

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

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Board Chairman Reynolds called the regular meeting of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 2017 in the District Office Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Jason Redick, Debra Brown, Jason Van Eck, Angela Clegg, Carol Babcock, Mike Adams: Absent: Jenny Daniels, Chanz Keeney

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Luke Augsburger, Todd Barrett, Josh Dargis, Terry Augustadt, Colleen Henry, Andy Price, Ralph Brown, Steve Brown, Mark Looney, Jennifer Sedlock, Rachel Stucky, Cheryl Hicks, Josh Darwood; Certified: Lisa Canaday, Dustin Nichol, ; Classified: Sharron Conner, Nancy Brocard, Cheryl Hicks, Kim Armstrong, Toy Royer; Board Recording: Secretary Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Sean Morgan, representing *the New Era*, parents and grandparents of ESPY winners, Sportsman's Holiday Court, Sherrie Ingram, Tavia Thornton, Mary Northern - Charter School representative, Don Hopkins, Jesse Clayton

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 February are: Foster School – Christopher Kurtz, Olivia Gilmore; Hawthorne School – Jason Funk, Kaylee Denton; Holley School – Savannah Sayers, Brookelynn Burke; Oak Heights School – Brooklyn Orr, Benjamin Perry; SH Jr. High School – Wyatt Aiello, Alesix Yoder; and SH High School – Kobe Olson, Alisha Isabell. Congratulations to all of this month's ESPY Award winners! Debra Brown handed out the awards.

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

Chairman Reynolds called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

Motion No. 17-07: Board Member Jason Redick moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Introduction of the Sportsman's Holiday Court – Jessi Thomas, Kendyl Stutzman, Kalyee Armstrong, Elizabeth Chelstad

6. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. **Sweet Home High School Student:** Josh Rice gave a report on past and current events at the High School.
- B. **Certified and Classified Representatives:** None
- C. **Administrators:**
Ralph Brown, Principal at Sweet Home High School
Graduation Report

1. Ralph gave a report on our graduation rate increase. He spoke to what he sees as the positive factors that have attributed to this increase. He handed out a dropout rate list from 2011-2016 and explained that the rates have increased and the new incentives that they are doing to increase better attendance.

Thriving Citizens and Community Relations

2. Mr. Brown shared a community relations initiative that his staff have developed for Sweet Home elementary students and their families to promote activities, athletics, and community pride. Specific Husky competition nights are dedicated to specific schools and their families. This initiative has been a huge success. VIP wristband, free popcorn were given to all students that show up. Steve Brown recognized Amber Rosa for Coach of the Year.

D. Superintendent's Report:

1. Attendance Rate and Recognition
Hawthorne Elementary received the attendance award this month with an attendance average of 93.07.
2. Five Day Transition Update
Thursday, February 9 was the transition team's last meeting. Superintendent Yahraes provided a brief report on their recommendations and the next steps in building a 5-day week schedule. Parent meetings and staff meetings, start and end times will be discussed and 2017/18 school calendar
3. District Transition to Gmail and Google – Nancy Brocard and Sharon Conner
Nancy and Sharon discussed Sweet Home District's move to Gmail and ultimately a Google District. They reported our cost savings as well as our communication feature enhancements and efficiencies. Sweet Home is modernizing its technology infrastructure and practices. They have received lots of positive feedback.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from January 9, 2017 School Board Meeting
- B. Approved Forestry Club trip to Humboldt State University in Northern California March 26th – 28th, 2017
- C. Accepted resignation of Richard Sugerman, 4th Grade Teacher at Holley Elementary effective February 3, 2017
- D. Accepted resignation of Susie Routes, Counselor .5 Foster/.5 Holley effective June 30, 2017
- E. Accepted resignation of June Lemke, Counselor at Sweet Home High School effective June 30, 2017

Motion No. 17-08: Board Member Debra Brown, moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Carol Babcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Information/Discussion

A. Charter School

1. Chairman Reynolds led us through the beginnings of our Charter School renewal process. Our Charter School contract expires at the end of this year. We have contracted with OSBA Kristen Miles to help us through the renewal process. The first step will occur at this board meeting where (in accordance with ORS) we are required to have a hearing. The Charter School will provide a brief presentation. After the presentation we must provide an opportunity for public comment, followed by board discussion. Tavia Thornton expressed her gratitude for the good relationship between the Charter School and the District. She updated the board on what the Charter school is about, enrollment, curriculum, small class sizes, dress code, parental involvement, field trips and State testing.

No major changes are being asked from the charter for the new contract. No other agreements outside of the charter.

No public comment

B. Budget /Safety report –

1. Kevin provided a budget and safety report at our meeting. We had two recordable incidents; a staff member slipped while exiting a bus and hurt her tailbone and another staff member slipped while walking across a parking lot and hurt a finger when she landed.

C. Bond Update *** Attached is a PowerPoint presentation that was shown to Board

1. Josh Darwood, Kevin Strong, and Superintendent Yahraes informed the board on:
 - i. Matching Fund and Bond Structure background and updates
 - ii. Work done so far (work sessions, school/community presentations and surveys)
 - iii. Feedback we have received from community presentations and surveys
2. Recommended facility improvement funds being primarily targeted to the Jr. High, while all remaining schools receiving improvements in safety and security and other priority areas determined by sites and District Facility's Office.
3. Mr. Strong discussed "Notice of Measure Elections." This notice has specific language which addresses our facility improvement targets. This language is the foundation for our voting community.
4. Provided a "next steps" roadmap, if the board should approve a bond measure resolution.
5. Provided some basic concepts and pictures of areas that need improvement.

9. Action Items

- A. Resolution #02-1617 – Bond Measure

Motion No. 17-09: Board Member Carol Babcock moved to approve Resolution #02-1617 Bond Measure. Board Member Angela Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Gerding Builders Contract for the High School Auditorium Seismic Upgrade Project

Motion No. 17-10: Board Member Jason Redick moved to approve the Gerding Builders Contract for the High School Auditorium Seismic Upgrade Project. Board Member Angela Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Board Comments – None

11. Late Items – No late items 8:06 regular session

12. Executive Session – ORS 192.660 (2) (d) – Negotiations

13. Return to regular Session at 8:54 p.m.

Motion No. 17-11: Board Member Jason Van Eck moved to appoint Jason Redick and Carol Babcock at members of the negotiation team. Board Member Angela Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future Agenda Items

Board Officers Meeting March 6, 2017 at 3:30 at DO

Next Board Meeting March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary

This meeting was also recorded and saved supt/board/audio