

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MINUTES
December 9, 2014
District Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, Oregon

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Wayne Clift, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Adriana Cañas
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Debbie Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Steve Larson, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Laurie Boyd, Assistant to the Superintendent
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board
Zaida Rosa, Bilingual Interpreter and Translator

Others Present:

Brian Hungerford, Attorney
Hannah Leone, The Oregonian

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:15 P.M.

ORS 192.660(2)(d)—Labor Negotiator Consultation

Board Chair Kim Strelchun called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and moved the Board into executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(d)—labor negotiator consultation. The Board discussed labor negotiations with their attorney; no action was taken. Board Chair Strelchun moved the Board out of executive session and recessed the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Wayne Clift, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Adriana Cañas
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman

Others Present:

Lisa Allen
Sev Flores
John Kitchens
Rachael Kitchens
Devin Hunter, HCU
Maureen Barnhart, HEA
Jill Golay, HEA
Hannah Leone, The Oregonian
Kathy Fuller, Hillsboro Tribune

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Debbie Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Steve Larson, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Travis Reiman, Executive Director, School Performance
Matt Smith, Executive Director, Secondary Education
Don Wolff, Chief Information Officer
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Laurie Boyd, Assistant to the Superintendent
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board
Zaida Rosa, Bilingual Interpreter and Translator

2. WORK SESSION

Board Chair Strelchun called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m., and informed the Board that a motion would be needed during the regular session to approve an amended agenda with an additional action item.

a. Discuss K-8 School Option

Assistant Superintendent for School Performance Steve Larson reported on information gathered regarding a potential K-8 option for the District. Highlights of the discussion follow:

- District staff members have met with Groner Elementary School staff and parents, who are excited about the possibility
- It appears that there may be enough interested families to form a class of seventh graders for the 2015-16 school year; it is not yet certain whether there are enough interested families to form an eighth grade class at this time
- If this option is to be available for the 2015-16 school year, a decision needs to be reached by late January or early February
- Implementing this plan at Groner Elementary School would allow the District an opportunity to provide an additional two years of service to students who are deaf and hard of hearing (DHH)
- Board members discussed various aspects of the K-8 option, asked questions about details of the model, and expressed support for providing additional options to meet students' individual needs
- Director Sollman requested the opportunity to participate in any subcommittee meetings

Staff members will provide a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting, after receiving input from a larger group of community members.

b. Thoughtexchange Reporting

Director of Communications Beth Graser shared the results of the Thoughtexchange process that the District recently completed, and answered Board members' questions.

c. Discuss 2015 Legislative Priorities

Board members and District staff discussed legislative priorities for the 2015-2017 biennium. The draft document provided for Board review was based on the November 18 Board discussion, and included the following key items:

1. Provide stable and adequate funding for K-12 education
2. Maintain current structure of Gain Share
3. Streamline the inter-district transfer process
4. Streamline state reporting requirements
5. Provide additional funding for any new requirements

Highlights of the conversation included the following:

- Requests for revisions to the draft document
- Discussion of timelines and next steps

The Board's legislative priorities are scheduled for adoption on January 27.

d. Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Conference Reports

Board members who attended the OSBA annual convention in Portland on November 14-16, 2014, shared highlights of the conference.

e. Board Discussion Time

The following items were discussed:

- In response to a request from Director Strelchun, Assistant Superintendent Larson provided a brief update on the math adoption
- Director Strelchun informed Board members that a motion would be needed to add an action item to the agenda
- Director Strelchun shared that a thank you note for the apple baskets was received from Liberty High School

The meeting was recessed at 7:22 p.m.

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Wayne Clift, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Adriana Cañas
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman

Others Present:

Mooberry Elementary School students
Hillsboro High School students
Kori Dundas
Nicole MitoAhern
Anna Waters
Sev Flores
Jacki Archibald
Irma Alonso
Tiffany Bowden
Mary Carmen Gaona
Janamarie and Shaun Elison
Laura Gomez
Camille Hammond
Rachael Kitchens
Javier Leon
Kathy Mikitka
Bruce Mossman
Michelle Movick
Pete Pringle
Kimberly Scott
Alona Southwick
Brian Zmolek
Paul Peterson, NWRESA
Devin Hunter, HCU
Maureen Barnhart, HEA
Kathy Fuller, Hillsboro Tribune
Hannah Leone, The Oregonian

