

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Virtual meeting as per ORS 192-670 - Zoom Meeting with Administrators
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 6:30 p.m. on May 10, 2021.*

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

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Rachel Stucky, Colleen Henry, Kevin Strong, Thad Holub, Josh Darwood, Ralph Brown, Terry Martin, Luke Augsburger, Barbi Riggs, Todd Barrett, Terry Martin; Certified: Elizabeth Hunt; Classified: Velma Canfield; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance:

2. ESPY Awards

Every month two students are selected from each school and presented with an ESPY Award at the Board Meeting. The award is presented to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies. Selections for the month of April are: SH High School –Maren Weld, Eddie Martinez-Maya SH Jr. High School – Benjamin Perry, Katriona Harris, Joshua Aker, Tiara Reynolds; Foster School – Aiden Sweek; Hawthorne School Kitana Waterman, Keiron Steadman; Holley School – Malena Vinoya, Cassidy Parker; Oak Heights School – Isabella Martinez, Maddie Hegge; Charter School – Jameson Henry, Hannah Nicholson. Congratulations to all of this month’s ESPY Award winners!

All year ESPY winner of the Chromebook was Hannah McCluskey at the Jr. High

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 21-14: Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the revised agenda as presented. Board Member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. Debra Brown, Dale Keene, Mike Reynolds, Jenny Daniels, Jim Gourley, Jason Redick, Chanz Keeney, and Joseph Kennedy Absent: Jason Van Eck ***The motion passed unanimously.***

4. Public Comments: NONE

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Certified & Classified Representatives – NONE

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

1. Enrollment: The enrollment is steady. About the same as last month.
2. Health and Safety Report: Shared Metrics for Returning to in-person instruction through the on-site or hybrid model. If schools have met the requirements and begun operating, and then metrics move to a more restrictive threshold, schools are not required to shift from operating with 3 feet of physical distance to 6 feet of physical distance. Also shared weekly monitoring rates. Superintendent Yahraes reported that the county has moved to extreme risk. Linn County numbers jumped about a 100 from last month. As of today:

- We have approx. 54 students quarantined
- 10 of those are positive cases
- Most of these students will all be back by the end of this week. We have maybe 8-10 that will not be back until next week. All of our positive cases were exposed outside of the school district via community exposure
- We have had no new cases since last week
- We are continuing to watching for major symptoms at school, which include, cough, fever, difficulty breathing and loss of taste and smell
- Our schools are doing a great job with the covid protocols

3. Two Themes for Back to In-person: Our schools are back to 5 days a week, full days for grades K-6, and modified days for grades 7-12. Each principal presented slides via Zoom and talk about their schools.

6. Consent Agenda

- Approved minutes from the April 12, 2021 School Board Meeting
- Approved temporary hire of Robbie Ellis, Science Teacher at the Jr. High effective April 26, 2021
- Approved hire of Leslie Curran, Title 1 Teacher at Foster Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year
- Accepted resignation of Linda Luu, Grade 3 Teacher at Foster Elementary effective June 30, 2021
- Accepted resignation of Skyler Bascom, Counselor at the Jr. High school effective June 30, 2021
- Accepted fulltime retirement of Jim Kistner, Re-engagement Specialist at the High School effective June 18, 2021
- Approved leave of absence for Theo White, Special Ed Teacher at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year
- Approved hire of Brittany Brownell, Grade 2 Teacher at Foster Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year
- Accepted resignation of Dustin Nichol, Tech Ed Teacher at the Sweet Home High School effective June 18, 2021

Motion No. 21-15: Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. Debra Brown, - Dale Keene, Mike Reynolds, Jenny Daniels, Jim Gourley, Jason Redick, Joseph Kennedy, Chanz Keeney Absent: Jason Van Eck The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information/Discussion

A. Budget Update/Safety Information:

Budget: Kevin Strong shared general fund spending compared to adopted budget and year to date spending last year. Sub and other labored areas from last year.

Safety: There were five recordable incidents in April: A staff member rolled an ankle while waking in parking lot; staff member was injured when hit by a student; a staff member injured arm attributed to delivering meals to classrooms; staff member tripped and sprained ankle; staff member punctured thigh when she ran into scissors she had left on a shelf.

B. **Facilities Update:** Josh Darwood gave a facilities update on the Jr. High. Lockers are ordered and bleachers are on their way. Josh is working with the City on property lines.

C. Board Policy Updates

- CBA- Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
- IIBGA – Electronic Communications Systems
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- D. Summer school structure and goals: Rachel reported on:
- Health and Safety – Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) protocol applies
 - Schooling Loss Focus – Emotional reengagement with peers and school staff, Traditional and extracurricular learning, Open to all students-first come first serve, 20 or more days of summer programming, setting everyone up for a successful fall, 2021
 - An Application Process- all six schools, allocated budget, student recruitment and registration, transportation and meals provided, assessments required, student incentive required
 - Calendar
 - Funding – Elementary and secondary schools emergency relief, ODE summer school grant funds
 - Looking Toward the Future – Continuously offer summer school and other learning enrichment programming
- E. Technology and instruction virtual and regular programming: Colleen Henry gave report:
- District Goal is to provide a learning atmosphere that prepares students for an ever-changing world.
 - Snapshot of our ever-changing world- Digital innovation
 - Gradual Shift of digital innovation
 - Digital Innovation + COVID
 - Pillar IV: Safe and Welcoming Facilities and Services
 - Classroom infrastructure: Increased our network bandwidth, added phones to classrooms, increased our qty of student devices, added 110 mobile hotspots for student use at home, updated teacher workstations
 - Content and Curriculum: Adopted Canvas LMS
 - 2020-2021: a year of BIG growth
 - As we embrace the return to in-person learning. We have plans already in development for 2021-22- Connecting with families regarding expanded learning options, assembling a committee to update our tech plan to include a modernized 1:1 learning framework, working with building admin to develop tech PD schedules at each school, finalizing virtual program options at JH/HS next year
 - We are purchasing tools that can make new high-level learning experiences possible, yet it is in the hands of our great teachers to make that impact
 - Building the Modern Learning Environment, pillar IV of SHSD Strategic Plan. Full realization of a 1:1 learning environment

8. Action Items: NONE

9. Board Comments: Mike Reynolds – Jim Kistner and Dustin Nichol – thank you for their years of service. Tom Yahraes thanked Jenny Daniels for her years of service on the board.

10. Late Items – No late items

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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