

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Jason Redick called the **regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:32 p.m. on June 8, 2020.

Board Members in Attendance

Debra Brown, Jason Redick, Joseph Kennedy, Chanz Keeney, Mike Reynolds, Jason Van Eck
Absent: Jim Gourley, Angela Clegg, Jenny Daniels

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Colleen Henry, Mark Looney, Kevin Strong
Certified; Elizabeth Hunt (online) Classified: none; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Scott Swanson, representing *the New Era*

2. Agenda Approval/Changes

Chairman Redick called for changes and/or approval of the agenda.

Motion No. 20-23: Board Member Jason Van Eck moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

3. Public Comments: None

OPENED BUDGET MEETING at 6:34

4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Certified & Classified Representatives –

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Update: Enrollment for May much like previous years is steady.
2. Impact of the State School Fund Deficit
 - a. Since Superintendent Yahraes last report the May Forecast showed that the state school fund is short \$490 million dollars. A \$490 cut to the state school fund means a \$1.96 million reduction to our 2020-21 budget. This reduction in funding equates to 22 furlough days or a reduction in force of 26 FTE.
 - b. What happens next:
 - i. Districts are providing advocacy narratives
 - ii. June 2, 2020 Senate Education Committee gets together
 - iii. Appears now Special Legislative Session to be on June 22, 2020
 - iv. Possible additional Federal funds?
 - v. Two ways for the state to meet the goal of \$9 billion: CAT (SIA) funds, Rainy Day Fund?
 - c. For the district, we are in a holding pattern. We have positions posted, but will typically not offer position until we have better understanding funding.
3. Operations under COVID 19

In the last 30 days from the last report:

National: 560,000 cases to 1.37 million cases, **Near 2 million cases**

National: 22,150 deaths to 80,000 deaths, **110,000 deaths**

Oregon: 1527 cases to nearly 3000 cases **to 4,399 cases**

Oregon: 52 deaths to 121 deaths, **to 159 deaths**

Linn County: 52 cases to 121 cases, **125 cases**

Linn County: 4 deaths to 8 deaths, **9 deaths**

Sweet Home: 1 confirmed case

COVID is the reason we are operating under “Stay at Home.” Orders 20 20:

Review of Governor’s (March 23) updated 20-20 Orders:

The Basics of orders still stand:

- All schools statewide are closed to the end of the school year.
- Districts must provide distance learning for all students.
- Districts must provide nutritional services for students.
- Childcare must be provided for emergency personnel, first responders, and essential personnel. (We are partnering with the Boys and Girls Club to do this)
- Schools must facilitate telework and work-at-home for employees, **to the maximum extent possible.**
- When essential work is performed in buildings, employees must follow social distancing guidelines and health and safety protocols as put forth by the state.

Operational Implications:

Superintendent Yahraes provided a few handouts concerning our distance learning data as well as surveys that have been sent out.

- Referenced collection of Distant Learning Reports from each school. Weekly all schools have been keeping track of: **# of students connected with, # of packets, # of online learning, type of virtual platforms used.**
 - This information shows improvement within each building. We have done an excellent job in responding to the distant learning condition and criteria under the governor’s orders. Also, we are a district with a grow mindset. We are always looking to improve.
 - As a district it shows us our strengths and areas of needed growth. Example schools are at 9%, 32% to 71% online instruction. And that is just the elementary.
 - The junior high is our strong school in using multiple platforms by teachers, students, and parents.
 - It let us know we have a lot more work to do in terms of educating our students, parents, and teachers regarding online learning.

Surveys: In addition to this information we asked the staff and parents to reflect and provide us feedback regarding the distant learning experience.

The district has done this because we want to grow and understand how we did. We are also using this information as we prepare for next year.

Later this week ODE will be releasing its first iteration of COVID Operational Re opening 2020 21 Guidance. We can anticipate that we will need to have available a much stronger online/distance learning capability to blend with in class learning.

Here's some basic info regarding things to consider for re-opening from Pat Allen the Director of the Oregon Health Authority:

1) How do we shape classrooms to maximize to the greatest extend possible distancing? 6 feet apart, or 35 square feet. Work on general distancing.

2) Maximize hand cleaning opportunities and facilities spaces to clean... and sites to clean hands. Build into the daily schedule and build into rooms and facilities more cleaning opportunities.

3) We need to think cohorts. How can we to the maxim extend possible keep students in clusters? For instance, teachers rotate, not students.

4) Think Facial coverings and protect equipment for key working areas: Bus driver, Front office, nurses, so forth.

5) Build strict cleaning routines.

6) Have symptoms stay home. Staff and students.

We have examined protocols, designs, concepts for all of these things and we have been attempting to get ahead of ordering needed materials for next year.

