

## 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 April 12, 2021.*

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

### **Staff Members in Attendance**

Superintendent: Tom Yahraes; Administrators: Rachel Stucky, Colleen Henry, Kevin Strong, Thad Holub, Josh Darwood, Ralph Brown, Terry Martin, Luke Augsburger; Certified: Patty O'Day, Elizabeth Hunt; Classified: None; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

**Other Attendance:** Robert Shamek and Peggy Curtis from the Jamboree Office; Benny from the New Era

### **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 –Ala Ragudao, Katie Robeck SH Jr. High School – Edwin Quisenberry, Andrew Tolman, Lane Scott, Hannah McCluskey; Foster School – Elijah Jensen, Tyson Grazer; Hawthorne School Kynleigh Oakley, Leif Curtis; Holley School – Mariano Haskett-Caldera, Aaliyah Brown; Oak Heights School – Sawyer Smith, Pyper Hall; Charter School – Wyatt Erickson, Henry Gainer. Congratulations to all of this month's ESPY Award winners!

### **3. Agenda Approval/Changes**

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

***Motion No. 21-9: Board Member Mike Reynolds moved to approve the revised agenda as presented. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion.*** Debra Brown, Dale Keene, Mike Reynolds, Jenny Daniels, Jim Gourley, Jason Redick, Jason Van Eck Absent: Chanz Keeney, Joseph Kennedy ***The motion passed unanimously.***

### **4. Public Comments: NONE**

### **5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments**

- A. **Certified & Classified Representatives** – Elizabeth Hunt expressed her excitement for kids to return 5 days a week.
- B. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Tom Yahraes shared the following:
  1. Jamboree Report: Robert Shamek (Executive Director of the Jamboree) gave a report on COVID safety concert plans. We have updated our contact and had it reviewed by our PACE insurance, with approval. The districts insurance PACE regarding our "risk." PACE feels comfortable with the "risk" of having the event on district sites. The district has a 20-million-dollar coverage. Regarding specific coverage over COVID, nothing has changed-- in that no one really has coverage. The advice is the same: do the best you can to follow the protocols.

Robert aims to do just that. We have had a long standing relations with Jamboree for almost 30 years.

Vendor and camping questions were asked by board members.

2. Enrollment: Superintendent Yahraes reviewed enrollment. Very positive direction. Generally speaking, families want to return to in-person learning. They are feeling more comfortable.
3. Health and Safety Report: Superintendent Yahraes and Nurse Patty O'Day updated the board. So far, so good, regarding no outbreaks. Students and staff following protocols.
  - Reviewed January published Metric Guidelines for schools
  - Reviewed Linn County Metrics
  - Warm weather concerns; windows open, hand washing and distancing
4. RSSL New Guidance:
  - Reviewed key updates; State guidance base/adopted on Federal CDC guidance
5. New K-12 Schedules:
  - Superintendent Yahraes and Rachel Stucky presented the new K-12 Schedules; Elementary, Jr. High and High School. Board said well done! Kids need normal life and need to be back in school.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the March 8, 2021 School Board Meeting
- B. Approved retirement for Chris Hiaasen, Assistant Principal at the Sweet Home High School effective July 1, 2021
- C. Approved resignation from Shelly Ottre, Jr. High Counselor effective March 31, 2021
- D. Approved retirement for Lawrence Long, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Hawthorne Elementary effective June 30, 2021
- E. Accepted Donation of Cleaning Supplies from Hoy's Hardware in Sweet Home
- F. Approved resignation from Autumn Almanza, Fine Arts Teacher at the Sweet Home High School effective June 30, 2021
- G. Accepted retirement for Alain Brown, High School Social Studies teacher effective June 30, 2021
- H. Approved Leave of Absence for Dustin Nichol, High School Tech Ed Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year
- I. Approved hire of Daniel Symott, Grade 5 Temporary CDL Teacher for the district for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
- J. Approved hire of Elisa Thomas, Grade 4 Temporary CDL Teacher for the district for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
- K. Approved hire of Chris Kimber, Grade 6 Temporary CDL Teacher for the district for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

***Motion No. 21-10: 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, Jason Van Eck Absent: Joseph Kennedy, Chanz Keeney ***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. Shared recent announcement from Rep. Peter DeFazio that school districts in Oregon's Fourth Congressional District are estimated to receive hundreds of millions of dollars as a result of the American Rescue Plan, critical COVID-19 relief legislation that was signed into law. The funds would help give K-12 schools the resources they need to reopen safely, provide safe in person instruction to more students and address learning loss

and the significant impacts the pandemic has had on student's educational and emotional well-being.

**Safety:** There were two recordable incidents in March; A staff member suffered concussion when hit in head by a soccer ball twice during the same practice, staff member tore achilles tendon while jumping up to receive a soccer ball.

B. **Facilities Update:** Josh Darwood gave a facilities update. Gave a tour before Meeting.

C. **School Boundaries:** Sweet Home School District Elementary attendance area information was given by Kevin Strong, Rachel Stucky and Superintendent Yahraes. PowerPoint presented.

- Attendance areas have not been adjusted since Holley and Crawfordsville merged in 2011.
- Enrollment during the past decade has been growing at Hawthorne and Foster, declining at Oak Heights and staying about the same.
- We expect continued growth in the Hawthorne area; New apartments, Duck Hollow subdivision
- We expect continued growth in the Foster area; 46<sup>th</sup> lots north of 45<sup>th</sup>, off of old airport
- New developments since March – 40 unit apartment complex just east of Hawthorne, Foothills Drive with Hawthorne
- Shared boundary map
- Sent boundary letter home to parents on April 5.
- Comments and questions received.
- An information meeting for affected families will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 p. at the Jr. High school library.

**8. Action Items:** NONE

**9. Board Comments:**

**10. Late Items – No late items**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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