



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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Christy Perry, Superintendent

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**July 13, 2021**

**6 p.m.**

*Board Members/Designated Staff only: Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97302*  
*Currently, only board members and designated participants will be admitted to the board room; public access is online only.*

**Public Access: Electronic, Live-stream**

English: [https://youtu.be/l5Jcxk\\_esIE](https://youtu.be/l5Jcxk_esIE)

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Board Attendance  
All board members were present.
- b. Land Acknowledgement  
Chair Chandragiri 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  
There were no agenda modifications.

**2. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS & STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE BOARD**

- a. Osvaldo F. Avila, Board Director
- b. Ashley Carson Cottingham, Board Director
- c. Karina Guzmán Ortiz, Board Director
- d. María Hinojos Pressey, Board Director
- e. Grace Caldwell, Student Advisor to the Board

Shortly after beginning this agenda item, we were notified of an issue with the CC:Media YouTube feed. The board took a brief recess to allow time to correct the issue. CC:Media put a notice on their Spanish YouTube feed, redirecting those who wanted to listen to the meeting in English to a different feed. Superintendent Perry also made a couple announcements during the meeting. The CC:Media channel 21 broadcast remained intact.

Paul Dakopolos, attorney for the district, swore in newly elected board members and the newly appointed student advisor to the school board.

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

The board received written public comment from the following individuals: Mike Slagle, Linda Farrington, John White, Tracey Pratt, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Colton Bond, AnneMarie DuFault, Patrice and Michael Pollard, and Sarah Rohrs. Director of Community Relations and Communications Sylvia McDaniel read a summary of public comment. The public comment and summary are posted on the district website as supplemental material to the board meeting.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Election of School Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson  
(1) Elect Chairperson  
(2) Elect Vice Chairperson

Paul Dakopolos, attorney for the district, reviewed the process for selecting a chair and vice chair.

Director Hinojos Pressy nominated Director Avila for the position of chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Guzmán Ortiz nominated Director Carson Cottingham for the position of vice chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement between Salem-Keizer Public Schools and the Salem Keizer Education Association (SKEA)

Superintendent Perry provided a brief overview of the agreement. Director Chandragiri moved and Director Heyen seconded to ratify the collective bargaining agreement between Salem-Keizer Public Schools and the Salem Keizer Education Association. Board members commented on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. REPORTS**

- a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry provided a report on summer school programs. She noted 66 programs in progress since the start of summer, with 49 more programs starting next week. Those programs have served 7,761 students with another 7,060 students expected to participate. 5,214 students are projected to join programs established due to the Summer Grant. Board members and the student advisor asked questions, which Superintendent Perry addressed.

- b. Public Comment Proposal for In-person Board Meetings

Director of Community Relations and Communications Sylvia McDaniel reported on a proposal for public comment as the board transitions to in-person meetings. She addressed House Bill (HB) 2560, which takes effect January 1, 2022, and calls for reasonable opportunity for public comment. She noted the proposal for public comment at SKPS board meetings would include in-person, call-in, and written public comment and talked about how the process would work. Board members commented on the process. Board leadership will take feedback on the proposal in order to put procedures in place for the August board meeting.

- c. Ready Schools Safe Learners (RSSL) Resiliency Framework

Chief Operations Officer Mike Wolf reported on RSSL Resiliency Framework. He discussed a shift to local decision-making, as well as district safety protocols beginning July 1, 2021. Board members and the student advisor asked clarifying questions, which COO Wolf addressed.

- d. Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)  
Director of Strategic Initiatives Suzanne West provided a report on ESSER. Dr. West provided an overview of the state school fund and grants, the three federal ESSER acts, the timeline and key authorizations, ESSER III requirements, and community and stakeholder engagement.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Acceptance of Grants
- b. Approval of Personnel Action Items

Director Heyen pulled personnel actions.

Director Chandragiri moved and Director Bethell seconded to approve item 6.a of the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Heyen asked about the number of resignations. Executive Director of Human Resources John Beight answered that the number is on trend with previous years. Other board members asked additional questions. Superintendent Perry will have staff look at answers and present those to the board.

Director Bethell moved and Director Heyen seconded to approve item 6.b of the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. SPOTLIGHTS**

- a. On hiatus for the summer

**8. READINGS**

- a. None

**9. INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS**

- a. Monitoring Data
- b. Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Perry reviewed how these types of reports are presented and how addressing questions work. She asked the board to think about how to get them information in the best way.

**10. BOARD REPORTS**

- a. Director Bethell: Parents asked Director Bethell to inquiry of the district about math outcomes of various groups of students.
- b. Director Chandragiri: Indicated he worked on orientation with new board members.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The public session adjourned at 9 p.m. with the board going into executive session. No other business was conducted following executive session.