



BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Ashley Carson Cottingham, Chair  
María Hinojos Pressey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Karina Guzmán Ortiz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
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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)

August 9, 2022

Location: Miller Elementary School, 1650 46<sup>th</sup> Place SE, Salem, OR 97317

Public Access was available live-stream:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pixMe56gRHI>

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

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. Attendance

All board members were present.

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

The board met in executive session under the following Oregon Revised Statute (ORS):

- a. ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions.
- b. ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

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

- a. Diverse Welcome Message

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair María Hinojos Pressey 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.

Chair Carson Cottingham swore in Isaac McDonald, new student advisor to the school board. Raylin Brennan, student advisor to the school board, was sworn in at the July 12 board meeting.

#### 4. **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS**

- a. Spotlights
  - (1) Emily Marshall, Speech Pathologists, Willamette Education Service District, Community Partner of the Month
  - (2) Bags of Hope, Community Partner of the Month
  - (3) Unified Summer Programs, Program Spotlight

5. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry reported on the following: K-12 Health adoption, needs assessment engagement sessions, summer programs, and back to school fall 2022. The board asked a few questions, which Superintendent Perry and Assistant Superintendent Cobb addressed.

b. Chair's Update on Superintendent Search

Chair Carson Cottingham provided an update on the superintendent search, including information about search firm selection.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Carson Cottingham reminded the audience of public comment and in-person meeting protocols.

The following individuals provided public comment during the board meeting, mostly on item 7.a, but on other topics as well: Julisa Rodriguez, Benjamin Waldon, Nayeli Cru, Matt Turnquist, Anna Mu, Cathy Troutt, Jessica Perez, Memphis Hukill, Alex (last name not provided), Roberto Garces Mendez, Angelique Prater, Sandra H. (last name not provided) gave time up to David (last name not provided), Samuel Townsend, Vincent Olivas, Brenda Lopez, Santos Martinez, and Dustin Caldwell.

The following individuals either were not present or signed up to provide public comment but were not able to be heard in the time provided: Leslie Risewick, Mae (last name not provided), Ross Ziesemer, Tracey A. Pratt, Vanessa Lynn Ellison, Maricela Lagos Garcia, Jose David Carreon, Belle Prater, Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Ronnie Daniels, Alejandra Rodriguez, Brenda Lopez, Luis V. (last name not provided), Alex (last name not provided), and Mike Slagle.

The following individuals provided written public comment, which is posted on the district website: Colton Bond, Kathleen Johnson, Stephanie Hentze, Susan D. Callahan, Leanna Kim Heiman, Megan Lippold, Stephanie Hull, Rachel Dewey Thorsett, Deb Romano, and Elizabeth Swan.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Prohibit weapons, including concealed weapons, per ORS 166.377 and direct the superintendent to develop and enact administrative policy to achieve this outcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey moved and Director Avila seconded to prohibit weapons, including concealed weapons, per ORS 166.377 and direct the superintendent to develop and enact administrative policy to achieve this outcome. Board members commented and discussed the motion. Paul Dakopolos, attorney for the district, clarified which individuals are exempt from the ban.

Director Heyen proposed an amendment that DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards & Training) licensed holders be exempt from the CHL (Concealed Handgun License) ban. Director Chandragiri seconded the amendment. Board members asked a question about signage, which Superintendent Perry addressed. The amendment failed three to four, with Directors Chandragiri, Bethell, and Heyen in favor of the amendment, and Directors Avila, Carson Cottingham, Hinojos Pressey, and Guzmán Ortiz opposed.

Discussion resumed on the original motion, with Superintendent Perry providing some clarification on rules. The motion passed four to three with Directors Avila, Hinojos Pressey, Carson Cottingham, and Guzmán Ortiz in favor, with Directors Chandragiri, Bethell, and Heyen opposed.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Acceptance of Grants
- b. Personnel Actions
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 202223-1 Safe and Welcoming Schools
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 202223-2 Commitment to Equity and Antiracism

Director Heyen pulled item 8.d. Director Chandragiri moved and Director Avila seconded to approve the consent calendar, with the exception of item 8.d. The motion passed five to two with Directors Bethell and Heyen opposed.

Director Heyen addressed item 8.d. Board members commented at length. The chair commented and then proceeded directly to a vote. Item 8.d passed four to three, with Directors Avila, Hinojos Pressey, Carson Cottingham, and Guzmán Ortiz in favor and Directors Chandragiri, Bethell, and Heyen opposed.

As the chair moved to the next agenda item, Director Bethell interrupted saying she was not heard during discussion. Chair Carson Cottingham provided opportunity for further discussion, beginning with Director Bethell. The chair asked for procedural direction from Attorney Paul Dakopolos, who noted discussion after the vote is allowed.

9. **READINGS**

- a. None

10. **INFORMATION/STANDARD REPORTS (written form only)**

- a. Summer Graduation 2022
- b. Board Committee Assignments 2022-23
- c. Board/Budget Meeting Calendar

Superintendent Perry briefly commented on the summer graduation report. She also commented on how we value language and culture and the assets of all students. She spoke about values and that the board will need someone who wants to come work for the board and lead the district.

Chair Carson Cottingham briefly addressed the committee assignments.

11. **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. Stakeholder Engagement Update (Chair Carson Cottingham and Directors Avila and Chandragiri)

Board members reported as follows:

- (1) Student Advisor McDonald: While running cross country, enjoyed seeing new building improvements
- (2) Student Advisor Brennan: Visited Sprague, which is still under construction
- (3) Director Avila: Had discussions with Grand Ronde about their needs
- (4) Director Chandragiri: Enjoyed engaging with early learning and faith groups
- (5) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey: Spoke to BG-7
- (6) Chair Carson Cottingham: Presented Chair Avila with a gift to honor his previous service as board chair.
- (7) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice chair Guzmán Ortiz: Attended summer graduation; her children participated in summer programs
- (8) Director Bethell: Met with chair of Siletz Tribe

12. **ADJOURNMENT** 8:55 p.m.