

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Jason Redick called the **regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:34 p.m. on September 13, 2021. This meeting was located at the High School Auditorium

Board Members in Attendance

Jason Redick, Mike Reynolds, (Zoom) Sara Hoffman, Jim Gourley, (Zoom) Jason Van Eck, Kevin Hill: Absent: Janice Albert, Debra Brown

Superintendent: Lisa Riggs; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Colleen Henry, Barbi Riggs, Thad Holub, Ralph Brown, Nate Tyler, Aaron Huff, Terry Martin, Mark Looney, Luke Augsburg, Debbie Phillips, Josh Dargis, Todd Barrett Certified: Steve Thorpe Classified: Velma Canfield (Zoom) Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Benny, New Era, Community members concerned with the mask mandate, applicants for board positions; Jenna Norther-Becker, Dale Keene

2. Appointed New Board Member – Position #6 – Crawfordsville

Chairman Redick introduced candidates Dale Keene and Jenna Northern/Becker and explained the process that the board would be using to appoint the new board member. The board officers selected four questions Board members asked follow up or clarifying questions:

Board members ask questions:

- 1) *In the course of preparing for this position, what have you learned about Sweet Home School District*
- 2) *What specific experiences with previous Boards do you have and how it will help you in the role of board member?*
- 3) *What are the responsibilities of school board members and what experiences do you bring around these areas?*

#6 Crawfordsville -1st Jenna Norther-Becker, 2nd Dale Keene

Three votes for each candidate. We will turn this over to the ESD – Regional District that will help us with this process.

New question from Sarah Hoffman:

1. How do you support our district or teacher?

Another vote was taken and it was again three votes for each. This will be turned over to ESD.

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 21-40: Board Member Mike Reynolds moved to approve the agenda as Presented. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Public Comments:

** All comments were recorded and can be found on our website

1. 3765 Sunset Lane – Brownsville, Oregon
2. Did not state her name
3. Robert Egner – Ridgeway Road
4. Jeffry Young – Clark Mill Road
5. Kim Lampum – Did not give her address
6. Theo White – Quince Street
7. Manuel Grajeda - 2730 Kalmia Street
8. Thomas Beckler – North River Drive- Victory House
9. James Taylor – Pleasant Valley Road
10. Wanda and Jesse Grajeda – 2730 Kalmia Street
11. Robert Egner – Responded again

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Certified & Classified Representatives: Steve Thorpe, Certified Union representative – appreciated the board, enrollment is better than we thought. We have teachers and admin to be proud of. Kids are excited to be back and having a good time! Getting a MOU completed for leave. Velma Canfield, Classified Union representative – Kids love being back!
- B. Superintendent’s Report: Lisa Riggs thanked the board and union reps. Shared her journey to this position. Spoke to the board, teachers, families and Students.
 1. OSAA – Congratulation to our football team for sportsmanship.
 2. Covid updates: Quarantined for Exposure – 113 Students, 8 staff; Covid positive, 12 student, 6 Staff.
 3. Enrollment- Colleen Henry gave a full report enrollment report

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the August 9, 2021 School Board Meeting and August 16, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- B. Approved hire of Alexus Shelton, Temporary 5th Grade Teacher at Hawthorne Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year effective 8/30/2021
- C. Approved hire of Samantha McMahan, Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher at Foster Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year effective 8/30/2021
- D. Approved hire of Richard Smithson, Sped Ed Teacher at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year effective 8/30/2021
- E. Approved hire of Jennifer Ashcraft, .25 Spanish Teacher at the Jr. High for the 2021-2022 school year effective 8/30/2021
- F. Approved hire of Laura Parrish, Biology/Life Science at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year effective 8/30/2021
- G. Approved hire of Mitchell Robison, District Behavior Specialist for the 2021-2022 school year
- H. Accepted resignation of David McNeil, Science Teacher at the High School effective immediately
- I. Accepted resignation of Hannah Mather, TOSA Counselor at Foster Elementary effective immediately
- J. Accepted resignation of Taylor Rash, Special Education at the Sweet Home High School effective when position is filled
- K. Accepted resignation of Monica Turkisher, Kindergarten Teacher at Foster Elementary effective when position is filled

Motion No. 21-41: Board Member Jim Gourley, moved to approve the revised consent agenda as presented. Board Member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update, ESSER Report, 2020-2021 Student Investment Account Report: Kevin Strong gave a report on general fund spending compared to adopted budget & YDD spending last year by object code;
ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) Spending as of August 31, 2021
2020-2021 Student Investment Account Report – Kevin Strong presented the SIA Annual Report.
- B. Facility Report- Josh Darwood – struggling with custodial staff with sickness. Looking forward to our long-range facility

8. Action Items: NONE

9. Board Comments: NONE

10. Late Items – No late items

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting October 4, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent’s Office
- B. Next Board Meeting October 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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