

Minutes in Brief **SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

Call to Order A special telephonic meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held Friday, September 2, 2016 in the Downstairs Conference Room of the ESD's Medford office located at 101 North Grape Street, Medford, Oregon. At 11:33 a.m., Chair Wendle called the meeting to order.

Attendance Board members attending via telephonic conference were Lori Goodman-Vogel, Doug McKinley, Dave Jensen, Christine Norton-Cotts, DonnaJean Wendle, and Paul Yates.

Board members Greg Applen, Jim Harrington, and Jamie Jennings were not in attendance.

Attending in person from the SOESD staff were Jessica Bach, Howard George, and Scott Beveridge, superintendent/clerk.

Administration Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (SOELS) Hub has been awarded \$1,977,213.00 by the Oregon Department of Education's Early Learning Division (ELD) to coordinate with existing early learning providers in Jackson and Josephine Counties to offer 180 free preschool opportunities to families whose incomes are at or above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The goal is to reach children whose families do not qualify for other subsidized preschool opportunities and whose low incomes prevent them from being able to pay for preschool out of their own pockets. These preschool programs are required to operate from September through June, in alignment with the school year, providing 900 hours of classroom time.

The ELD is finalizing the exact amounts for operating expenses for Preschool Promise. The contract amounts will be brought to the Board at a future meeting once the final award numbers are received from the ELD.

Until those final contract amounts are determined, the Early Learning Division has awarded an additional \$308,418 to SOELS to be distributed immediately to preschool providers for identified startup expenses. Two of the contract awards are over \$50,000, requiring board approval to release the funds to the subcontractors shown in the table below.

Preschool Promise Subcontractor	Startup Award
Southern Oregon Child and Family Council (Head Start)	\$125,000
Kid Time! Discovery Experience	\$ 75,000

The Board discussed the requirement for families to be at or above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and suggested the criteria be raised to include a broader range of students in poverty. Superintendent Beveridge will share the Board's input regarding the poverty level with René Brandon, SOELS Early Learning Hub Director.

After discussion it was moved by Member McKinley to approve the release of Preschool Promise Grant start-up funds to Southern Oregon Child and Family Council and to Kid Time! Discovery Experience as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Norton-Cotts and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Wendle adjourned this special telephonic meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 11:44 a.m.



Chair, SOESD Board of Directors

Scott Beveridge
Superintendent/Clerk