

Minutes in Brief**SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING, MAY 17, 2017****Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in the downstairs conference room of the ESD's Medford office located at 101 North Grape Street, Medford, Oregon. At 6:03 p.m. Chair Wendle called the meeting to order at which time she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Board members in attendance were Christine Norton-Cotts, Lori Goodman-Vogel, Doug McKinley, and DonnaJean Wendle. Jamie Jennings attended via video conference from Klamath Community College.

Members Greg Applen, Jim Harrington, and Dave Jensen were not in attendance.

SOESD staff in attendance were Jessica Bach, Melia Biedscheid, Howard George, Kim Hosford, Susan Peck, and Scott Beveridge, superintendent/clerk.

Guests in attendance were Toni Webb and Dean Wendle.

Comments from the Associations

Melia Biedscheid, addressed the Board on behalf of the SOESD Licensed Association, and shared her hope that momentum would continue moving forward during contract negotiations in order to reach a settlement before the end of the school year.

Requests to Address Agenda Items

There were no requests to address agenda items.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member McKinley, seconded by Member Goodman-Vogel, and passed unanimously to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2017
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2017

Communications

Superintendent's Meeting Schedule for the months of May, June, and July 2017. Superintendent Beveridge briefly reviewed his meeting schedule and noted the following activities:

- May 1 and June 20: Superintendent Beveridge will provide the welcome message for two large professional development events brought to the region by SOESD's School Improvement

Program

- May 11, 2017: Superintendent Beveridge met with Todd Bull, of School Innovations and Achievement, to discuss consortium pricing of Attention2Attendance, a tool to support attendance in the region.
- May 24, 2017: The superintendent will visit preschools with staff from the Child Care Resource Network.
- May 25, 2017: Superintendent Beveridge will hike Table Rock with students and staff from the Program for Vision Impaired.
- June 2, 2017: Superintendent Beveridge will join the PDHH staff and students in the Second Annual Deaf Olympics.

Business Affairs

A. Bonds for Clerk and Deputy Clerk

The annual renewal of bonds for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk is approaching. Business Manager George requested the Board determine the bond amount at \$50,000 for each, the same amount as last year. It was moved by Member Harrington, seconded by Member McKinley, and carried unanimously to approve the bond amount for Clerk and Deputy Clerk at \$50,000 each for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

B. Southern Oregon ESD 2016-2017 Resolution #11

Business Manager George explained that Resolution #11 puts in place supplemental budget changes for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The need for this change to the general fund budget is the result of increased funding received from the State School Fund for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 fiscal years. It was moved by Member Harrington to approve Southern Oregon ESD 2016-2017 Resolution #11. The motion was seconded by Member Norton-Cotts and passed unanimously by the board.

Administration

A. 2017-2018 OAESD Dues

The OAESD annual membership dues for fiscal year 2017-2018 were reported to be \$9,000, which is the same as the current year. Administration recommended continuation of SOESD's membership for 2017-2018. It was moved by Member Goodman-Vogel, and seconded by Member Norton-Cotts, to approve 2017-2018 OAESD membership in the amount of \$9,000. The motion passed unanimously by board action.

B. Proposed 2017-2018 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule for 2017-2018 was presented for approval. It was moved by Member McKinley, seconded by Member Norton-Cotts, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed 2017-2018 SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule.

C. Legislative and Education Update

The region's superintendents continue to meet by phone every other Thursday morning with state legislators to discuss the impact of proposed legislation on education. Superintendent Beveridge

reported that recent discussions have been focused around budget, the personal kicker, and the corporate kicker. SB 183, which directs the Department of Education to establish an Early Indicator and Intervention System, has passed the Senate Education Committee and is under review by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

D. Status of Business Manager and Human Resources Manager Searches

The search process to fill the Business Manager and Human Resources Manager positions continues. Mr. Beveridge reported that an interview team has been formed to review applications and select candidates.

E. Services to Grants Pass School District, 2017-2018

Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on his discussions with Superintendent Kirk Kolb of the Grants Pass School District, regarding options for the district to buy-back SOESD services in 2017-2018. Superintendent Beveridge noted he had provided Superintendent Kolb with the 2017-2018 menu of services on May 17, 2017 two days earlier than last year, when he had provided the 2016-2017 menu to GPSD Superintendent Higgins on May 19, 2016 and simultaneously started discussions with Mr. Higgins around inequities resulting from GPSD's involvement in services they were not purchasing. Mr. Beveridge indicated he followed up with Superintendent Kolb on October 6 and 7, 2016 regarding those topics, and met with Mr. Kolb and GPSD Business Director Ely in November 2016 to continue that discussion as well as the appropriate application of the established service fee across various program areas. Mr. Beveridge shared that after a subsequent cost-benefit analysis, GPSD agreed to purchase School Improvement Services this year for the first time since 2014. Mr. Beveridge also shared that as part of the formation of the Local Service Plan, he had provided superintendents in January 2017 with a very detailed estimate of cost shifts in various program areas for 2017-2018.

Mr. Beveridge then reviewed the history of discussions held with the region's superintendents to determine whether a buy-back plan would be made available to districts choosing to withdraw from SOESD. In their January meeting, the superintendents recommended that any new district opting to withdraw from the ESD would not be offered a model to buy-back services, and that Grants Pass School District would not be offered a buy-back model after July 1, 2018. At that point it had not been determined what the buy-back model would be. In February, the region's superintendents discussed that equity in the region could be maintained by offering Grants Pass School District a buy-back model which mirrored the services provided other districts in SOESD's 2017-2018 Local Service Plan. Mr. Beveridge noted that, in follow-up conversations he had with a

number of superintendents, it was clear some left the February meeting understanding that the only option that would be offered to Grants Pass School District would be to buy back all of the planned core services. Others left with the understanding that, for one additional year, Grants Pass School District would be provided a menu of services from which to choose. Mr. Beveridge reported that there was now consensus among the superintendents present at the last superintendents meeting, representing 2/3 of the districts with 50% of the student ADM, to allow Grants Pass School District to select and purchase services from a menu for one more year.

Superintendent Beveridge distributed a document titled “SOESD 2017-2018 Draft Buy-Back Comparison Cost Estimates” for the Board’s review. The Board also reviewed the motions that had been passed regarding buy-back of services during the January 18, 2017 and February 15, 2017 board meetings. It was agreed that the motions did not need to be amended and SOESD would move forward with providing a menu for 2017-2018 to Grants Pass School District, with the understanding that the school district will purchase the areas of service it chooses.

Miscellaneous

- A. Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting – The SOESD budget hearing and regular meeting of the SOESD Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m., SOESD’s Medford Office.
- B. 2017 OSBA Summer Camp for School Boards – July 14-16, 2017 at the Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon. Board members interested in attending were requested to inform Jessica Bach as soon as possible.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Wendle adjourned this meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:11 p.m.

DonnaJean Wendle, Chair

**Scott Beveridge
Superintendent**