



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Osvaldo F. Avila, Chair  
Ashley Carson Cottingham, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
María Hinojos Pressey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Danielle Bethell • Satya Chandragiri  
Marty Heyen • Karina Guzmán Ortiz  
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Christy Perry, Superintendent

## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING

5:15 p.m. Executive Session (non-public session)

6:00 p.m. Business Session (public session)

July 12, 2022

Location: This meeting was held in person at Miller Elementary School, 1650 46<sup>th</sup> Place, SE, Salem, OR 97317

Public Access was also available live-stream:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDYEjou9Kmw>

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

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

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

- a. Board Attendance

All board members were present, with Chair Avila and Director Heyen attending virtually.

#### 2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (non-public 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.

#### 3. **RECONVENE** 6 p.m. (public session)

- a. Diverse Welcome Message

Director Guzmán Ortiz 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.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

- c. Agenda Modifications

There were no agenda modifications.

#### 4. **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022-23**

- a. Election of Chair

Rebekah Jacobson, Attorney for the district, facilitated elections:

Director Guzmán Ortiz nominated Director Carson Cottingham and Director Chandragiri nominated Director Hinojos Pressey for the position of Board Chairperson. Directors Avila, Guzmán Ortiz, Hinojos Pressey, and Carson Cottingham voted for Director Carson Cottingham for Chairperson. Directors Heyen, Chandragiri, and Bethell voted for Director Hinojos Pressey for Chairperson. Director Carson Cottingham was elected as Board Chairperson with four votes.

b. Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Director Chandragiri nominated Director Hinojos Pressey for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Directors Avila, Carson Cottingham, Chandragiri, Guzmán Ortiz, and Hinojos Pressey voted in favor of Director Hinojos Pressey as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Directors Heyen and Bethell voted no. Director Hinojos Pressey was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair with five votes.

c. Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Director Avila nominated Director Guzmán Ortiz for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Directors Avila, Carson Cottingham, Guzmán Ortiz, and Hinojos Pressey voted in favor of Director Guzmán Ortiz as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Directors Heyen, Chandragiri, and Bethell voted no. Director Guzmán Ortiz was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair with four votes.

d. Swearing in of Student Advisors to the School Board

Chair Carson Cottingham welcomed and swore in new Student Advisor to the Board, Raylin Brennan. Isaac McDonald, also appointed as a student advisor, was not able to attend tonight's meeting and will be sworn in at the next board meeting.

**5. SPOTLIGHTS**

- a. On hiatus for the summer

**6. REPORTS**

- a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry reported on the following: integrated needs assessment and summer engagement, summer programs, and curriculum adoption. She also gave a brief update on the summer basketball program.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The board heard public comment from the following individuals, in person and virtually, on a variety of topics, including ORS 166.377 on firearms in public buildings, election of board officers, solar projects, and other topics: Linda Farrington, Vanessa Lynn Ellison, Mike Slagle, Abigail Eckhart, Elizabeth Jones Manvel, Patricia Norman, Andrew Kach, Ron Sterba, Nan Baker-Krofft, Jordan Ohrt, and Dustin Caldwell.

The following people submitted written public comment, which the board received, and which was posted to the district website: Faye Melius, Hella Nordberg, Rachel Dewey Thorsett, Susan Callahan, Deborah Patterson, Adela Bravo, Hilary Ulhig, Joseph Whitson, Rebecca G (last name not provided), and Carmella Guerrero.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. None

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Grants
- b. Approval of Personnel Actions
- c. Appointment of Legal Counsel for 2022-23

Director Heyen asked to pull item 9.b of the Consent Calendar. Director Bethell asked to pull item 9.c of the Consent Calendar.

Director Chandragiri moved and Director Bethell seconded to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, item 9.a. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Heyen spoke to Item 9.b. about the number of resignations. Other board members commented. Director Bethell moved and Chair Carson Cottingham seconded to approve item 9.b of the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with five votes, with Director Chandragiri abstaining and Director Heyen opposed.

Director Bethell spoke to Item 9.c. regarding a competitive process. Other board members commented, and Attorney Rebekah Jacobson and Superintendent Perry addressed a question to clarify representation. Director Bethell moved and Director Chandragiri seconded to approve item 9.c of the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. READINGS**

- a. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 166.377 Possession of Firearms in Certain Public Buildings

Chair Carson Cottingham facilitated a first reading on ORS 166.377, which allows school districts to prohibit concealed carry firearms in certain public buildings. Board members engaged in discussion on both sides of the issue. This item will be on the agenda of a future board meeting for action.

**11. INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS (*provided in written form only*)**

- a. Monitoring Data Report – through June
- b. Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Perry briefly commented on the monitoring data report, noting there will be year-over-year data in future reports. She also reminded the board of the upcoming work session Tuesday, July 19.

**12. BOARD REPORTS**

Board reports are to share the work from formal committee assignments and activities of the board related to youth programs and school district activities.

- a. Director Heyen: No report on activities
- b. Director Avila: Attended the OSBA Conference
- c. Director Chandragiri: Attended the OSBA Conference
- d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Guzmán Ortiz: Attended the OSBA Conference
- e. Director Bethell: No report on activities
- f. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey: Attended the SKATS committee meeting; attended National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Awards in Chicago
- g. Chair Carson Cottingham: Attended the OSBA Conference; reminded the board of new committee assignments
- h. Student Advisor Brennan: No report for this meeting

Several board members commented and expressed appreciation for community engagement.

**13. ADJOURNMENT: 8:23 p.m.**