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MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2021

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

6 p.m. Business Session (public session)

*Board Members/Designated Staff only: Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97305
Currently, only board members and designated staff will be admitted to the board room; public access is online only.*

Public Access: Electronic, Live-stream

English: <https://youtu.be/DworhEHszE8>

Spanish: https://youtu.be/-K1eRS8_GPY

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION** 5 p.m.

The Board met 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)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions.

2. **RECONVENE/BUSINESS SESSION (PUBLIC)** 6 p.m.

Director Chandragiri noted the previous board executive session was called to order at 5 p.m., and that the executive session was noticed to the public Friday, April 9, by posting on the agenda and the website.

- a. Board Attendance
All board members were present.
- b. Land Acknowledgement
Director Blasi read a land acknowledgement, recognizing the Indigenous tribes and bands that have been apparent on the lands of the Willamette Valley, across Oregon, and throughout the Americas since time immemorial.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Agenda Modifications
Updated documents for items 3.a (spotlights) and 7.b (personnel actions) have been posted to the website.

3. **SPOTLIGHTS**

- a. Spotlights on Success
 - (1) Liberty House, Community Partner of the Month
 - (2) Mena Drakeley and Lillianne Benson, Students of the Month at McKay High School, Oregon FFA State Agricultural Sales Placement Finalists
 - (3) Eddy Binford-Ross, Student at South Salem High School, 2021 Oregon High School Journalist of the Year
 - (4) Eddy Binford-Ross and Veronica Flores, Students at South Salem High School, 2021 Coca-Cola Scholar Finalist and Semi-finalist
 - (5) Alec Palm, Student at West Salem High School, 75th Oregon Youth Governor (YMCA)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Director of Community Relations and Communications Sylvia McDaniel provided a summary of public comment submitted for the board meeting. All public comments and the written summary are posted to the district website.

5. REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry provided some quotes from students and teachers from their first days of hybrid learning. She then showed a video produced by North Salem High School, which has been shown nationwide.

Superintendent Perry provided a report on the Student Investment Account, including theory of action, SIA data outcomes, and recognized the work of the SIA advisory committee members and Sandie Price who leads the committee.

b. Reimagining School Discipline, Student Safety & Well-being Summit Process

Assistant Superintendent Iton Udosenata provided an update on the Reimagining School Discipline and Safety & Well-being Summit process. He provided information on multiple process, the desired outcome of nurturing safe and welcoming school environments, shifting our focus, prioritizing the safety of students, preventative safety systems, and next steps and timeline. The board asked questions, which Superintendent Perry and her team addressed. Superintendent Perry added information around NYU and Liberty House involvement in the process.

c. Monitoring Data & Systems

Assistant Superintendent Kraig Sproles presented a report on monitoring data and systems, including the two different components: historical data for baseline and decisions about ongoing monitoring reports. He provided an overview of historical data, an overview of ongoing monitoring reports, suggested reporting categories, and a data gap with the civil rights data collection.

d. Transition to Hybrid Learning Update

Assistant Superintendents Kraig Sproles and Iton Udosenata provided an update on the transition to hybrid learning. They covered the topics of Ready Schools Safe Learners, physical distancing and cohorting, and planning for Fall 2020-21 and EDGE. They also provided information on summer school programs and timeline and what to expect at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as an example of a summer program – Salem-Keizer Unified Summer Program. Additionally, information was presented on graduation pathways and ceremonies, including the graduation ceremony schedule.

e. Budget Update

Chief Operations Officer Mike Wolfe provided a budget update, including information on the 2021-23 biennium and the 2021-22 budget adoption timeline. Superintendent Perry provided some further explanation.

f. Early Childhood Education

Assistant Superintendent Kraig Sproles provided the Early Childhood Education Report that was provided by Stephanie Whetzel, the Early Childhood Education Coordinator. The report covered program highlights and COVID-19 impacts, SKPS Early Childhood enrollment capacity comparisons, and their material distribution event.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation

Superintendent Perry introduced Salem-Keizer Education Association President Mindy Merritt, who read the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation, with Chair Chandragiri reading the last paragraph.

Director Kylo moved and Director Heyen seconded to approve the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation. Board members commented, thanking teachers for their hard work. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Superintendent Perry introduced the district's Prevention and Protection Coordinator Debbie Joa, who read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

Director Bethell moved and Director Kylo seconded to approve the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. Board members commented and thanked Debbie Joa, and Allison Kelly from Liberty House, for their work. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approve the Optimum Learning Environments Charter School Contract

Assistant Superintendent Kraig Sproles and Principal Karl Paulson answered questions from the board regarding the contract.

Director Blasi moved and Director Goss seconded to approve the Optimum Learning Environments Charter School Contract. The motion passed six to one, with Director Kylo opposed.

d. Approve Not Administering the SBAC Assessments for the 2020-21 School Year

Superintendent Perry introduced Assistant Superintendent Kraig Sproles who provided a synopsis of thinking around deciding whether or not to administer the SBAC assessments for the 2020-21 school year. He reviewed options considered, with pros and cons for each. Board members commented and asked questions, which Assistant Superintendent Sproles and Attorney Paul Dakopolos addressed.

Director Lippold moved and Director Blasi seconded to approve not administering the SBAC assessments for the 2020-21 school year. Board members commented. The motion passed four to three, with Directors Kylo, Heyen, and Chandragiri opposed.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Acceptance of Grants
- b. Approval of Personnel Action Items (provided online at the time of the meeting)

Director Blasi moved and Director Bethell seconded to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

8. READINGS

- a. None

9. INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS

- a. Board Meeting Schedule

10. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Director Bethell: Her daughter went back to school today, and it was an awesome day!
- b. Director Goss: Her grandson will graduate from Sprague this year.
- c. Director Heyen: Participated in ECHS re-accreditation; wanted to note a correction to an article that appeared in the newspaper around superintendent evaluation.
- d. Director Lippold: Reported on multiple events and work in progress, including work with NSBA, OSBA, Liberty House, etc.
- e. Director Chandragiri: Thanked community and thanked Superintendent Perry and her leadership team.
- f. Student Advisor Mabinton: Started back to school and attended a football game.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 9:53 p.m.