

SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Silver Falls School District Conference Room

Attendance: Board members present were Tom Buchholz, Board Chair, Shelly Nealon, Tim Roth, Erv Stadel, Jennifer Traeger, Ron Valoff and Todd White. Also present were Andy Bellando, Superintendent; Dandy Stevens, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Hannan, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dana Pederson, Special Services Director; Steve Nielsen, Business Manager; and Debbie Valoff, Board Secretary.

Tom Buchholz 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

Tim Roth moved and Todd White seconded, to approve the *Consent Agenda*. The motion carried unanimously. The *Consent Agenda* included:

--Approve minutes of August 14, 22 and 28, 2017.

--Approve resignations of Elizabeth Facha, Title 1 Reading Teacher, Butte Creek, effective September 1, 2017

--Approve employment of Nick Elliot, Silverton Middle School Health Teacher, 1.0 FTE (*temporary*) for the 2017-18 contract year.

AUDIENCE WITH VISITORS

Two Grant St. residents, Anthony Bjerke and Enez Bradford, voiced their concerns with the amount of traffic and speed in which cars are traveling on Grant St. every morning and afternoon. The section of Grant St. where they live is not marked a school zone.

Mr. Bellando explained that the area in question is County property and the City has no jurisdiction. Anthony also brought up that the fire zone on the Grant St. turnaround is being backed up by parents picking up at the end of the day. Shelly Nealon asked if Silver Falls School District would be held liable if an emergency occurred while parents were parked, blocking the zone. Dandy Stevens answered that the School District has an agreement with the fire department in which we have permission to use it for pick up and drop off, provided the parent stayed with the vehicle.

Sarah Weitzman, representing Silverton Friends of Music, updated the Board on activities the organization has been involved in recently.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Rachel Peters and Brooke McCarty reported to the Board high school sports scores, activities and current events happening at Silverton High School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supt. Work. Agreement Shelly Nealon asked a clarifying question about the Working Agreement, which was answered by Mr. Bellando.

Budg. Comm. Appointment Date Tom Buchholz explained that the Board would like to move the date for appointing the two new Budget Committee members from this evening, September 11, 2017 to October 9, 2017.

Intro. Budg. Committee Members The following 5 applicants were present and given three minutes to tell the Board about themselves and why they would like to be chosen. Present were: Kathleen Gardner, Aaron Koch, Rodney Orr, Amanda Petrik and Sarah Kaser Weitzman. The other two applicants will be present at the September 25, 2017 Work Session.

- 2017-18 Draft Dist. Goals: Mr. Bellando reviewed the draft of the 2017-18 District Goals. He asked the Board to focus on one or two of the four goals suggested or others that they are interested in considering. All four goals were discussed among the Board. The Board agreed to continue discussion and possible Action at the September 25 Work Session.
- 2017-18 Board Calendar: Mr. Bellando reviewed the proposed 2017-18 Board Calendar. He asked for any suggested input and/or revisions. None given.
- OSBA Policy/ Board Seats Tom Buchholz announced that the OSBA is looking for members to serve on their Board or Legislative Policy Committee. No Board members voiced an interest.
- Other Items: None

ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF REPORTS

- First Week Enrollment: Mr. Bellando shared that the Board will receive a detailed enrollment report at their October Regular Board Meeting. He explained that there is a lot of movement during this first month of school. By October 1st, the enrollment numbers will have begun to settle. But, comparing this time of year to last, we are up by 70 student's districtwide. The principals were commended for controlling the number of transfer students to accommodate growth within the district.
- 2017-18 Draft Supt. Goals: Mr. Bellando reviewed the draft of the 2017-18 Superintendent Goals. He asked for any input from the Board.
- Dist. Policy Review: Mr. Bellando reported that the next District Policy Committee will be meeting on October 4, 2017 to review policy section J.
- Summer Lunch Prog: Suanne Earle reported on the Summer Lunch Program. The school district served 46 days of lunches resulting in 8,779 meals being served. Robert Frost will be starting an After School Program soon which they will be offering after school suppers to those participating students.
- Financial Report: Steve Nielsen reported that the first few months have been lean on activity other than receiving 25% of our State School Fund Revenue.
- Measure 98 Projected Spend. Plan: Jennifer Hannan reported that the Silver Falls School District allocation of Measure 98 funds are \$552, 305.36. She reviewed the three areas in which these funds will be used:
 - Establish or expand career and technical education programs in high schools.
 - Establish/expand college-level educational opportunities for SHS students.
 - Establish or expand dropout-prevention strategies in high schools.
The Board asked clarifying questions which Jennifer Hannan answered.
- Mark Twain Elementary: Greg Kaatz reported on Mark Twain Elementary. He discussed the movement in enrollment numbers. He attributed some of the rise in numbers to the two new apartment complexes in Silverton. They are focusing on improved attendance this year. The goal is to have a 95% attendance rate this year, which is an increase from last year's 93%. The school received a P.E. grant which allowed them to hire a 1.0 FTE P.E. teacher. He reported that ELD numbers look good this year, with 45 currently enrolled in that program. Greg updated the Board on the many facility upgrades they have and continue to make. Shelly Nealon asked for an update on the upgrade to the covered play shed. Mr. Bellando said that the contractor is scheduled to begin that project this fall.

Victor Point/
Evergreen Jamie McCarty reported on Victor Point and Evergreen Elementary. He presented a Power Point of test scores for both schools. He reviewed both schools' goals and visions with the highest priority always being student learning. His presentation included photos of the seismic upgrade that Victor Point is currently going through.

BOARD REPORTS

Jennifer Traeger reported that she attended the Affordable Workforce Housing round table discussion. She found it informative and encouraged the other Board members to attend.

CORRESPONDANCE

None.

AUDIENCE WITH VISITORS

Tom noted that this will be limited to three minutes and only to action items.

Sarah Weitzman encouraged the Board to keep the goal of *establishing a time-line for the formation of new long-range facility task force*. She explained that she and others in the community are very concerned with our facilities and feels it's important to at least develop a timeline, realizing that the task-force won't be formed this year. She also commented that there is a lot of research that indicate graduation success of students that are involved in the arts. She wanted to tie this in with the drop-out-prevention strategy that Jennifer Hannan reported on earlier. That the arts can also be added as a tool.

Wally Lierman suggested that one of the Board members contact the County Commissioner's Office to inform them of the issue of the school zone signs on Grant St.

ACTION ITEMS

Tim Roth moved, and Todd White seconded to approve the 2017-20 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Oregon School Employees Association, Chapter 148. The motion carried unanimously.

Erv Stadeli moved, Tim Roth seconded to approve the 2017-18 Board/Superintendent Working Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Roth moved, Erv Stadeli seconded to approve the change in the Budget Committee Member Appointment Date from September 11, 2017 to October 9, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following a break from 9:00 p.m. to 9:04 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session pursuant to **ORS 192.660(2)(3)** – *To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions* – sale of Eugene Field School.

Reconvened: Regular Session reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

OTHER

Adjourn: No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.