

SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Silverton Community Center

Attendance: Board members present were Chair Wally Lierman, Tom Buchholz, Aaron Koch, Tim Roth, Ervin Stadeli, Ron Valoff and Todd White. Also present were Andy Bellando, Superintendent; Dandy Stevens, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Hannan, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dana Pedersen, Director of Special Services; Steve Nielsen, Business Manager; and Denise Childs, Board Secretary. Rachel Peters, SHS Student Representative was present. Vanessa Meraz was unable to attend. Press was not present.

Chair Wally Lierman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted attendance.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited prior to the start of board business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Aaron Koch moved, and Ervin Stadeli seconded, to approve the *Consent Agenda*. The motion carried unanimously. The *Consent Agenda* included:

- Approve minutes of May 8 and 22, 2017.
- Approve Budget Committee minutes of May 11, 2017.
- Accept resignations of the following: Ken Allison, SHS Counselor, effective May 5, 2017; Grant Piros, SHS Language Arts Teacher, Annie Schacher, Victor Point 5th Grade Teacher and Julie Tourtellotte, Pratum PE Teacher, effective end of 2016-2017 school year.
- Accept retirement of Lisa Garrett, Scotts Mills School 1st Grade Teacher, effective end of 2016-2017 school year.
- Approve employment of the following teachers for the 2017-2018 contract year:

Eric Anderson	Silverton High	Social Studies	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Jefferson Coyle	Mark Twain	PE	0.67 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Lisa Garrett	Scotts Mills	Reading Spec.–Title I	0.5 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Amanda Geck	Silver Crest	Title I / ELD	0.5 (0.3 / 0.2) FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Christie Jackson	Silverton Middle	ELA/SS	0.5 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Crystal Johnson	Robert Frost	LRC	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Heather Jones	Robert Frost	SLP	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Christy Knox	Robert Frost	ELD	0.7 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Shauna Litts	Silverton High	Language Arts	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Lauren Morgan	Silverton High	Language Arts	1.0 FTE (<i>temporary</i>)
Allison Olson	Robert Frost	LRC	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Kevin Ortega	Silverton High	Counselor	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Robert Read	Silverton Middle	6 th Grade	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Kelly Satern	Scotts Mills	Kindergarten	0.5 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Megan Senior	Scotts Mills	1 st & 2 nd Grade	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Karen Steers	Scotts Mills	Kindergarten	0.5 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
McKenzie Warden	Silverton High	Language Arts	1.0 FTE (<i>temporary</i>)
Amadea Weber	Silverton Middle	6 th Grade	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Jessica West	Silverton High	Language Arts	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
Derek Zeis	Silverton High	Mathematics	1.0 FTE (<i>probationary</i>)
- Approve proposed revisions to Policy **CBG** – *Evaluation of the Superintendent* (final reading).
- Approve Certification of Election Results – May 16, 2017 Special District Election.

OPEN BUDGET HEARING

Hearing: Chair Wally Lierman opened the Budget Hearing at 7:02 p.m.
Pub. Comm.: No comments from the audience.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Sports: Rachel Peters explained that Student Representative Vanessa Meraz was unable to attend tonight's board meeting. She then reported on sports activities involving Girls' Softball, Track and Girls' and Boys' Tennis. Rachel also noted that Basketball, Baseball, Soccer and the Dance Team have started summer practice in preparation for the regular season.

Activities: Rachel reviewed various school club activities involving:
Red Cross – May 31st blood drive was so successful that it made up for the blood donation shortage in Salem.
Associated Student Body – Had Spirit Week and Spirit Games two weeks ago, and now planning for a summer retreat and Homecoming.
Choir – Had last concert on May 25.

In response to Tim Roth's inquiry, Rachel believed that Homecoming is scheduled in October.

Thank You: Rachel said it has been an honor for her and Vanessa to be the Board's Student Representatives. She thanked the Board for taking the time to include them and listen to what they shared about the high school. On behalf of the Board, Chair Wally Lierman thanked Rachel for her time in coming to Board Meetings and to have a great summer.

AUDIENCE WITH VISITORS

Guidelines: Chair Wally Lierman reviewed public testimony guidelines.
There were no comments from the audience.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Summer Brd. Sessions: Chair Wally Lierman said that two Board trainings, by Oregon School Boards Association, are scheduled on Tuesday, August 22 and Monday, August 28. Both trainings will go from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mr. Bellando confirmed that dinner will be included for both trainings.

Supt. Evaluation: Chair Wally Lierman noted that Andy's Bellando's evaluation had been done at the May Regular Board Meeting. Wally then read portions of the Board's written summary evaluation of Mr. Bellando's performance during the 2016-2017 academic year. On behalf of the Board, Wally thanked Mr. Bellando for his commitment to the students, staff and community. Wally commended Mr. Bellando for his leadership in providing students with the best possible education. There was a round of applause by those in attendance.

ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF REPORTS

Dandy Stevens — August 21 Eclipse Planning Update. Mrs. Stevens reported on the Eclipse planning efforts by the School District in partnership with the Oregon Garden. She described how the Garden will use, manage and clean up the Robert Frost School's green space for camping sites. During Mrs. Stevens report, Board members asked clarifying questions about camping timelines, camping costs, what's allowed within camp sites, and additional insurance by the Garden.

Mrs. Stevens also shared that they are working with a few District employees to put them on timecards to help make sure the District's campus areas are as secure as possible. She noted that at several of the District's rural schools, parent-teacher clubs and their principals are planning various activities.

Steve Nielsen — Financial Report. Mr. Nielsen reported that revenue and expenditures remain on track through May 31. He shared that he may need to bring a "Transfer Resolution" to the Board's June 26 Work Session to move some funding from Instructional Expenditures to Support Services. Mr. Nielsen clarified that the District will still be well within the budget authority for the year. He also believed that the ending fund balance may increase by \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Regarding Food Services, Mr. Nielsen said that it appears by the end of the school year there will be a deficit. He explained that he could not give an estimate tonight until he analyzes the month of May activity and has received the end of the school year expenses.

Justin Lieuallen — Silverton High School. Mr. Lieuallen noted that this would be his last scheduled report to the Board. Mr. Lieuallen reviewed various programs/activities:

Due to Aaron's Law (SB 856) which is a required sex abuse prevention and instruction for grades K-12, SHS approached this in a very caring way. Assistant Principal **Therese Gerlits** did a wonderful job of working with department chairs and leadership to keep parents informed. It was a good opportunity for students and staff.

Worked to improve attendance by watching and monitoring students. **Esmeralda Meraz**, Attendance Secretary, and **Jodi Drescher**, Assistant Principal, were commended for the work they did this school year with students and families.

Recently received a couple grants through the Mid-Willamette Education Consortium: \$9,995 to Technology Department for SCAN-TV and media productions; and \$2,765 for Agricultural Sciences.

Recycled quite a few of the teachers' laptops to other staff or kept for use on a mobile lab. Also bought three mobile carts for Chromebooks.

Increased number of juniors tested in SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) this school year.

Still expanding options for students. Next school year a class called "Introduction to Services" will be taught by Kirstin Barnes.

Planning on two different Summer Schools: Migrant and High School Credit Recovery.

Reviewed numerous job openings and hires at SHS. Mr. Lieuallen was pleased to report that he will be transitioning into a new position with Willamette ESD as a School Improvement Coordinator.

Mr. Lieuallen next reported on various students' academic successes and accomplishments:

142 different students were recently recognized during Senior Awards Night earning renewal scholarships exceeding \$1.7 million.

185 students graduated with a 3.0 GPA or better, with 104 of those earning 3.5 GPA or better. There were 15 valedictorians and 2 salutatorians in the Class of 2017. 53 seniors qualified for an Academic Honors Diploma while 49 are in a Program Honors Diploma.

Girls' Soccer Team finished 2nd in League and 2nd in State.

Girls' Basketball was 2nd in League and 2nd in State.

Both Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams finished 2nd in League.

Math Team finished 2nd in the Regional Math Competition.

Speech and Debate finished 4th in State.

Wind Ensemble was League Champions and took 3rd in State.

FFA Agronomy and Ag. Tech Teams took 1st in State.

Boys' Golf was League Champions.

Girls' Softball Team earned the League Championship and a State Semi-Final finish.

Boys' and Girls' Track Teams were League Champions.

Tennis – Boys were 2nd in League and Girls were 3rd in League.

Silverton Equestrian Team finishing 2nd in State and 5th in the Region in Drill, and 2nd in State and 4th in the Region in Team Pinning.

Student Body fundraised more than \$30,000 for Medical Teams International during annual Mr. SHS event.

Mr. Lieuallen finished his report by sharing with the Board and community members that it has been his pleasure to serve our students, staff and families over this past year. He said he has developed many strong relationships and wishes the best for Silver Falls School District.

Chair Wally Lierman congratulated Mr. Lieuallen on his new job. He then said he appreciated Mr. Lieuallen's time here, as it has been a challenging year, but that he finished strong. The Board thanked Mr. Lieuallen for his report.

Dustin Hoehne – Title Programs; Central Howell and Pratum Schools. Mr. Hoehne reported that, due to the District's poverty measures having dropped significantly, last year the District lost about \$81,000 and this next year will lose about another \$71,000. He noted that the Oregon Department of Education has not yet come out with their preliminary allocations.

Mr. Hoehne reviewed both school's enrollment (Central Howell – 175; Pratum – 73) and attendance percentages. He then described various school activities/events:

Central Howell School -- Mr. Duffy's band; parent club holding some evening meetings and donating \$4,000 towards new 65-inch TVs in all seven classrooms and another \$4,000 towards STEM supplies and materials for next school year; \$5,700 profit from butter braid sales, Spring Program; Grandparent's Day; and Talent Show. Mr. Hoehne said probably the biggest news were the employees' retirements this spring that represent over 100 years of school experience. Wally Lierman added that he and his family had attended the wonderful retirement event.

