

Time & Location:

A Regular Board Meeting and Work Session were held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 in the central office board room, 1419 NW Valley View Drive in Roseburg, Oregon, available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

We continue to celebrate School Board Recognition Month throughout the month of January!

Roseburg High School Leadership students created hand-crafted personalized notecards to accompany a thoughtful and useful assortment of treats for each of our School Board members. Board Chair Andrea Miner expressed appreciation on behalf of the entire Board for this lovely gesture.

Thank you so much!



Next Board Meeting:
February 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Roseburg High School
Media Center
400 W Harvard Blvd.
Roseburg, Oregon
Available Via Zoom

BOARD ACTION ITEM

The School Board unanimously approved Purchasing Supervisor Denny Austin's recommendation to select S+B James Construction Company to complete the Hucrest and Melrose Elementary School Walk-In Freezer project. The successful bid response in the amount of \$373,000 includes the construction, electrical, mechanical, equipment, installation, testing and clean up components of the project as specified in the bid document.

BOARD WORK SESSION

**Umpqua Community College
Medical Pathways
Partnership—Capital Project
Opportunity**

UCC President, Dr. Rachel Pokrandt, provided insight into the upcoming capital project on the UCC campus, a building that will house UCC's welcome center, along with a proposed high-tech medical simulation lab space, exam rooms and flex space that would accommodate students striving toward careers in medical fields such as LPN, RN, CNA, phlebotomy, medical assisting, radiation technicians, surgical technicians, occupational therapy, etc. Dr. Pokrandt and her board, through their Strategic Plan, are striving to make a significant difference in a local workforce pipeline that creates opportunities for high earning wage jobs locally so students don't have to leave Roseburg.

UCC and RPS have already joined forces in creating career pathways for RHS students through the CTE/medical pathways program between the school and college that allows our students to simultaneously earn college credit while attending high school.

Roseburg Public Schools has an opportunity to be a part of the design and creation of a portion of this new building should they

decide to contribute funding for a dedicated space for our students.

Superintendent Cordon strongly emphasized that this is much more than simply a building, but is essentially a transformational opportunity for our Roseburg community to provide the mechanism to deliver the pathway for career opportunities for children. Anticipated costs of construction of the building are \$400/sf which is considerably less than what would be needed to construct a similar space on the RHS campus. Students having access to this new building will be honing their skills with the same high caliber equipment that they will be using as they ultimately transition to medical facilities such as Mercy Medical Center.

This capital project is now approaching the timeframe where architects and design teams need to know if RPS wishes to have a dedicated space in a portion of this new 24,000 sf high-tech building. RPS Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, and her team will explore various funding options that could make this venture a reality. The Board will receive more information about this potential opportunity at the February 12th School Board Meeting that will take place at Roseburg High School.

BUDGET 101—OVERVIEW

RPS Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Northam, presented a timely overview of school budget basics as we prepare for our upcoming budget process that begins with the first Budget Committee Meeting on April 16th.

Oregon statute requires school districts to pass annual budgets that allow for citizen involvement and public disclosure. Budget Committee members include RPS board members and seven budget committee members. The committee holds public meetings

to review and approve a budget that the Budget Officer proposes to the district Board of Directors for final approval, along with a maximum tax rate or amount for any fund imposing a property tax levy.

Budget deliberations for the upcoming budget year do not take place prior to the first budget committee meeting. Committees are allowed to receive training on budget processes, orientation on various departments and the budget document, and fund structure and types of activities or expenditures made from each fund. Current and prior year budgets may also be discussed.

Budget committees don't discuss estimates for revenue, expenditures, or appropriation amounts, or whether to fund specific programs or expenditures or whether to impose any specific tax levy or amount before the first budget meeting. A budget committee's role is not to establish or eliminate specific programs or services directly. The school district will prepare a balanced budget in accordance with the state standards and the Board of Directors.

Director Northam also shared "PERS Basics", sharing that when investment earnings fail to meet projected levels, employer contribution rates must increase. The latest actuarial valuation shows that PERS' funded status is 77.5% as of Dec. 31, 2023. And payroll growth in Oregon was more than 20% - nearly twice that of assumed rates. School districts, cities and counties are all bracing for these upcoming substantial cost increases.

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