



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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Christy Perry, Superintendent

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEETING (Business Session)**

**6 p.m.**

**December 14, 2021**

This meeting was held by electronic means only, with board member/participant access online only as well as the public viewing access.

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

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q991JffwP90>

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT17YuWIMb0>

The meeting was also broadcast on CC:Media, channel 21. Closed caption in English was available through CC:Media television and YouTube.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Board Attendance  
All board members were present.
- b. Diverse Welcome Message  
Board Chair Avila read a diverse welcome message, noting we will strive to be inclusive, respectful, and welcoming to our students, staff, educators, administrators, board members, and all community members.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Agenda Modifications  
There were no agenda modifications.

### **2. SPOTLIGHTS**

- a. Spotlight on Success
  - 1) Cory Spangler, Lead Pastor, Court Street Christian Church, Richmond Elementary Supports
  - 2) Ryan Marshall, Cesar Bueno, Rosa Rivera, School Counseling Department, Department Spotlight
    - Ryan Marshall, Oregon School Counselor of the Year 2021
    - Rosa Rivera and Cesar Bueno, 2021 State Finalists
  - 3) Lorena Rivas, School Office Specialist at Waldo Middle School, Staff Spotlight, Advisor for Makeup Club

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Director of Community Relations and Communications Sylvia McDaniel read a summary of written public comment received. Written public comment was provided by the following individuals: Gaelen McAllister, Linda Farrington, Christine Ertl, Ross Ziesemer, Kathleen Johnson, Joyce Wall, Diane DiPasquale, Katherine Stone, Kathy Sansone, Anna (last name not provided), Mike Slagle, Megan Lippold, Abigail Eckhart, Rebecca Wells, Ben Lambert, Kris Bifulco, Randy Fishfader, Stephanie Hentze, Levi Herrera-Lopez, Elizabeth Swan, Rachel Dewey Thorsett, Chelsea Harris, and Christina Zeeb. The summary and written public comment were posted on the website the day following the board meeting.

The board heard public comment from the following individuals on board zone redistricting, district and community engagement report, and other topics: Ronald Pereira, Jenny Maguire, Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo, Luis V. (last name not provided), Jaqueline Chavez, Nayeli (last name not provided), Angelique Prater, Maricela Lagos Garcia, Tabi Gonzales, Alondra (last name not provided), Roberto Mendez, Julisa Rodriguez, Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Mae (last name not provided), Cindy R. (last name not provided), Casity Troutt, Maricela Pascuala Lazo, Alex (last name not provided), and Shaundi (last name not provided).

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **a. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Perry opened her reports by playing a video of SKPS bands playing Oxford High School (Michigan) fight song and talked about winter events in district schools/departments. She then reported on the following: update on returning to in-person board meetings; volunteers in schools; safety and security, including security specialists demographics; Spanish channel for board meetings; the next community learning session January 31; and CTEC update. Student Advisor Caldwell read a letter of reflection on school this year.

##### **b. Key Performance Indicators: District and Community Engagement Sessions and Outcomes**

Superintendent Perry added information to her earlier superintendent's report. She noted the district has a contractual arrangement with Keizer Police Department related to preventative systems. They do not work on campus, unless there would be an event. This is not covered in the safety budget.

Director of Community Relations & Communications Sylvia McDaniel presented a report on district and community engagement sessions and outcomes, with the overall goal being building an inclusive culture and community. Information was provided on the following: strengthening connection with families, communications ambassadors, safe routes to school partnership, community-based organizations and community partnerships, expanded engagement tools, and public relations management. Board members asked questions, which Director McDaniel and Dr. Suzanne West, the district's director of strategic initiatives, addressed.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Adopt Resolution No. 202122-10: Authorizing Agreement of Request from the City of Salem to the Salem-Keizer School District Taxing District**

Superintendent Perry provided a brief explanation of this item. Director Chandragiri moved and Director Carson Cottingham seconded to adopt Resolution No. 202122-10: Authorizing Agreement of Request from the City of Salem to the Salem-Keizer School District. Board members asked clarifying questions, which Superintendent Perry addressed. The motion failed with Director Chandragiri voting yes, Director Heyen abstaining, and Directors Carson Cottingham, Bethell, Hinojos Pressey, Guzmán Ortiz, and Avila opposed.

##### **b. Approve either SKPS Board Zones Redistricting Map Alternative 1 or SKPS Board Zones Redistricting Map Alternative 2**

Superintendent Perry provided a review of this item, including a correction to map 2 and the associated population table. Chair Avila asked Mr. Dakopolos to provide more context around conflict of interest and Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). Director Hinojos Pressey moved and Director Guzman Ortiz seconded to approve SKPS Board Zones Redistricting Map 1. Board members commented and discussed the motion. The motion passed four to three with Directors Hinojos Pressey, Carson Cottingham, Guzmán Ortiz, and Avila voting yes, and directors Heyen, Chandragiri, and Bethell opposed.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Director Heyen asked to pull item 6.b approval of personnel action items.

Director Bethell moved and Director Heyen seconded to approve the consent calendar, item a. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Heyen asked about the number of retirements and resignations, which Superintendent Perry addressed, noting an uptick in retirements and resignations, possible reasons, and strategies for solutions.

Director Bethell moved and Director Hinojos Pressey seconded to approve consent calendar, item b. The motion passed six to one with Director Heyen opposed.

**7. READINGS**

- a. Howard Street Charter School – Charter Renewal

Director Strategic Initiatives Suzanne West provided an overview of the Howard Street Charter School renewal, particularly a background on Howard Street Charter School, the intent to renew letter presented for a reading, as well as the overall charter renewal process. Board members asked clarifying questions, which Dr. West addressed. Attorney Paul Dakopolos commented on legal changes to the lottery system. Approval of the charter renewal will be presented for action at the January 11 board meeting.

**8. INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS**

- a. Board Meeting Schedule

**9. BOARD REPORTS**

- a. Director Guzman Ortiz – attended SIA meeting; attended Winter at West.
- b. Director Chandragiri – reported on speaking at a parent group and his social media.
- c. Director Hinojos Pressey – will attend the next SKATS meeting next week; attended COG orientation and meeting; read a short poem; reported on the Cherriot’s meeting as she serves on that board as well.
- d. Director Heyen – attended Salem Youth Symphony concert; requested the SKPS attorney provide an overview of HB 3047
- e. Director Carson Cottingham – visited McKinley Elementary; also requested the SKPS attorney provide an overview of HB 3047; addressed Safe and Welcoming Schools resolution and other proclamations.
- f. Student Advisor Caldwell – excited for engagement sessions coming up and winter break; has an upcoming choir concert
- g. Director Bethell had exited the meeting early, about 9 p.m.
- h. Chair Avila – read a statement to close out the evening, supporting all students

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.**