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Debbie Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Steve Larson, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Elaine Fox, Executive Director, Student Services
Travis Reiman, Executive Director, School Performance
Matt Smith, Executive Director, Secondary Education
Don Wolff, Chief Information Officer
Olga Acuña, Director, Federal Grants
Beth Graser, Director, Communications
Saideh Haghighi, Director, Equity and Human Resources
Brian Haats, Principal, Mooberry Elementary School
Brooke Nova, Coordinator, College and Career Pathways
Laurie Boyd, Assistant to the Superintendent
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board
Zaida Rosa, Bilingual Interpreter and Translator

REGULAR SESSION

3. Call to Order and Flag Salute. Board Chair Strelchun reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Recognition / Presentation

Presentation: Mooberry Outdoor School – Students and Staff

Mooberry Elementary School students, speaking in both English and Spanish, shared highlights of their outdoor school experiences at Camp MacGruder, and thanked the Board for the opportunity. Superintendent Scott thanked Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRES D) for funding a large portion of the program cost.

5. Approval of Agenda

Director Cliff MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, to approve the revised agenda, with the addition of item 8f: Approve Purchase of Wireless Network Components. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

6. Audience Time

Board Chair Strelchun explained the procedure for addressing the Board according to policy BDDH: Public Participation in Board Meetings. Four requests were received to address the Board on an agenda item, and two requests were received to address the Board on non-agenda items.

Brian Zmolek shared questions / concerns regarding:

- The codes associated with District policies
- The District's plan for the \$170,000 that will be received from NWRES D
- The Board's plan regarding the Healthy Teen Relationship Act Toolkit
- Sexual education and policy IGAI: Human Sexuality, AIDS / HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education:

Board Chair Strelchun explained that Board members have the opportunity to hear from patrons during the audience portion of the meeting, but not to respond.

Superintendent Scott shared the following information:

- Policies are grouped by topic, and their titles are listed on the District's website
- Plans for using the additional funds from NWRES D have not yet been determined, although they could potentially be used to help fund curriculum adoptions
- District staff will contact Mr. Zmolek regarding his questions about the sexual education policy, if his questions are not answered during the course of the meeting

Pete Pringle expressed concerns about the dating of diplomas for students who take longer than four or less than three years to graduate. Superintendent Scott said that District staff will research the issue and contact Mr. Pringle.

7. Consent Agenda

Director Akers MOVED, SECONDED by Director Seligman, to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- a. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2014
- b. Approve Minutes of October 28, 2014
- c. Approve Routine Personnel Matters
- d. Accept Donations
- e. Adopt Planning Calendar for 2015-16 Budget

8. Action Items

a. Elect Member to the OSBA Board of Directors

Board Chair Strelchun explained that the Board has one vote to cast for position 15 on the OSBA board of directors, and that LeeAnn Larson is the sole candidate for this position.

Director Miller MOVED, SECONDED by Director Cañas, that the Board cast its vote for LeeAnn Larsen for the OSBA Board of Directors, position 15. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

b. Vote on OSBA Resolutions

Board Chair Strelchun explained that OSBA has submitted three resolutions for member district votes, that the Board has two votes to cast for each resolution (based on the size of the district), and that the Board may choose to cast both votes the same way or to divide the votes.

Director Miller MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, that the Board of Directors vote on the OSBA proposed resolutions.

Board members individually expressed support for, concern regarding, or opposition to specific aspects of OSBA's proposed legislative priorities. Areas of discussion included unfunded mandates, charter schools, and modification of the "kicker" law. Board members determined that they would prefer to vote on each resolution as a separate item of business. They agreed that if the Board's vote was a close split (i.e., 4-3), then the District's two OSBA votes for that resolution would be split, but if the Board's vote was widely divided (e.g., 6-1), then the two OSBA votes for that resolution would not be split. Director Miller made an amended motion to vote on the three resolutions separately.

Resolution 1. Resolution to adopt the 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies, as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee

Director Miller MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, to adopt the 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee. The VOTE WAS SPLIT (3-4), resulting in one OSBA vote to be cast against resolution 1, and one OSBA vote to be cast for resolution 1. Directors Seligman, Clift, Akers, and Miller voted in opposition to resolution 1. Board Chair Strelchun, Director Cañas, and Director Sollman voted in favor of resolution 1.

Resolution 2. Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA's Legislative Policies

Director Sollman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Miller, to amend the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA's Legislative Policies. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0), resulting in two OSBA votes to be cast for resolution 2.

Resolution 3. Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met

Director Sollman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Miller, to amend the OSBA Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0), resulting in two OSBA votes to be cast for resolution 3.

c. Vote on OSBA's "Promise of Oregon" Campaign

Board Chair Strelchun provided a summary of OSBA's "Promise of Oregon" campaign, and Board members viewed a video from OSBA's website. Board members discussed their perspectives of the campaign and its goals. Board members who supported the campaign emphasized the value of telling a positive story, and those opposed the resolution spoke against political messages and lobbying.

