

SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
BOARD WORK SESSION

June 26, 2017

7:00 p.m.

District Office Conference Room

Attendance: Board members present were Chair Wally Lierman, Tom Buchholz, Aaron Koch, Tim Roth, Ervin Stadel, Ron Valoff and Todd White. Also present were Andy Bellando, Superintendent; Dandy Stevens, Assistant Superintendent; Denise Childs, Board Secretary; Debbie Valoff, Board Secretary and various community members. Press was not present.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Enrollment Study: Scott Stewart and Charles Rynerson of Population Research Center, Portland State University gave a Power Point presentation regarding enrollment trends and forecasts for Silver Falls School District. (Documentation was handed out before the start of the meeting.)

Armed Security: Wally Lierman opened by explaining there have been a few patrons, as well as a few board members, that have questioned our policy regarding armed staffing at Silverton High School. Andy Bellando referenced a two page summary compiled from school board minutes and agendas ranging from August 2008 to July 2009. Prior to July 2009, SHS had two armed security employees which was a decision dating back to pre-unification of the school district. Aaron Koch asked if there are any schools in Oregon that have an armed school district employee. Andy Bellando noted that he believes North Marion School District is the only district in Oregon that does. Todd White asked if there was a way to find out how North Marion was able to manage such an agreement. Mr. Bellando said he would look into it.

Joint Meetings: The City of Silverton has suggested meeting with the School Board every six months. The Board agreed that meeting once per year is adequate, unless an issue arises that requires immediate attention.

Music Education: Andy Bellando and Jennifer Hannan had a meeting with Silverton Friends of Music. Jennifer Hannan, who was in the audience, communicated that the perception is that there is no music instruction in the K-8 schools because we don't have licensed music teachers providing it in every school. In some cases it may be a retired music teacher, parent with music expertise or sometimes the teacher themselves. It was discussed that providing adequate music instruction within the 9 schools that feed into the high school ultimately breaks down to lack of funding. Tim Roth suggested a possible solution of having it funded at the district level, as is technology, but that state funding isn't available to do so. Andy Bellando added that even if our district had the funding, we have many priorities and sadly we have higher needs (i.e., middle school counseling or mental health support). Aaron Koch has been asked by community members as to why the arts have not been funded recently. He wanted to clarify that it's not because of a lack of importance, it's simply a lack of funding. Tom Buchholz added that we shouldn't give up trying to fund music because research shows that students that are involved in music do better in their other classes.

ACTION ITEMS

Funds Transfer: Tim Roth moved, and Tom Buchholz seconded, to approve Resolution transferring funds within General Fund from Instructional Expenditures to Support Services for 2016-17 Fiscal Year. The motion carried unanimously

Yearbook Club Trip: Ron Valoff moved, Aaron Koch seconded to approve the out-of-state student trip to Tacoma, Washington, by Silverton High School Yearbook Club for annual training – July 12-15, 2017. Wally clarified that this trip was previously held at Willamette University and has been moved to Washington. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment: Tim Roth moved, Todd White seconded to approve the employment of Johnie Ferro as Assistant Principal at Silverton High School, effective the 2017-2018 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a break from 8:06 p.m. to 8:11 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to **ORS 192.660(2)(d)** – *To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.* Present were the seven Board members, Andy Bellando, Dandy Stevens, Denise Childs and Debbie Valoff.

ORS 192.660(2)(f) – *To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.*

At 8:37 p.m. Dandy Steven, Denise Childs and Debbie Valoff were excused from Executive Session.

Reconvened: Regular Session reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

OTHER

Adjourn: No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Superintendent-Clerk

Date

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