

Minutes in Brief SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024

**Open Session:
Roll Call** A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held in the downstairs conference room of the SOESD administration office in Medford and by video/audio conference on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Roll call was conducted, and a quorum of the board was confirmed.

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

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:
Ryan Aydelotte Gabe Gilham Liz Littleton
Jessica Bach Erin Greene Taryn Nugent
Scott Beveridge Kylee Harrison Amy Szeliga
Peter Buckley Brian Hungerford Andrea Townsend
Teresa Cisneros Charles Jordan Daniel Weaver
Stephanie Cossey

Executive Session At 6:12 PM, Chair Wright announced the board would convene in executive session pursuant to:
A. ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider records exempt by law from public inspection
B. ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

**Open Session:
Call to Order** At 6:43 PM, Chair Wright reconvened the board into open session. Chair Wright read an excerpt from the SOESD Land Acknowledgement and led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Comments from
Representatives of
the Association** Teresa Cisneros, president of the classified association, read a prepared statement regarding changes in Human Resources leadership, staffing, work environment, and district management.

Amy Szeliga, president of the licensed association expressed support for classified staff and the essential work they do. Ms. Szeliga noted that the association had established relationships through labor-management meetings and would continue building relationships through transition.

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: September 25, 2024, Regular Meeting
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Approve all items on the consent agenda.

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Communication

SOESD Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Beveridge's report included the following topics:

Building Updates

- The groundbreaking ceremony for the new SOESD Phoenix Campus was held on October 10, 2024. KOBI television featured a news story of the groundbreaking event. The original campus was destroyed in the Alameda wildfire on September 8, 2020.
- The Ramsey building remodel is underway in Grants Pass for SOESD's Early Childhood Services.
- The model for the Southern Oregon Regional Career Center was presented to superintendents this month, with a request for commitments from districts by November 1, 2024. Locating a building that the primary investor would be interested in purchasing and remodeling is moving forward. Administration may soon request the board's approval for a building lease or purchase.

Indigenous Peoples Day / Indian Education Program

The SOESD Indian Education Facilitators will participate in the upcoming annual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day at Southern Oregon University, supporting families and outreach for the Indian Education Program.

Migrant Education Program

The migrant preschool and regular school year grants have been approved. SOESD preschool specialists have held their first monthly parent-child preschool class to model play and learning activities with children not being served in other preschool settings.

Inclusive Preschool in Grants Pass School District

SOESD is partnering with Grants Pass School District to provide staffing for free inclusive preschool that benefits our shared students. The new preschool program will accommodate 36 children in the first year and bring together children with and without identified disabilities into one inclusive classroom.

Recovery High School

SOESD received grant funds from AllCare and Jackson Care Connect (Coordinated Care Organizations) to support substance use disorders with a plan for eventually opening a recovery high school in Southern Oregon.

- Administration**
- A. OSBA Annual Dues
The annual dues amount for OSBA 2024-2025 membership is \$3,111.75. This is the same amount as last fiscal year. Administration recommended continuing SOESD's membership for 2024-2025.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MOORE, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO:
Approve 2024-2025 OSBA membership in the amount of \$3,111.75.
MOTION CARRIED 8-0
 - B. Contract for Services with AMN Healthcare, Inc.
Administration requested board approval to enter into an agreement with AMN Healthcare Inc., to provide teletherapy school psychologist services during the 2024-2025 school year at a cost not to exceed \$146,800. Superintendent Beveridge noted that all efforts to advertise and fill this position through the employment process have been unsuccessful.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER POWELL TO:
Approve entering into an agreement with AMN Healthcare, Inc., not to exceed \$146,800.
MOTION CARRIED 8-0
- Business Services**
- 2025-2026 SOESD Budget Year Calendar
CFO Weaver presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget year calendar and provided an overview of the timeline.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE TO:
Approve the SOESD Budget Calendar for Budget Year 2025-2026.
MOTION CARRIED 8-0
- Miscellaneous**
- A. Next Regular Meeting: November 20, 2024, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office
 - B. OSBA Legislative Roadshow Regional Meeting: October 28, 2024, 6:00 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Business Meeting, Ashland Hills Hotel and Suites.
Superintendent Beveridge, Member Moore, and Member Valtierra-Sanchez plan to attend.
 - C. 2024 OAESD Board Summit: November 6, 2024, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. *Superintendent Beveridge, Member Valtierra-Sanchez, and Member Wright plan to attend.*
 - D. 2024 OSBA Annual Convention: Preconference, November 7, 2024; Main Conference, November 8-9, 2023. Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel.
- Adjournment**
- The regular meeting of the SOESD Board of Directors adjourned at 7:18 PM.