Director Milller MOVED, SECONDED by Board Chair Strelchun, that the Board of Directors discuss the OSBA Promise of Oregon campaign and vote on whether to adopt the resolution and join in its support. The MOTION CARRIED (5-2). Directors Seligman and Akers voted in opposition to the resolution.

d. Approve High School Course Modification Proposal – Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography

Executive Director for School Performance Travis Reiman presented the proposed modification of AP Human Geography for approval. The proposal was submitted for first reading on November 18. No public questions or comments were received during the review period. Director Reiman also shared that a review of course maps will be conducted, and additional information will be shared with the Board at a future date.

Director Akers MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, to approve the proposed course modification: AP Human Geography. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

e. Approve Policy Revisions

1. Policies GBN/JBA: Sexual Harassment and GBNA: Hazing / Harassment / Intimidation / Bullying / Menacing / Cyberbullying

Director of Equity and Human Resources Saideh Haghighi presented policies GBN/JBA and GBNA for approval. These policies were presented for first reading on November 18. No public questions or comments were received during the review period.

Director Sollman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Cañas, to approve the recommended revisions to policies GBN/JBA: Sexual Harassment and GBNA: Hazing / Harassment / Intimidation / Bullying / Menacing / Cyberbullying. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

2. Policy IGAI: Human Sexuality, AIDS / HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education

Executive Director Reiman presented policy IGAI for approval. The policy was presented for first reading during the October 28 Board meeting. Additional revisions to the policy have been identified, based on feedback and a review of the new legal requirements, Oregon Health Education Standards, the District's current policy, and OSBA's recommendations.

Executive Director Reiman explained that the District has an obligation to teach standards, but also needs to protect parents' rights to access materials and to exempt their students from activities. He outlined a plan, based on conversations with members of the CCAC and the extended community, that focuses on transparency and improving communication with all of the communities that are represented in the District at all school levels. Highlights of the plan include:

- Developing a letter to be posted on the District's website and / or sent from the Office for School Performance in the summer packet; if accessed on the website, the letter will include hyperlinks to Oregon Health Education Standards and Benchmarks, District policy, and relevant Oregon Administrative Standards; if not accessed on the website, assistance will be provided to help parents access the referenced information; the letter will discuss the rights of parents and families, and the District's values regarding working with families to ensure they have the information they need to opt out
- Establishing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) for health teachers, to ensure that health curriculum used across the District is consistent and that materials are available for parents to review (common planned course statements / pacing guides, syllabi, and curriculum maps)
- Providing detail regarding topics covered grade-by-grade (especially grades 6, 7, 8) in a uniform manner

The following audience members shared concerns about sexual education:

- Kimberly Scott
- Camille Hammond
- Rachael Kitchens
- Kathy Mikitka
- Brian Zmolek (Brian spoke during the audience portion of the meeting)

Board members shared the following thoughts:

- Thanked audience members for their input
- Expressed support for and / or concerns regarding the policy revisions
- Expressed support for including communications in the summer packet, and making information available on the website

- Emphasized the importance of ensuring that all community members have an opportunity to be heard, and allowing families to choose what is right for their own students

Assistant Superintendent Larson explained that, once a law is passed, school districts do not have the authority to determine that they will only comply with a portion of it; however, the public has the power to influence changes by working with their legislators

Superintendent Scott, Executive Director Reiman, and Board members thanked District staff and CCAC members for their work.

Director Cañas MOVED, SECONDED by Director Sollman, to approve the recommended revisions to policy IGAI: Human Sexuality, AIDS / HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education. The MOTION CARRIED (6-1). Director Akers voted in opposition.

3. Policy LBE: Public Charter Schools

Assistant Superintendent Larson presented policy LBE for approval. The policy was presented for first reading on November 18. No public questions or comments were received during the review period.

Director Sollman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Cañas, to approve the recommended revisions to policy LBE: Public Charter Schools. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

f. Approve Purchase of Wireless Network Components

Chief Information Officer Don Wolff asked the Board to approve the purchase of wireless equipment for infrastructure upgrades at the four comprehensive high schools. He explained that this purchase was included in the approved 2014-15 budget; however, it was not included in the recently approved Request for Procurement for network wiring work, since the equipment will be purchased under state-approved purchasing contracts.

