

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

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Board Chairman Mike 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 October 9, 2017 in the District Office Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Debra Brown, Carol Babcock, Ben Emmert, Angela Clegg, Jason Van Eck, Jason Redick
Absent: Jim Gourley, Chanz Keeney

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Steve Brown, Terry Augustadt, Colleen Henry, Todd Barrett, Luke Augsburg, Josh Dargis, Cheryl Hicks, Josh Darwood, Barbi Riggs, Ralph Brown, Thad Holub, Rachel Stucky; Certified: Elspeth Liermann; Classified: None; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Sean Morgan, representing *the New Era*; Jennifer Moody, *the Albany Democrat Herald*; Students: Chase Boyd and Madelyn Neuschwander; parents and grandparents of ESPY winners

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 October are: Foster School – Taiden Burger, Aubrie Putney; Hawthorne School – Jocelyn Fairchild, Shasta Tenbusch; Holley School – Blayden Von Cannon; Oak Heights School – Emma Shank, Savannah Root; SH Jr. High School – Amandia Newcomer, Claire James; and SH High School – Noah Taraski, Nicole Grady. 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. 17-60: Board Member Angela Clegg moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. **High School Representative:** Chase Boyd gave a report on current and upcoming events at the High School.
- B. **Administrators/Staff Reports:** Todd Barrett shared his goals for Holley Elementary and the Sweet Home community. Holley is continuing their self-manager program and has awarded 11 students this year. A Holley student has come up with a school fund raiser for our local animal shelter.
- C. **Certified & Classified Representatives:** None
- D. **Superintendent's Report:**
 1. **Enrollment Updates:** Superintendent Yahraes shared current enrollment information

2. **Attendance/Golden Shoe:** Hawthorne Elementary won the Golden Shoe award with 96.84% attendance for September
3. **Strategic Plan:** Mr. Yahraes updated the board regarding partnering with OSBA Kristen Miles to help lay out the framework to design a 3-5 year Strategic Plan.
4. **Assessment Report:** Director of Teaching and Learning, Rachel Stucky, and Superintendent Yahraes provided a PowerPoint presentation on last year's assessments and action to improve. Objectives: Looked at the results of SHSD summative assessments, looked at the high school graduation and dropout rates and provide actions for improvement. Overall the district needs to improve. Ms. Stucky shared that there have been areas that have shown improvement from last year, but overall trends continue to be low in proficiency performance at the elementary levels. At the November board meeting Mr. Yahraes will provide a part II report card report.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from September 11, 2017 School Board Meeting and minutes from September 18, 2017 Board Training
- B. Approved hire, Jennifer Ashcraft .75 District ESOL Teacher beginning September 25, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year
- C. Approved donation from Like-Nu Appliance, 3 washing machines to the Sweet Home School District valued at \$900.00: Whirlpool Washer – WTW500DWO-091517300 white \$300.00; Whirlpool Washer #M-WTW6200SW2-091617300 white \$300.00; Kenmore Washer – M-110.27102310-091617300 white \$300.00
- D. Approved grant to Michelle Clarno, Sweet Home Jr. High from Corvallis Environmental Center, Classrooms Take Charge Program for \$1,473.67

Motion No. 17:61: Board Member Jason Van Eck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board member Carol Babcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget/Safety Information/ Bond and Seismic Update- Kevin Strong reported the budget update. Year to date we are up \$71,750 above last year significant increase is due to classified salaries. There were three recordable incidents in September; Staff member knelt down to open a file cabinet and right knee gave way; staff member was walking when a student swung a jacket that wrapped around staff member's knee causing her to fall causing pain and swelling left knee and numbness in tooth; staff member fell in computer lab fracturing her left hand and hitting her head.
- B. Seismic Update – Mr. Strong reported that we are nearing completion of this project. Lights were installed and the panels are being installed sometime this month.
- C. Board Policy GCL-AR (2) – 1st reading. Teacher Standards and Practices (TSCP) state level name changes which impacts our need to align our policy language.
- D. Board/Superintendent Working Agreements. This document was developed as a result of our Board training on September 18, 2017. The Board may wish to adopt this as our 2017-18 working agreement.

8. Action Items

- A. Review/Approve Alternative Education Programs for 2017-2018: Director of Student Services, Thad Holub, presented mandatory information regarding our Alternative Education Programs for students.

Motion No. 17-62: Board Member Jason Redick moved to approve the Alternative Education Programs for the 2017-2018 school year. Board Member Jason Van Eck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Hire ZCS Engineering to provide services for the upcoming Foster, Hawthorne and Holley Elementary seismic projects. ZCS was the only firm to respond to our RFP. They have also been providing services for our High School auditorium project. We have been pleased with their work.

Motion No. 17-63: Board Member Jason Van Eck moved to approve the hire of ZCS Engineering to provide services for the upcoming Foster, Hawthorne and Holley Elementary seismic projects. Board Member Debra Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Hiring of gLAs Architects: Josh Darwood, Director of Facilities, Kevin Strong and Superintendent Yahraes have met extensively with gLAs and reviewed their projects and talked to many references.

Motion No. 17-64: Board Member Angela Clegg moved to approve the hire of gLAs Architects as our architect to oversee our bond projects. Board Member Carol Babcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Board Comments** – Board member Angela Clegg commended the elementary administration and teachers for a successful salmon watch program this year. Ms. Clegg also acknowledged our counselors in the district that participated in the Suicide Watch Program.

10. **Late Items** – No late items

11. **Future Agenda Items**

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting November 6, 2017 at 3:30 in Superintendents Office
- B. OSBA Annual Conference – November 9-12, 2017
- C. Next Board Meeting November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

* Chairman Reynolds also mentioned a possible meeting to discuss Mr. Yahraes evaluation

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary

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