

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MINUTES
May 13, 2014
District Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, Oregon

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Monte Akers, Vice Chair
Adriana Cañas
Wayne Clift
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman (on speaker phone)
Janeen Sollman

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board

Others Present:

Devin Hunter (HCU)
Maureen Barnhart (HEA)

1. Work Session

Board Chair Kim Strelchun called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., and thanked everyone who attended the Youth Advisory Council event at the Civic Center. She explained that Director Erik Seligman would participate via speaker phone, and that the Board would hold an executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(i)—evaluation of superintendent—after the work session.

Action Item: Inter-District Transfers. Superintendent Mike Scott and Director of Communications Beth Graser explained that guidelines had been issued by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for inter-district transfers, and that the District needed to move quickly in order to allow time for families to make plans and preparations. They discussed the guidelines, restrictions, and timelines, explaining that the Board has several options, including choosing not to participate, choosing to accept all inter-District transfer applications, or setting limits on the number of transfer slots. It was their recommendation that the District open enough slots to accommodate all students who are currently on inter-district transfer, as well as a modest number of additional slots to accommodate siblings of current transfer students and new requests. The transfer information would be posted on the District website on May 14, with transfer requests to be accepted through June 13. Director Graser explained that after the transfer window closes, new transfer requests cannot be accommodated unless there is a serious situation or the Board takes action to open additional slots.

Discussion included the following comments and questions:

- The inter-district transfer plan under discussion is in addition to the open enrollment process in which the District recently participated.
- Most surrounding districts are trying to participate in the inter-district transfer process.

- Identified slots must be honored, even if the District experiences enrollment growth.
- The number of spots estimated for sibling transfers is based on outreach responses from current transfers.
- No feedback or data was available on which to base the recommended number of new releases; however, a specific number of releases must be identified in order to plan staffing.
- Several Board members felt that the number of releases to be approved should be higher than the number that was proposed, and that students who wish to attend another district should be able to do so.
- The legislation regarding inter-district transfers does not take into account the level of planning that is needed for staffing.
- It is likely that the next legislative session will result in additional changes to transfer requirements; the transfer process is complex, and improving it needs to be a legislative priority.

Director Sollman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Cañas, that Hillsboro School District adopt the following plan for inter-district transfer requests in 2014-15:

- Hillsboro School District will open 115 spots for inter-district transfers, anticipating that 85 of those spots will go to students currently attending the District on inter-district transfers, who wish to renew their transfers, and that 30 spots will be for siblings and new transfer requests. Students currently on inter-district transfers and their siblings will be given preference if a lottery is needed after the application window closes. The following spots are available:
 - 67 spots at elementary schools (50 continuation; 17 sibling and new)
 - No spots available at Jackson, Orenco, Tobias, or West Union Elementary Schools
 - No kinder requests considered at Butternut Creek, Lincoln Street, McKinney, Patterson, Rosedale, W. L. Henry or Eastwood Elementary Schools
 - 15 spots at middle schools (10 continuation; 5 sibling and new)
 - 35 spots at high schools (27 continuation; 8 sibling and new)
- In addition to the 110 students not required to obtain consent from Hillsboro because they are currently on approved inter-district transfers for 2013-14, the District will make 20 new releases available for siblings and new transfer requests. Siblings of students currently on inter-district transfers will receive preference for the releases if a lottery is needed after the application window closes.

Director Miller MOVED, SECONDED by Director Akers, to amend the motion from 20 new releases to up to 100 new releases available for siblings and new transfer requests. The motion CARRIED (6-1), with Director Sollman opposed.

Board Chair Strelchun called for a vote on the amended motion. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

Board Chair Strelchun thanked Director Graser for all of her work.

The work session was recessed at 6:49 p.m.

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Glenn Miller
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Janeen Sollman

Staff Present:

Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board

Others Present:

Greg McKenzie, Consultant

1. Executive Session

ORS 192.660(2)(i)—Evaluation of Superintendent. Board Chair Kim Strelchun reconvened the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(i)—evaluation of superintendent.

The Board discussed the superintendent's evaluation. Consultant Greg McKenzie from Window to Leadership, LLC, facilitated the discussion. No action was taken. Board Chair Strelchun moved the Board out of executive session and adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.



Approved July 29, 2014