

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the SOESD’s administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, read the SOESD land acknowledgement, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Wright noted the upcoming Memorial Day holiday as a day of remembrance to honor those who have died while serving in the United States military.

Attendance Board members in attendance: Board members absent:
Rosie Converse Mary Middleton
Jessie Hecocta Corbin Morell
Ana Mannenbach Maud Powell
Robert Moore
Annie Valtierra-Sanchez
Justin Wright

SOESD staff members in attendance:
Mark Angle-Hobson Patty Michiels
Jessica Bach Amy Szeliga
Scott Beveridge Daniel Weaver
Kylee Harrison

Comments from Representatives of the Associations Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association, expressed her thanks for ongoing communication with administration and noted that one more labor-management meeting was scheduled before the school year’s end.

No representatives from the classified association were in attendance.

Requests to Address Agenda Items There were no requests to address agenda items.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda consisted of the following items:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
C. Personnel Report
Superintendent Beveridge noted an addition to the Personnel Report that was received after the board packet was published.
Administration recommended approving a request received from Samantha Padilla De Dios for an at-home leave of absence for the period June 17, 2024 through June 24, 2024.
D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve the consent agenda with the adjustments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Communications

- A. Board Member Reports
Members Moore and Valtierra-Sanchez reported on key takeaways from the OAESD Spring Conference held at Sunriver Resort, May 8-10, 2024. Both reported receiving valuable information from the conference sessions, and they encouraged other board members to attend next year's conference if schedules permit.
- B. SOESD Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Beveridge reported that he had attended the OAESD Spring Conference along with Members Moore and Valtierra-Sanchez. He noted joining a very informative session presented by Jessie DuBose, SOESD's Klamath Promise Program Manager.

The superintendent reported that work continues to reach an insurance settlement with PACE for the reconstruction of SOESD's Phoenix Campus that was destroyed in the Almeda Wildfire on September 8, 2020. Mr. Beveridge noted that the topic would be discussed in more detail later in the agenda.

SOESD sponsored a small group of technology education leaders from Southern Oregon, along with Superintendent Beveridge, to attend the AI Empowered EDU conference held on May 14, 2024 at Portland State University. Superintendent Beveridge reported that he is facilitating regional supports for districts on using AI to support students and learning outcomes.

Superintendent Beveridge extended an invitation to board members to join him and staff during several fun SOESD hosted end-of-school-year events celebrating the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.

Administration

- A. Proposed 2024-2025 SOESD Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
The proposed SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2024-2025 was presented for approval.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:
Approve the proposed 2024-2025 SOESD Board of Directors meeting schedule as presented.
MOTION CARRIED 6-0
- B. Contract for Services with Playworks Education Energized
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Playworks Education Energized for a contract to support a tiered model of services for districts. Schools new to the process will have opportunities for initial training; schools that have been participating but have new staff or staff who need additional support will be able to participate in refresher training; and, for schools that are beyond this initial or mid-level support, opportunities will be available to have consultants on site to observe and offer individualized feedback and support. This contract also gives schools the opportunity to train upper-level students to take more leadership in playground activities and peer mediation. These services continue to be requested by component districts and were included in the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan as part of the 2024-2025 Local Service Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:

Approve entering into an agreement with Playworks Education Energized not to exceed \$185,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- C. Contract for Services with Research for Better Teaching
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Research for Better Teaching (RBT) for “Studying Skillful Teaching” to support a tiered model of services for districts. For districts who have not participated, entry level (Module 1a, which is a prerequisite for all other modules) will be offered. For districts already engaged, SOESD will expand the work by offering Module 4. For districts at the advanced level, individual consultation will be available to support implementation. These services continue to be requested by component districts and were included in the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan as part of the 2024-2025 Local Service Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE TO:

Approve entering into an agreement with Research for Better Teaching not to exceed \$144,458.00.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- D. Contract for Services with Scholastic, Inc.
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with Scholastic to continue the highly valued and expanding work of supporting districts with Family Engagement. The tiered model continues to offer entry-level opportunities for districts who haven't yet engaged in the process through school-wide Family Engagement Assessments and the initial Process Conditions professional learning, while expanding the work to offer consultative coaching and book studies for districts who have been partnering in this work as they continue to grow and expand at their pace and in alignment with the specific needs of their districts. These services continue to be requested by component districts and were in the SOESD Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan as part of the 2024-2025 Local Service Plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER CONVERSE TO:

Approve entering into an agreement with Scholastic at a cost not to exceed \$193,541.00.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- E. Contract for Services with Journalistic Learning Initiative
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement for continuing work with Journalistic Learning Initiative (JLI) to create Career Journeys videos and supplemental materials that introduce students to a diverse range of Oregon-based professionals and skills workers from all walks of life in an easily accessible and safe way. This extends the work already in process to include Team Oregon Build (TOB), which is an initiative to connect students, educators, and industry professionals in Oregon's construction and building trades. This is part of the Governor's work on housing and disaster preparedness. While this project has been a request by ODE for SOESD to assist with work that benefits students across the state, the TOB focus specifically benefits Southern Oregon as we continue to rebuild from the Almeda fire. The contract also includes a continuation of the buildout of the

Career Connected Learning (CCL) Resource Hub, a web-based platform that enables the client to manage a cohesive and branded online presence, communicate with one another, and engage with educators, parents, industry partners, and students.

Karla Clark, CCL/STE(A)M Program Manager, provided details and reported on the project's progress. Ms. Clark shared that more information is available on the project website at www.careerjourneys.org.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve entering into an agreement with Journalistic Learning Initiative in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

F. Update on Superintendent's Goals for 2023-2024

Superintendent Beveridge provided a PowerPoint presentation report on accomplishing his goals for 2023-2024 in four main areas of district priority and praised the great work of the SOESD team.

Goal 1: Implement 2023-24 Strategic Plan Initiatives

Goal 2: Unanimous approval of the 2024-25 Local Service Plan

Goal 3: Expand CTE support model/EPSP continue in SOCTEC

Goal 4: Increase feedback loops

Business Services

A. Bonds for Clerk and Deputy Clerk

The annual renewal of bonds for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk is approaching. This is an opportunity for the Board to determine if the bond amount set for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk is adequate. Administration recommended that the bonds for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk be renewed in the amount of \$50,000 each for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER HECOCTA TO:

Approve the bond amount for Clerk and Deputy Clerk at \$50,000 each for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

B. 2023-2024 SOESD Resolution 8: Appropriations Transfer

Resolution #8 authorizes a transfer of appropriations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO:

Approve 2023-2024 SOESD Resolution #8.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

C. SOESD Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Update

CFO Weaver and Superintendent Beveridge provided an update on reconstruction of the SOESD Phoenix Campus that was destroyed in the Alameda Wildfire on September 8, 2020. Mr. Weaver reported that SOESD's attorney has been in contact with the PACE Trust attorney, and a formal written response from PACE is expected imminently. It appears the parties are not at an impasse, and Mr. Weaver anticipates a meeting will be scheduled where each party's interests will be expressed with a goal for issues to be resolved, and resolution reached. Superintendent Beveridge stated that the SOESD is invested in this meeting happening quickly and resulting in clarity from PACE about the outcome.

Superintendent Beveridge stated his desire that the new building be completed with staff in it by next fall. In responding to the question of what the board can do to help, Mr. Beveridge said the board may be asked to gather in a special meeting before the next regular meeting to consider actions for moving forward with construction, expecting that PACE reimburse SOESD for costs incurred. The board's approval may be requested to extend leases being prepared for office space during the construction phase. The superintendent stated that pausing any longer for PACE was not considered acceptable.

Miscellaneous

- A. SOESD Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 19, 2024, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office
The board discussed rescheduling the June budget hearing and regular meeting to a date that does not fall on the Juneteenth holiday.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CONVERSE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Reschedule the SOESD budget hearing and regular meeting from June 19, 2024 to either June 18, 2024 or June 20, 2024, allowing administration to determine the date based on meeting requirements in statute.
MOTION CARRIED 6-0
FOLLOW UP: The SOESD Budget Hearing and Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the SOESD Administration Office.
- B. OSBA Summer Board Conference, August 9-11, 2024, Salem Convention Center
Board members interested in attending the OSBA summer conference are asked to inform the board secretary so that conference registration and lodging arrangements can be made.

Adjournment

Chair Wright adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:13 PM.