

Sisters School District

"Home of the Outlaws"



Board of Directors Board Meeting 5:00pm
Sisters School District Administration Building
April 11, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Board: Amanda Clark, Jay Wilkins, Nicki Gregg, Stephen King, Jeff Smith

Superintendent: Curtiss Scholl

Administrators: Joe Hosang, Mark Stewart and Michele Hammer

Supervisors: Sherry Joseph and Ryan Stock

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. and led the flag salute.

ADDITIONS, DELETION, AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No revisions.

Jay Wilkins moved and Amanda Clark seconded the Board approve the April 11, 2018 agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor, motion passed 5 -0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

No comments.

BUSINESS/FINANCE ~ Sherry Joseph ~ Tab H

Sherry presented the board with the General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Ending Fund Balance.

Sherry shared Resolution #17-18-02 – SSD 2018A TANS with the board. Jay Wilkins asked why the TANS request increased from the previous year's request. She explained that the district is requesting \$2,000,000 for the TANS this year due to the anticipation of higher payroll costs and less funds to begin the new school year. Stephen King requested that in the future a summary of the reasons for borrowing the money, requested amount, interest rate, etc., of the TANS be included with the TANS resolution. The district will be using a new auditor, Pauly Rogers, from the Portland area.

Amanda Clark moved and Jay Wilkins seconded the Board approve Resolution #17-18-02 – SSD 2018A TANS, Tab H. Vote was unanimous in favor, motion passed 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Enrollment Report ~ Tab D

The enrollment has increased and is the highest it has been in the last few years. The budget for next year will be built off of a 1060 student enrollment; this is based off a two year trend. The district is pleased with the growth that has happened. Open Enrollment did not pass in the short session of legislation. Curt feels that it will be readdressed in the long session and that the open enrollment situation will not hurt the

46 district. Stephen questioned if the district is going to put into place a marketing plan to attract outside
47 students. He is concerned that other districts will go aggressively after our students and feels the district
48 should be aggressive in marketing to attract students from other districts. Curt said this is something that
49 the district can look at as they move forward with budgeting and their reengagement strategic plan. The
50 Local Service Plan, through High Desert Educational Service District, gives the district options to utilize
51 some communication strategies. The district continues to work at reengaging with homeschool families
52 as well as resident students that have sought outside educational options.
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54 The district will be sending out a message to SES families regarding Principal Becky Stoughton's leave of
55 absence. Curt has met with staff and plans have been put into place due to Becky's absence.
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57 Bond Update ~

58 The stadium is close to being finished. The SMS remodel has started and is underway. There have been
59 some positives in the remodel process that has saved some time and offers small cost savings. The high
60 school has been equipped with more security upgrades and the entry should be completed within the next
61 couple of weeks. Brett invited the board to have walk throughs of SMS and see the changes that are being
62 made. Mel will set up different times for the board to attend a walk through with Brett.
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64 Local Option ~

65 Amanda Clark, Curt Scholl and some SHS students attended a meeting with the Bend Bulletin. They
66 gave a history of the Local Option as well as sharing how LO plays a significant role in the district's
67 budget. There have been several letters of support for LO in The Nugget. Amanda shared with the board
68 a mailer that will be sent out to district voters. She also shared the FAQ that the LO PAC created and is
69 available on the website. The LO website is up and ready to go, renewforsisters.org. There will be several
70 speaking engagements around the city to help educate people about LO. Jay encouraged everyone, if
71 interested, to go onto the website and add their name to the supporters list.
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73 Vision/Mission ~

74 The district spent two days and held 12 focus groups to receive feedback for the mission/vision work.
75 There were approximately 200+ responses to the five questions that were presented to the groups. Jerry
76 Colona is compiling the responses into a document. He will also include the responses from the online
77 survey that was sent out to parents and staff. The mission/vision committee will meet to review the
78 responses at the April 24th meeting.
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80 Curt reported that he did reach out to a safety consultant for pricing on conducting a threat assessment for
81 the district. Unfortunately the consultant is booked out for over a year and the quote was approximately
82 \$9,000 – \$10,000. Curt reached out to Bend LaPine to see if they would share the threat assessment that
83 they had conducted in their district with us and what the assessment recommended for protocols. Bend
84 did agree to share that information. The consultant recommended the process that has been adopted
85 regionally in Central Oregon. He said is it one of the best processes in the national, it is very strong.
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91 **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS**

92 SHS ~ Joe Hosang

93 Sisters High School received the Polar Plunge Award for the most money raised for this event. Joe gave
94 praise to the SPED department for their efforts to raise the funds and participate in the event. He shared
95 how valuable Interim Day is for high school students. This year's Interim Day took about 60% of the
96 freshman on a field trip to OSU/Cascades and Central Oregon Community College. Close to 70% of
97 sophomores attended Challenge Day held at SHS. 70% of juniors tested that day. Joe expressed his
98 concern as to why so many juniors opted out of the testing. And seniors went to Portland for an overnight
99 field trip where they visited businesses that were created by Sisters alumni, about 50% attended.
100 Unfortunately attendance was low during Interim Day. Joe feels that the low attendance was due to
101 scheduling, there were many conflicts with sports. Interim Day date is planned around when the district
102 can schedule and piggyback with another district for Challenge Day to help share the expense. Nicki
103 Gregg was a volunteer for Challenge Day and feels strongly that the Challenge Day program is very
104 beneficial for students. They are hoping to schedule Interim Day next year for March 7th.

