

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

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 December 12, 2016 in the District Office Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Jason Redick, Debra Brown, Chanz Keeney, Jenny Daniels, Angela Clegg, Nick Augsburger via phone Carol Babcock: Absent: Jason Van Eck

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Luke Augsburger, Todd Barrett, Josh Dargis, Colleen Henry, Andy Price, Ralph Brown, Steve Brown, Mark Looney, Jennifer Sedlock, Rachel Stucky, Cheryl Hicks, Josh Darwood; Certified: Lisa Canaday; Board Recording: Secretary Julie Emmert

Other Attendance

Sean Morgan, representing *the New Era*, Jennifer Moody, representing *the Albany Democrat Herald*, parents and grandparents of ESPY winners, Mike Adams, Vern Tunnell

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 December are: Foster School – Hailey Borromeo, Steven Singree; Hawthorne School – Kiera Tyree, Trynity Jones; Holley School – Easten Perry; Oak Heights School – Uriah Dobbs, Taiden Burger; SH Jr. High School – Alexander Springer, Kaitlyn Victor; and SH High School – Milah Weld, Quinn Dinsfriend. Congratulations to all of this month's ESPY Award winners! Nick Augsburger handed out the awards.

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 16-55: Board Member Debra Brown moved to approve the agenda. Board Member Jenny Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Public Comments:** Mike Reynolds informed public of their right to comment on the seismic rehabilitation project

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Sweet Home High School Student – Madeline Neuschwander reported on the High School winter sports and the community service projects that the leadership class has been doing through the holiday season. Spirit week is in progress with many events planned.
- B. Certified and Classified Representatives – Lisa Canaday acknowledged Tomas Rosa, Peggy Rolph and Sarah Lynn for their work in helping students, families and the community with holiday projects such as food baskets, stockings and helping families that were placed on the sharing tree.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
Mr. Yahraes shared the following information:

- **Attendance Rate and Recognition:** Holley Elementary received the attendance award this month with an attendance average of 94.58. Mr. Barrett shared that their secret to success is about working as a team work and building relationships with students, parents and staff.

- **Update on 4 to 5-day week:** Rachel Stucky and Mr. Yahraes have been meeting with union representatives and will start making core teams for the best five day schedule.
- **Sweet Home Giving Spirit:** Mr. Yahraes expressed his appreciation for the following groups who have been giving to our students and community: Alumni Foundation - Christmas Tree Auction, Elks wish list for schools, Shop with a Cop, Sweet Home Sharing Tree, Hopes Closet, Toy Run, High School Leadership class and Entek who donated 200 coats for our students.

6. Consent Agenda

- Approved minutes from November 14, 2016 School Board Meeting and November 28, 2016 Work Session
- Approved hire of Holly Ashcraft, District ESOL Teacher beginning January 2, 2017 for the 2016-2017 school year
- Approved hire of Joni Ortiz, Temporary Science Teacher at the Sweet Home Jr. High School for the 2016-17 school year
- Approved hire of Rohan Cordy, Temporary 2nd grade Teacher at Holley Elementary beginning December 5, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year
- Approved retirement of Patricia Kagler, 2/3 Teacher at Foster Elementary as of January 1, 2017 and return on a post retirement agreement for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year
- Accepted donation of \$1,050.00 from Sharon Harris for the Homeless program
- Accepted donation \$2,000.00 from Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant to support the Homeless Student Assistance program
- Accepted resignation of position #8, at Large Board Member Nick Augsburger

Motion No. 16-56: Board Member Jenny Daniels, moved to approve the consent as presented. Board Member Angela Clegg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information/Discussion

- Application for Vacant School Board Position # 8 At Large. Mike explained that as of the date of the December 12, 2016 School Board meeting, the Board of Directors will be accepting applications that are to be turned into the Superintendent's office by January 2, 2017. The applications will be available on the District website and in the Superintendent's office. The board will appoint a new board member at the January 9th, 2017 Board meeting. The term will end 6/30/17 for this position. During the May election the temporary board selection position will be opened up formally for public vote.
- Budget Committee Vacancies: #2 Liberty, #3 Foster, #4 Cascadia, #6 Crawfordsville #9 Sweet Home. So far we have had one applicant, Don Hopkins.
- Kevin Strong gave a budget update and safety report. There was one recordable incident for the month of November; a staff member slipped on wet pavement while on recess duty and injured her knee.
- Bond Discussion: Tom Yahraes, Kevin Strong, and Josh Darwood provided a PowerPoint updating the Board. Much of the items the board has already seen during our work sessions. They provided the public with an overview of where we are at in the Bond Exploration process. Outline of the PowerPoint:
 - Intro to the upcoming action item apply for the State Matching Funds
 - Brief description of what the State Matching funds are
 - General Guiding principles of what we would target with bond and matching funds
 - Status of various facilities
 - Funding structures where Sweet Home Ranks and projected future of Matching Funds in the next biennium
 - TimeLine
 - Survey results
 - Next steps

8. Action Items

1. Direct district staff to complete and submit an Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Grant Application form. By doing so, Sweet Home could potentially receive 4 million state matching grant if voters pass a bond in May 2017.

Motion No. 16-57: Board Member Chanz Keeney moved to submit an Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Grant Application form. Board Member Debra Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. We are moving forward with the high school auditorium seismic upgrade project that is being funded by a \$1.4 million grant that we received. Before we issue a request for proposal to select a contractor for the project, the Board (acting in its capacity as the Local Contract Review Board) needs to approve the contracting method. Our attorney has reviewed this information and signed off that we are in compliance with state law and Board policy. Timeline would begin next week if passed tonight. Contracts will be the last thing that will be given to the board. SHARK has \$6,000 dollars to donate.

Motion No. 16-58: Board Member Jason Redick moved to approve the contracting method for the seismic upgrade project. Board Member Jenny Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Board Comments** – Mike Reynolds thanked Nick Augsburger for his service on the board. Jason Redick commented on the giving of Sweet Home and how it is seen by our students in a positive way.

10. Late Items – No late items

11. Future Agenda Items

- Next Board Officers Meeting January 2, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. DO
- Next Board Meeting January 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary

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