

Time & Location:

A Board Meeting and Work Session were held at 1419 NW Valley View, Roseburg on Feb. 26, 2025, preceded by an Executive Session. The regular meeting/work session were available via Zoom.



**SUPERINTENDENT
JARED P. CORDON**

Communications Update

Communications Coordinator, Chelsea Duncan highlighted the communication platforms being utilized to increase parent and community engagement, and trust and support for our district by prioritizing transparent, timely and meaningful communications. Tools include our district website, RPS and RHS Facebook and Instagram. Newsletters include our Community Corner monthly newsletter, along with the Roseburg Inside bi-weekly staff newsletter. Feedback has been positive to the addition this year of ParentSquare that is enhancing how our schools connect with our student families. A Career Pathways webpage is under development to increase awareness of the career



*Green Elementary School
Student artwork*

Next Board Meeting:

March 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Melrose Elementary School
Multi-purpose Room
2960 Melrose Road
Roseburg, Oregon
Available Via Zoom

pathways being developed through partnership and integration between RPS and UCC. Information will be available specific to all career pathways, including extensive medical and the advanced manufacturing opportunities.

***Executive Session
pursuant to
ORS 192.660(2)(i)***

The School Board met in Executive Session to review Superintendent Cordon's Self-Reflection as part of the board/superintendent annual evaluation process.

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Board Chair Andrea Miner convened a regular session and the Board of Education then voted unanimously to extend Superintendent Jared Cordon's contract for one additional year.

Chair Miner shared the following statement:

"Superintendent Cordon continues to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to our students and community, bringing a deep knowledge of instruction, leadership and innovation to our district while constantly advocating on behalf of our students."

Passionate about what happens to our students after graduation, he is continuing to grow our Career Technical Education (CTE) to cutting edge levels and works tirelessly with Umpqua Community College and local industries to provide students with hands-on learning experiences and direct connections to high-demand, high-wage careers in fields including advanced

manufacturing and healthcare.

Chair Miner shared a previous statement made by Vice-Chair Rodney D. Cotton: "Superintendent Cordon's vision, dedication and tireless work have propelled our district forward, setting a standard of excellence benefiting not just our students, but our community as a whole. His abilities to lead with humility, focus on collaboration, and drive for continuous improvement are exactly what our district needs to navigate the challenges of today's educational landscape."

BOARD WORK SESSION

**Umpqua Community College
Dr. Rachel Pokrandt**

RPS and UCC Partnership
and Integration

- Economic outcomes for the region
- Economic outcomes for families
- Community Health and Wellbeing

UCC President, Dr. Rachel Pokrandt, provided valuable insight into earnings and unemployment rates according to educational attainment, alongside related unemployment data within those areas.

She also identified cumulative career earnings by education level, illustrating the vast difference in earnings potential from less than high school education—to professional levels. An interesting graphic including the thru-line from the various educations resulting in access to family-wage jobs.

In school year 2023-24, students enrolled in dual credit classes through UCC saved \$612,666 in



tuition costs, while so far in school year 2024-25, students have saved \$478,577 in tuition costs to date.

Rachel shared current needs of this community such as:

- Identification as a Health Care Professional shortage Area (HSPA) indicating that we are underserved in medical, dental, mental health and primary care.
- Strained hospital resources
- Dwindling access to care
- Increased workloads

Emphasizing the importance of our community partners, Rachel extended thanks to CHI Mercy Health, Umpqua Health, AVIVA Health, VA, Adapt, UCC and Roseburg Public Schools.

**LOCAL SERVICE PLAN
2025-26—Douglas ESD**

Douglas ESD Superintendent Analicia Nicholson expressed her gratitude for the partnership between DESD and RPS. The ESD's mission to emphasize continued growth and services will require stronger collaboration between our organizations. She and Supt. Cordon meet regularly to discuss strategies to meet the needs of kids being served within Roseburg Public Schools. The success of the unique Horizons Program is an example of the two organizations working together.

School Board:

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Rodney D. Cotton, V Chair
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