

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Virtual meeting as per ORS 192-670 - Zoom Meeting
Live board meeting was posted on the Sweet Home District website

*Board Chairman Jason Redick called the **regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:44 p.m. on December 14, 2020.*

Board Members in Attendance Jason Redick, Debra Brown, Jim Gourley, Dale Keene, Joseph Kennedy, Mike Reynolds, Jason Van Eck, Chanz Keeney Absent: Jenny Daniels

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Rachel Stucky, Colleen Henry, Thad Holub, Kevin Strong, Josh Darwood Certified: Patty O'Day, Elizabeth Hunt; Classified: Lisa Gourley; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Kelly Kenoyer, representing *the New Era*

2. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 20-53: *Board Member Mike Reynolds moved to approve the agenda as presented.*

Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. Debra Brown- yes, Jim Gourley- yes, Dale Keene- yes, Joseph Kennedy- yes, Mike Reynolds- yes, Jason Van Eck- yes, Chanz Keeney- yes, Jason Redick- yes *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Public Comments:

4. Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Certified & Classified Representatives –

B. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Tom Yahraes shared the following:

1. Enrollment: There is no significant updates. There is a slight decrease in enrollment.

This is normal if we consider that the new baseline was moved from total enrollment from 2300 students to 2100 students.

2. Metrics and Standards: Superintendent Yahraes talked about the new COVID numbers and how this impacts instructional models. He also updated the board as of any COVID developments and their impact on school operations. Our ability to return to in-person instruction is set by the state. Superintendent Yahraes reminded the public, as the board knows; the metric limits and associated allowable instructional models (distance learning, hybrid in-person, and limited in-person learning) are determined by the governor and enforced by the Oregon Department of Education. This is not a localized decision. We are following orders (metrics) set by the Governor's Office and the Linn County COVID case counts.

COVID impact on Schools: The District has had to suspend limited in-person instruction at two schools (for the required currently 14 days): Junior High and Oak Heights as we had staff test positive. No numbers have changed since the

Superintendent's last message to families, staff, and the community. 2 cases at the Junior High, 3 cases at Oak Heights.

While suspending limited in-person instruction is disappointing, the district has had positive feedback from the State and County Health Authorities regarding our health and safety protocols. We follow the state and county regulations and requirements. We make decisions, for instance to suspended in-person learning, not based on anxiety or speculation, we follow procedures laid out by the county and state. The health officials are finding schools are not the source of the spread of COIVD, individuals social environments are.

3. Instruction Model Updates K-3, 4-12: Despite poor COVID case counts we are going forward with instructional models to re-operation in-person instruction for all under COVID conditions. Rachel Stucky assisted Superintendent Yahraes in presenting this information.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the from November 9, 2020 School Board Meeting
- B. Approved donations of a GE Full Size Washer to Holley School from Tim and Mary Kaye Bartin.
- C. Accepted donation of \$300.00 from Artemis Partner Anne Aldrich, of Grand Rapids Michigan for general use by the District.

Motion No. 20-54: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. Debra Brown- yes, Jim Gourley- yes, Dale Keene- yes, Joseph Kennedy- yes, Mike Reynolds- yes, Jason Van Eck- yes, Chanz Keeney- yes, Jason Redick- yes ***The motion passed unanimously.***

6. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update/Safety Information/Bond Update:
Budget: Year to date general fund spending compared to adopted budget & year to date spending last year by object code.
Safety: There was one recordable incident in the month of November. A staff member strained their back from a fall.
Economic Forecast: The financial outlook is much more encouraging that I was six months ago when extreme cuts were expected. Kate Brown proposed a State School Fund of \$9.1 billion. The Student Success Act would receive \$778.8 million while High School Success (Measure98) would receive \$314.5 million over the two-year biennium. Sweet Home's share would likely be just under 4/10ths of one percent of the statewide amount.

A key issue in Sweet Home's budget will be whether enrollment returns to pre-COVID levels.

- B. Facilities Update: Josh Darwood gave a report on the seismic and remodel updates. He also gave an update on the cleaning supplies and shared a video on the sprayer we are planning to purchase.
- C. Board Policy Updates – 1st reading
ACB – All Students Belong
ACB-AR – Bias Incident Complaint Procedure

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – Federal Family and Medical Leave/State Family Medical Leave
GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(2) – Request for Family and Medical Leave
GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(4) – Sample Designation Letter to Employee – FMLA/OFLA Leave
GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – COVID-19 Related Leave
GCPC/GDPC – Retirement of Staff
IJ – School-Counseling Program
IJ-AR – Child Development Specialist Program
IKFB – Graduation Exercises
JB – Equal Educational Opportunity JFCM – Threats of Violence

7. Action Items: NONE

8. Board Comments: NONE

9. Moved to Executive Session

- A. 192.660 (2) (d) – Licensed Bargaining
- B. 192.660 (2) (i) – Superintendent Evaluation

~~10. Returned to regular Session at~~

11. Late Items – No late items

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting January 4, 2021 at 3:30 in the Superintendent’s Office
- B. Next Board Meeting January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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