Pratum School – **Reid Gilliam** (6th grade student) earned 4th place for his grade at the State Geography Bee and 12th place overall in the State of Oregon. Pancake Breakfast raised over \$10,000; school play "Huckleberry Finn" held June 1-2; and Portland Opera to Go performed "Hansel and Gretel" at both Pratum and Central Howell Schools. Work is being done toward replacing all iPads with Chromebooks.

Mr. Hoehne noted the popularity of the kindergarten class (Pratum kindergarteners attend Central Howell) and the waiting list. He shared that they are cautious in filling all the slots until late August in case more families move into the resident area. Mr. Hoehne explained that if they are not able to accommodate kindergarteners, the following year those students can likely get in the 1st grade. Wally Lierman suggested that information be shared with people as a couple mothers had approached him at the retirement event to share their concerns.

Todd White wondered if there is a way for students to buy the used computer laptops. Mr. Hoehne explained that the schools keep their used computers which usually go to other staff members. Andy Bellando clarified that the Technology Department takes any computers that are not necessarily needed and makes them available district-wide to employees.

The Board thanked Mr. Hoehne for his report.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Recognitions: On behalf of the entire School District, Andy Bellando presented plaques to **Wally Lierman** (20 years) and **Aaron Koch** (2 years) as a token of appreciation for being on the School Board. There was a round of applause by those in attendance.

Aaron shared that he had enjoyed his time on the Board and being able to give back to the community, District and above all the kids. He wished all the best to incoming Board members Jennifer Traeger and Shelly Nealon and offered to help in any way with the transition. He encouraged Jennifer and Shelly to keep making great decisions for kids.

Wally reflected on his start, as a board member of the Central Howell School Board, prior to the State mandate in district unification. He recalled some of the school board members and administrators he worked with over the years that were pivotal people in developing the Silver Falls School District we have today. Wally shared that he appreciates all the community support he has received and the many friendships he has gained over the years. He said that he is very proud of the District as he steps down from the Board because of its strong academics, outstanding graduation rates, strong financial position, great employees and high level of site-based decision making. Wally wished Jennifer Traeger the best as she steps into this Board role. He shared that he wants to remain involved at some level in the school district as opportunities arise. Wally encouraged the Board to continue to make decisions that respect the role of family and traditions of our District communities, drive educational excellence, set high expectations for our students and employees, take care of the employees, and have respect for our taxpayers.

Tim Roth, Ervin Stadel, Tom Buchholz, Todd White and Ron Valoff thanked Wally and Aaron for their dedication, service, leadership and being good role models.

They also recognized Wally for the extra time he put in on different committees and things that needed to be done, his institutional memory, and depth of knowledge to help find answers.

The group commended Aaron for his positive impact on the District, willingness to listen to people's thoughts and views, genuinely interested in what's going on, and ability to empathize and analyze with everyone.

Bd. Secretary Recognition: The Board members recognized **Denise Childs** for being professional, personable, detail oriented, efficient, dedicated, and a great supporter of the District. They wished her well with her retirement. There was a round of applause by those in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

AUDIENCE WITH VISITORS

Recognitions: Marie Traeger, Silver Falls Education Association President, thanked **Wally Lierman** and **Aaron Koch** for their service on behalf of the Association. She noted that for two years, Aaron had made an impact. Marie commended Wally for the many years he was a Board member.

Marie next thanked **Denise Childs** for her standard of excellence and hoped that other people looked to her for what an employee should be. She then welcomed **Debbie Valoff** as the new Board Secretary.

CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

Hearing: Chair Wally Lierman closed the Budget Hearing at 7:58 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2017-2018 Budget Resolution: Tim Roth moved, and Aaron Koch seconded, to approve the Resolution Adopting Budget, Levying Taxes and Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- Supt. Contract: Ervin Stadel moved, and Tom Buchholz seconded, to approve the 2017-2018 employment contract for Superintendent Andy Bellando. The motion carried unanimously.
- July 10 Presiding Director: Chair Wally Lierman explained that a presiding director needed to be designated for the beginning of the July 10 Regular Board Meeting since he and Vice Chair Aaron Koch will not be in attendance. Following this explanation, Ron Valoff moved, and Aaron Koch seconded, to designate Tim Roth as the Presiding Director for the beginning of the July 10 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- Reception: It was noted that before going into Executive Session, cake would be served in honor of Wally Lierman, Aaron Koch and Denise Childs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a break from 7:59 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to: **ORS 192.660(2)(f)** – *To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection* – Sick Leave Bank Request. Present were the seven Board members; Andy Bellando; Dandy Stevens; Denise Childs; and Debbie Valoff. Jennifer Hannan, Dana Pedersen and Steve Nielsen were excused.

Reconvened: Regular Session reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

Sick Leave Bank: Aaron Koch moved, and Tim Roth seconded, to approve a sick leave bank, up to 3 days, for Mary Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER

Adjourn: No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Superintendent-Clerk