



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  
Osvaldo F. Avila, Danielle Bethell, Satya Chandragiri, Marty Heyen  
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Christy Perry, Superintendent

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**6 p.m. Business Session**  
**September 13, 2022**

***Public access is available online:***

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

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnkkyKm6rIY>

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, with Director Heyen present online.

b. Diverse Welcome Message

Director Chandragiri 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. SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS**

a. Spotlights

(1) Technology and Information Services, Department Spotlight

(2) Stephanie Nguyen, Program Associate, Program Spotlight

(3) Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, Community Spotlight

**3. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry reported on back-to-school activities and summer learning, both goals and outcomes. She also highlighted Hispanic Heritage Month & Welcoming Week and Suicide Prevention Month.

Superintendent Perry turned a report on dual language over to Director Avila, who presented information on dual language in Spanish, including purpose, participants, and implementation. Board members used headsets to listen to the presentation in English, which provided perspective on listening to board meetings in another language.

b. Chair's Update on Superintendent Search

Chair Carson Cottingham provided a brief update on the superintendent search, noting the board has selected Human Capital Enterprises as the search firm to facilitate the district's search for the next superintendent of Salem-Keizer Public Schools. She included information on process and timeline.

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals provided public comment during the board meeting on topics including Hispanic Heritage Month & Welcoming Week proclamation, Suicide Prevention resolution, appointment of the District Equity Advisory Committee, and other topics: Tyler Scialo-Lakeberg, Angelique (last name not provided), Belle (last name not provided), Ross Ziesemer, Abigail Eckhart, Casity Troutt, David Carreon, Alex S. (last name not provided), Roberto (last name not provided) Cindy R. (last name not provided), Nayeli C. (last name not provided), Luis V. (last name not provided), G. Rosas, Julisa Rodriguez, Maricela (last name not provided).

The following individuals signed up to provide public comment but did not call in: Rachel Federio, Pablo Silva.

The following individuals provided written public comment, which is posted on the district website: Matthew Blythe, Karen Heywood, Jake Krishan, Lynn Takata, Deb Romano, Elizabeth Swan, Mike Slagle, Susan Napack, Joelle Camillo, Victor Dodier, Iron Patriot (name not provided), Jenny Maguire, Juanita Reyes.

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

- a. Approve the Hispanic Heritage Month and Welcoming Week Proclamation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Guzmán Ortiz introduced and then read the proclamation. Director Chandragiri moved and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey seconded to approve the Hispanic Heritage Month and Welcoming Week proclamation. Board members commented. The motion passed with six votes, with Director Heyen abstaining.
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 202223-3 Suicide Prevention  
Superintendent Perry introduced the resolution. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey moved and Director Heyen seconded to adopt Resolution No. 202223-3 Suicide Prevention. Director Bethell read the resolution. Board members commented. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Appoint the District Equity Advisory Committee  
Superintendent Perry reviewed the process for selecting the District Equity Advisory Committee for a one-school-year term. Student Advisors McDonald and Brennan briefly reviewed student selection. Director Chandragiri moved and Director Avila seconded to appoint the District Equity Advisory Committee as presented. Board members commented. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Nominations for Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Board of Directors:
  - (1) Marion County Region, Position 11 (2-year term)
  - (2) Marion County Region, Position 12 (1-year term)

Chair Carson Cottingham nominated 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Guzmán Ortiz as a candidate for the OSBA Board of Directors, position 11. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey seconded the nomination. The board discussed the motion. The nomination passed four to three, with directors Bethell, Chandragiri, and Heyen opposed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey nominated Director Avila as a candidate for the OSBA Board of Directors, position 12. Chair Carson Cottingham seconded the motion. The motion passed four to three, with Directors Bethell, Chandragiri, and Heyen opposed.

#### 6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Acceptance of Grants
- b. Personnel Actions

Director Avila moved and Director Bethell seconded to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Heyen commented. The motion passed with six votes, with Director Chandragiri abstaining.

7. **READINGS**

- a. None

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

- a. Early Childhood Programs/Head Start
- b. Board Goals and Operating Agreements
- c. Board/Budget Meeting Calendar

Superintendent Perry briefly highlighted the early childhood programs report. Chair Carson Cottingham briefly mentioned the upcoming work session around board goals and operating agreements.

9. **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 Avila: Reported on dual language work; attended Liberty House event
- b. Director Heyen: Attended CBOC meeting; attended last 2022 McKay graduation; visited Washington Elementary for the first day of school; mentioned possibility of work session on safety issues; mentioned October is Disaster Preparedness Month
- c. Director Chandragiri: Attended a meeting around Native American education
- d. Director Bethell: Mentioned she appreciated COO Silva's work in the local fire emergency
- e. Student Advisor McDonald: Shared anecdotes and activities from first week of school
- f. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Hinojos Pressey: Reported on SKATS projects; her own student started kindergarten; mentioned student artwork by Safe Routes to Schools
- g. Student Advisor Brennan: Shared experiences and activities from first week of school; met with high school ASB presidents along with Student Advisor McDonald; spoke at ethnic social studies conference; chose students for District Equity Advisory Committee; interviewed by Statesman Journal, along with Student Advisor McDonald
- h. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Guzmán Ortiz: Spoke at new employee orientation; thankful for student advisors
- i. Chair Carson Cottingham: Attended faith leaders meeting; attended new staff orientation meeting; attended Tribal Consultation with Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

10. **ADJOURNMENT**: 9:18 p.m.