drive
Roseburg, Oregon

**Welcome to Eastwood Elementary School—
Home of the Steelheads!!**

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Eastwood Principal Jake Hughes shared the school's vision for student learning: "Eastwood will promote a culture of continuous and daily learning. Students will have access to an education that is visible and adaptable to meet the needs of all learners." Mr. Hughes presented recent data in the areas of Literacy, Math and Path to Graduation, their school goals along with specific plans to meet those goals.

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

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

- * **Suzayia Bates, Fifth Grade Student at Eastwood Elementary School;**
- * **Conner Berlier, Seventh Grade Student at Joseph Lane Middle School;**
- * **Ava Ash, Eleventh Grade Student at Roseburg High School; and**
- * **Ava Park, a Senior at Roseburg High School.**

RHS student, Zachary Williams, was unable to attend and will be acknowledged during the February 12th board meeting to be held at the high school.

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

- ◆ **Tamie Averett, Librarian at Eastwood Elementary, and**
- ◆ **Jann Boyter, Second Grade Teacher at Eastwood Elementary School.**

Our Nutrition Services' honoree, Sarah Richardson, was unable to attend and we will acknowledge her Crystal Apple award during the March 12th Board meeting to be held at Melrose Elementary School.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, including the Agenda; Board and Committee Minutes; Gifts to the District; Surplus Items and one Personnel Action as follows:

Administrator Recommendation:

—Danielle Littlefield, Director of Finance and Operations (effective July 1, 2025)

SWEARING IN OF NEW AND RENEWING BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Superintendent Jared Cordon formally swore in our newest Budget Committee member, Mr. Mike Schofield. Mr. Tom Nelson was duly sworn in as well for a new term on the committee. Mr. Nelson has served in this capacity over the past decade, and we appreciate his continued willingness to serve. Returning Budget Committee member Micki Hall will be sworn in at a future board meeting.

Adoption of the 2025 Budget Calendar

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2025 Budget Calendar as presented by the Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam in preparation for the 2025-26 budget process. The proposed calendar lists the first budget committee meeting as April 16, 2025. Budget Hearing and adoption are proposed for June 11, 2025, in time for the July deadline to file Form ED-50 with the Douglas County Assessor's Office in accordance with Oregon Budget Law.

PHOENIX CHARTER SCHOOL

Request for Adjustment of Statutory Timeline for Contract Renewal Submission

Roseburg Public Schools and Phoenix Charter School are currently in the final year of a five-year contract extension. Oregon State Statute requires charter schools to notify sponsor districts within 180 days of the end of a contract period if they intend to renew. Phoenix Charter failed to notify the district within the statutory time limit. After expressing their frustration with the situation, district Board members voted 4-3 approving an amended timeline for submission of the Phoenix letter of intent to renew.

Student Leadership Report

RHS leadership students Spencer Bingham and Ryne Wilson shared an enthusiastic report of activities at Roseburg High School. A celebratory Winter Week preceded the holiday break. A "Winter Wonderland" dance will take place Saturday. Both students and staff are being acknowledged through *Pride Shoutouts* to assure people are both seen and heard. Sports are in full swing and Finals are rapidly approaching!

Student Enrollment 12/20/2024

	2024	2023
Elementary	2545	2579
Middle School	1269	1237
High School	1552	1615
Phoenix Charter	149	176
Total	5515	5607

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