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AGENDA
BOARD MEETING
July 27, 2021

5 p.m. Executive Session (non-public session)

6 p.m. Work Session (public session)

Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97302. The board room will be open to the board, designated staff, and the public, with a capacity limit of 65.

Public Access: Electronic, Live-stream

English: <https://youtu.be/6HCnfAJmxAE>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/leAjhopezAU>

The meeting will also be broadcast on CC:Media, channel 21.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson
 - a. Board attendance

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Chairperson

The Board will meet in executive session under the following Oregon Revised Statutes:

 - a. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.
 - b. ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.
Representatives of the news media are allowed to attend executive sessions, except for those sessions held in regard to expulsions. All other audience members are excluded from executive sessions and are asked to exit the meeting area. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during executive sessions, except to state the general subject of the session as listed on the agenda. No recording of executive sessions is allowed without express permission from the board.

3. **RECONVENE 6 p.m.** Chairperson
 - a. Land Acknowledgement
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Modifications

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT: Work Session Items Only** Chairperson

The board will hear **one hour** of public comment on **work session items only** in person, by call-in, and by written submission. Each individual will be allowed up to three minutes, with an additional three minutes for translation to English, if needed. The link to sign up to give public comment opens when the agenda is posted on Friday, July 23, approximately at noon, and will close Monday, July 26, at noon. Please [click here](#) for directions and to sign up to comment. There will be a sign-up form in the board room, with those comments heard on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. **Signing up through the link is preferred for all forms of public comment (in-person, call-in, or written).**

The board will receive the written public comment prior to the board meeting and will hear a summary of the comment during the meeting. The summary and written comments will be posted on the website as supplemental material to the meeting the next business day.

5. **WORK SESSION**
 - a. *Public Comment Proposal for In-person Board Meetings Chairperson
 - b. *Fall Return-to-School Community Engagement Plans Superintendent

6. **ADJOURNMENT** Chairperson

*Support Material Included

PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSAL FOR IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS

Background/Discussion

As the school board returns to in-person meetings, the board of directors is committed to hearing from the public during board meetings through the public comment process.

On July 13, 2021, the school board heard a proposal on public comment for when the board returns to in-person meetings. The board discussed the proposal during the meeting. Board leadership took the feedback from the board, modified the proposal, and is accepting public comment regarding the proposal.

Recommendation/Board Action

No action is required on this item. After reviewing public comment, board leadership will make a decision on the process for public comment for the August board meeting. The public comment process will be posted on future agendas and the school board page of the district's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSAL FOR IN-PERSON BOARD MEETINGS

The board wants to hear broad input from the community related to board business and decisions, while at the same time effectively conduct board business. *The board is committed to allowing enough time in decision-making for the public to provide comment to the greatest extent possible. The board is also committed to finding ways outside the public comment process to engage the community.*

Toward these goals, public comment procedures will be as follows:

- Public comment will be open when the agenda is posted on the Friday before a board meeting and will close at 4 pm on Monday. The district will make every effort to post the agenda by noon on Friday, but no later than 5 p.m.
- 30 to 60 minutes total time for public comment; each speaker will be allowed two (or three) minutes and will be evenly divided between call-in and in-person public comments.
- At the discretion of the board chair, the chair may extend the time available in the meeting for public comment related to a specific topic.
- In-person and call-in comment must be specific to “action” and “reading” items listed on the agenda so the board hears input on these items ahead of decision-making.
- To be equitable and fair, people signing up to comment in person or by calling in will be selected from the categories* listed in the sign-up form and by order of sign-up.
- Those who are calling in will be provided a phone number to use to call in during the meeting.
- Signing up does not guarantee an opportunity to provide live public comment. (This is dependent on how many sign up, which categories, and total time constraints.)
- Written comment is welcome on other agenda items and non-agenda items of interest to the public.
- Written comment is limited to 2000 characters, which is about 250 words.
- Written comment will be provided to the board in advance of the meeting and summarized in the board room during the meeting.

*Categories include the following:

- Student
- Parent
- Individual Community Members (not part of a group)
- Group/Organization – (name group)
- District Staff
- On behalf of SKEA
- On behalf of ASKESP

FALL RETURN-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLANS

Background/Discussion

Salem-Keizer Public Schools is committed to the goal of five days of in-person instruction for all students in our district. SKPS has a well-established relationship through the SKPS District Health Authority with Polk and Marion County Public Health. Our district's safety practices were well established during the 2020-21 school year as we moved from limited in-person instruction to hybrid learning.

Oregon Department of Education Ready Schools Safe Learners Framework has moved from state requirements to advisory requirements, shifting the decision-making back to local school districts.

SKPS is planning a series of community engagements for returning to school in the 2021-22 school year and is seeking feedback on the return-to-school plan.

Recommendation/Board Action

No board action is required on this item. It is presented as a work session topic to gain public comment on the engagement plan and to allow the board to provide comment to the plan. District staff will bring the proposed plan and share themes from the community in the August Board meeting.

2021-22 RETURN TO SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION PLANS

PURPOSE: TO OFFER FAMILIES AND STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE ON OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANS

As plans are developed for return to school in the fall, SKPS is planning a series of family engagement sessions for the 2021-22 return-to-school year. We believe in prioritizing voice and input from our students and families. Our goal is to come back to five days of in-person instruction and to respond to our diverse needs while ensuring the safety and well-being of all students attending our schools.

Parent and student engagement efforts aim to inform district planning by understanding:

- How can SKPS support families in preparation for return to five-day-a-week in-person instruction?
- What concerns do families have about going back to school?
- What systems can the district implement to support students with transition to school this fall?
- What are the needs of our diverse population as we continue to lead with an equity lens?

Methods of Engagement and Timelines:

July 26 – August 11

- **Communications:** Announcement of engagement sessions, surveys, and two-way feedback opportunities. Using technology such as ParentSquare, which offers voice calls, email, and text messaging. Use of other social media platforms.
- **Superintendent Video:** Return-to-school engagement video from Superintendent Perry, translated to all languages supported.
- **Mailers:** Virtual event invitation to families.
- **Virtual meetings:** Engage with Superintendent Perry and/or leadership team, in a virtual setting, to gather feedback on what supports families need for the 2021-22 school year. We will provide sessions in English and for families whose first language is not English, (Marshallese, Arabic, Spanish, Chuukese, Swahili, and Russian).
 - Scheduled August 4 and 6, from 6 to 7 p.m.

PURPOSE: TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT FINAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANS

August 16 – September 10

- **Virtual Meetings:**
 - Elementary – Week of Aug. 16
 - Secondary – Week of Aug. 23
- **Communications Updates:** Ongoing updates and communication from schools to families about safety, learning, and well-being
- **Mailers:** Back-to-school family sessions
- **Superintendent Information Videos:** Timely updates and messages from Superintendent Perry
- **Resource Sheet:** FAQs on district and school websites