Director Clift MOVED, SECONDED by Director Miller, to approve the purchase of wireless components to the lowest bidder, Presidio, in the amount of \$373,017.15. The MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

9. Reports and Discussion

a. College and Career Pathway Update

Executive Director Reiman, College and Career Pathways Coordinator Brooke Nova, Hillsboro High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructor Kori Dundas, and District students shared information regarding the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Learning Area (CLA). Highlights of the discussion included:

- Career opportunities
- Credit earnings available
- The benefits of internships, and the impact these experiences have on students' lives and career plans

Board members and Superintendent Scott commended staff and students for their presentation, the success of the program, and creating learning opportunities.

b. Division 22 Assurances

Assistant Superintendent Larson presented the required annual report on compliance with the Division 22 Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, reporting that the District is in compliance with the requirements. He also shared that there will be changes in next year's reporting requirement, and that specific details of the new requirements will be provided to the Board at a future date.

c. 2014 Annual Report

Director Graser presented the 2013-14 State Report Card Data Summary. The data summary is included in the Board packet.

d. Strategic Plan Performance Update

Superintendent Scott informed the Board that the most recent update of the Strategic Plan Performance Update has been posted on the District's website.

e. Early Kindergarten Entrance Update

Assistant Superintendent Larson discussed the 2013 revisions to Policy JEBA: School Entrance Age Requirements, and provided an update on the impact of these changes. He answered Board members' questions and shared the following information:

- The number of inquiries for early entrance to kindergarten and first grade has increased
- The number of students granted early entrance has decreased, even though the evaluation process has become less complicated and less costly
- The number of students granted early entrance is evenly distributed between students who do and do not speak English at home

f. Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Stewart presented the monthly financial report. He informed the Board that risk management data for November will be included with December data in the January Board report. The report is included in the Board meeting packet.

g. Policies—First Reading

1. Policy DJC: Bidding Requirements

Chief Financial Officer Stewart presented policy DJC for first reading. The updates for this policy align it with the new legal requirements of Senate Bill 254, which specifies the conditions under which districts may use an alternative contracting method for procuring construction manager / general contractor services for public improvement contracts.

10. NWRES D/HCU/HEA Reports

HCU President Devin Hunter shared the following thoughts:

- Discussed factors contributing to the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) strike at the University of Oregon
- Emphasized the importance of shared values, collaboration, and respect in maintaining a healthy relationship between management and staff
- Observed that Hillsboro School District's (HSD's) administration is vastly different than the University of Oregon's administration, and said that he is glad to be working for HSD

HEA President Maureen Barnhart shared that HEA has a legislative priority list, and will be working toward obtaining adequate support for schools.

11. Superintendent's Time

Superintendent Scott's comments included the following highlights:

- Spoke about the District's invitation to Washington DC to participate in the conversation regarding college and career planning
- Commended staff members for their work in developing the District's college and career program
- Wished Board members "Happy holidays," and thanked them for all of their hard work in their volunteer positions

12. Board of Directors' Time

Board members shared the following thoughts:

- Director Seligman
 - Said that approving the sexual education policy will result in information being made available to the community; encouraged community members to contact the Board if they are concerned about the information as they review it
- Director Cañas
 - Wished everyone "Happy holidays"
 - Spoke about the importance of balancing intellect and instinct
 - Said that she is proud of the District's progress in the college and career pathway program
- Director Clift
 - Thanked everyone for the discussion
 - Thanked students and staff who attended the meeting
 - Spoke about the importance of evaluating curriculum
 - Wished everyone "Happy holidays" and a good year
- Director Akers
 - Expressed disappointed in the governor and his proposed budget
 - Shared his observations of PLC meetings, commending staff for their high level of professionalism and candidness, as they work together for the benefit of students
- Director Sollman
 - Discussed the accomplishments of Tobias Elementary School students, including their participation in the Lego robotics competition

- Shared her experiences reading *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at elementary schools, and described the opportunities this activity provides for communicating with students and observing what is happening at schools
- Emphasized the importance of lowering class size
- Wished everyone a wonderful break
- Director Miller
 - Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
 - Shared that Christmas is his favorite time of year
 - Wished everyone “Mele Kilikimaka” and “Hau'oli Makahiki Hou”
- Board Chair Strelchun
 - Thanked administrators and staff members for their leadership, for the valuable work that is being done, and for the art work displayed in the Boardroom
 - Shared that she is proud of the District
 - Wished everyone “Happy holidays”

13. Follow-Up Items

Request	Action
Revise legislative priorities	Provided

14. Executive Session
No executive session was called.

15. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

 

Approved January 27, 2015