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106 SMS ~ Tara Reis - Not in attendance. Michele Hammer reported on her behalf.

107 Michele Hammer says the SMS leadership team is making sure everything is in place for the remainder of
108 the school year. Unfortunately SMS had to turn down a \$3,800 grant for 6th graders to attend an overnight
109 trip to OMSI due to lack of bus drivers. 5th grade will be attending the Bend Science Station this week.
110 8th grade students will be traveling to Ashland on May 2-3 to attend a Shakespeare play. They will go by
111 way of University of Oregon and stop there for a scavenger hunt. They will also have a formal tour of
112 Southern Oregon University. 6th grade outdoor school is coming together and will be held in May. 7th
113 grade retreat will be a field trip to Smith Rock in mid-May. The ECoS coast trip is coming up the middle
114 of May. Michele and Charlie are working on the 8th parent night to be held at the high school. 8th and 5th
115 graders started state testing today. SMS will be conducting block testing in language arts and math for 6th
116 and 7th graders, that testing will take place the end of April, first of May. SMS is starting to work on the
117 schedule for next year. Missoula Children's Theater is rehearsing at SMS and will perform this Saturday,
118 5:30pm, at SHS. There are over 60 students participating in the performance.

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120 Curt addressed the busing issue and the shortage of drivers. He stated that the district has actually used
121 5,000 more gallons of fuel this year on expedient learning than in the past. The district would like to do
122 more trips but unfortunately there is a shortage of drivers. Ryan explained to the board the extensive
123 training and licensing process it takes to become a certified bus driver. The district also has two drivers
124 that are on Family Medical Leave and have been for an extended period of time. The district has hired
125 two more sub drivers.

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127 SES ~ Becky Stoughton – Not in attendance. Curt reported on her behalf.

128 Curt has been able to be in the building and he shared how refreshing it was to see students happy to be
129 back at school after the long spring break.

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131 Sisters Educational Options (SEO) ~ Mark Stewart and Neil Fendall

132 Mark Stewart and Neil Fendall presented the board with the Sisters Educational Options plan and process.
133 From the start of 1st semester to mid-2nd semester SEO has increased from 118 students taking 215
134 courses to now 181 students taking 361 courses. SEO has also gone from providing families three
135 curriculum options to now providing over a dozen. SEO curriculum is not just online, there are a lot of

136 text based options that are offered. They are working to build trust and relationships with outlying
137 families that live in district but have gone elsewhere for education. They are also working with staff to
138 help educate them more about the SEO program and what it can offer students. The best marketing tool
139 that SEO has is by word of mouth from current enrolled families. They will continue to help and outreach
140 to keep students in district that may possibly be looking for education outside of the district. The
141 reoccurring theme that Neil has heard from families that have left the district is that they never intended to
142 leave; they just felt they didn't have any other choice. SEO has enrolled over 10 home schooled students
143 that have returned to the district. Mark complimented Neil on his efforts to create and customize
144 curriculum for students so they feel they have an option to stay in Sisters schools. Mark feels that in two
145 to three years that there will be a significant growth in the program.

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147 **BOARD BUSINESS**

148 Organizational Committee Reports

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150 Bond Oversight Committee ~ Jay Wilkins

151 Nothing to report, Curt and Brett covered the highlights.

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153 Mission/Vision Committee ~ Amanda Clark

154 Amanda and Nicki were both able to attend the focus groups. Amanda especially enjoyed the students.

155 Nicki was disappointed that some of the groups weren't better attended.

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157 Stephen questioned how work session items get added to the agenda for a board meeting. Curt suggested
158 that moving forward, in any work sessions it should be clarified which items needs to be added to the
159 agenda for action.

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161 The board will hold an Executive Session to start the superintendent evaluation process within the next
162 few weeks. Mel will coordinate this meeting for board members.

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164 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

165 ➤ March 2, 2018 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes

166 ➤ March 7, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

167 **Amanda Clark moved and Jay Wilkins seconded the Board approve the above Consent Agenda.**
168 **Vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried 5-0.**

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170 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
04/18/2018	Official Budget Meeting	5:00pm	DO
04/30/2018	Safety Presentation for DO staff and board	9:00am	DO
05/02/2018	Regular School Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO

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176 **ADJOURNMENT**

177 The meeting was adjourned at 6:32p.m.

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Jeff Smith, Board Chair

Melanie Petterson, Board Secretary