The first week of August will be important as we anticipate ODE will have ironed out a final draft of re-opening guidance.

Graduation Ceremonies and Celebrations occurred last Thursday and Friday; Hats off to Steve Thorpe, High School Admin, and to all the staff and parents who helped.

Over the course of two days: approximately 24 mini social distance mini ceremonies took place in our gym where students had a chance to walk across the stage and receive their diploma. The entire process was videotaped and will be edited and given to each student.

Friday a car parade occurred through town. The city police and fire department helped. It was great to see and celebrate these students.

March:

Breakfast - 4962

Lunch - 4962

April:

Breakfast - 10,424

Lunch - 10,424

May:

Breakfast - 9936

Lunch - 9936

June so far:

Breakfast - 2994

Lunch - 2994

We will be starting the Summer Lunch Program (the real Summer Lunch Program) June 12, 2020 and continuing through August 21, 2020. We will not be serving on July 3, because of the holiday weekend, and will be not serving the week prior to school starting. We will continue serving from 10:30 - 11:30, Monday through Friday at three sites: Foster, High School, and Holley.

Other than that, we have continued serving meals to our community kids through rain, sun, sleet, Covid-19, and hail, without a break.... even during Spring Break! We have an awesome team here that have become experts in sack meal production and packaging.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the May 11, 2020 School Board Meeting and Budget Meeting
May 18, 2020 Special School Board Meeting
- B. Accepted donation from Jim Picket, African hardwood valued at \$1,000, to the Sweet Home High School wood shop
- C. Approved resignation from Kayla Hunt, Special Ed Teacher at Hawthorne Elementary effective June 30, 2020
- D. Approved resignation from Kim Hunt, Special Ed Teacher at Foster Elementary effective June 30, 2020
- E. Approved hire of Taylor Rash, Special Education, Self-Contained Life Skills Teacher at the High School for the 2020-2021 school year
- F. Approved resignation of Hannah Galka, Kindergarten teacher at Hawthorne Elementary effective June 12, 2020

Motion No. 20-24: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update/Safety Information/Bond Update/Work Share
Budget Update: Suburban purchased
Safety Information – No recordable incidents during the month of May
Bond and Seismic: Current Bond Revenue is \$10,505,343. Jr. High expenditures to date equaled \$10,505,343 and Foster and Holley combined totaled \$3,607,196.
Work Share: Work share plan was approved retroactive to the week of May 17 to May 23, 2020. We have submitted initial claims for 282 district employees to the Employment Department. The District is submitting a weekly report including each employee's payroll information along with employee provided information such as whether an employee had outside earnings and whether an employee missed any work opportunities.
- B. Facility Project Report – Superintendent Yahraes gave a report and update on projects that will be completed.
- C. 2020-2021 Budget Update
- D. Board Policy Updates- 1st reading
GCBDAAGDBDAA – COVID-19 Related Leave
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GBL – Personnel Records
GBLA – Disclosure of Information
GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment, Required
GBN/JBA-AR – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
IGBAH-AR – Special Education – Evaluation and Eligibility Procedures
JBA/GBN – Sexual Harassment
JBA/GBN-AR – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure
JHH – Student Suicide Prevention

Closed the public hearing on the District's 2020-2021 Budget

7. Action Items:

- A. **Resolution #06-1920** Close Public Hearing & Approve to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget, make appropriations and impose and categorize taxes (should be close to 7:00 p.m.)

Motion No. 20-25: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved approve to adopt the 2020-21 Budget and make appropriations and impose and categorize taxes. Board Member Debra Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Resolution #07-1920** Approve current (2019-2020) budget adjustments by increasing the General Fund Support Services budget by \$200,000 from \$10,520,202 to \$10,720,202 to reflect higher spending as compared to what was originally budgeted; reduce the General Fund Instruction budget by \$200,000 from \$14,060,531 to \$13,860,531 to reflect less spending as compared to what was originally budgeted; Increase the PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability Fund payment amount by \$1,200,000; Reduce the PERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability Fund Unappropriated Ending Fund balance by \$1,200,000

Motion No. 20-26: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved to approve adjustments to the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Resolution #08-1920** LBL Local Service Plan Amendment – 2019-2020 Resolution

Motion No. 20-27: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved to approve LBL Local Service Plan Amendment – 2019-2020 Resolution as presented. Board Member Joe Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Board Comments – Mike Reynolds said the graduation parade was great

9. Late Items – No late items

10. Executive Session: ~~OSR 192.660 (2) (d) Licensed Bargaining~~

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting June 1, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent's Office
- B. Next Board Meeting June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary
(This meeting was also recorded and saved supt/board/audio)