

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 6:30 p.m. on January 10, 2022. This meeting was located at Sweet Home District Boardroom and livestreamed on YouTube.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Superintendent: Lisa Riggs; Administrators: Kevin Strong, (Zoom) Colleen Henry, (ZOOM) Barbi Riggs, (Zoom) Thad Holub, (Zoom) Darel Bidwell, (Zoom) Ralph Brown, (Zoom) Nate Tyler, (Zoom) Aaron Huff, (Zoom) Terry Martin, (Zoom) Mark Looney, Luke Augsburger, (Zoom) Debbie Phillips, (Zoom) Josh Dargis, (Zoom) Todd Barrett Certified: Steve Thorpe; Classified: none Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Benny, New Era; Robert Shamek, Oregon Jamboree

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 January are: Foster School – Hailey Baker, Autumn Bryant; Hawthorne School – Lincoln Sutton, Abby Banker; Holley School – Boone Cupp, Weston Olson; Oak Heights School – Melany Huff, Logan Barrett; Charter School- Tripp Carr, Zaiden Walters; SH Jr. High School- Miu Simmons, Ty Newcomer; and SH High School – Max Klumph, Christian Mamac. 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. 22-01: Board Member Mike Reynolds moved to approve the agenda as Presented. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Public Comments: No Public Comments

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Certified & Classified Representatives: Steve Thorpe shared that teachers and support staff are doing amazing and working hard through this time. Staff were excited to hear from Superintendent Riggs via an email regarding PLC's and staffing. Set regular meetings with Superintendent- third Tuesday of each month. Nervous about a shutdown, would like to see kids stay in school and doing normal things.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment: Superintendent Riggs commented that enrollment is increasing with many students return to in school.
2. Sweet Home Jamboree – Robert Shamek from the Oregon Jamboree. This will be the 30th year for the Jamboree. Shared that they will be following all of the Covid rules and guidelines. Mr. Shamek proposed a Music and Brew's event that would be on school district property. This would take place in April and would use tents outside. This will be a two-day event and have approx. 50 campsites. Will have a safety plan prepared. Kevin Strong will look into being able to serving alcohol on school property.
3. Board Recognition: Superintendent Riggs thanked and acknowledge our board members and read the proclamation.

4. Superintendent Evaluation: Kristin Miles has several hours still available and she does. She can help us through this process. Dates –Julie Emmert will ask Kristin for some dates. Informal this year.
5. ODE Covid Update- Test to Stay: Superintendent Riggs, Thad Holub and Colleen Henry shared the following information:
It's our highest priority is to keep kids learning in person every day.
 - Nearly all children learn better when taught in-person.
 - Children and families rely on schools to provide a caring and safe environment.
 - Many need access to a solid breakfast and a warm lunch.
 - For parents and families, consistency matters, and for many, school is a way to ensure they can go to work and support their family.

OHA and ODE will continue to issue School Health Advisories to identify additional steps families, schools, and/or communities can take to help keep our children safely learning in our schools. The School Health Advisories name actions that individuals, families, schools, and/or communities can take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and help schools stay open to in-person instruction.

Communities will be experiencing the impacts of the Omicron variant over the next several weeks.

- Omicron variant may result in less severe disease than previous variants but it spreads much more quickly.
- This surge is likely to be much steeper than the Delta variant, impacting hospitals more severely than we experienced in the fall.
- Indoor settings in which people do not adhere with purpose and intention to masking requirements and other layered mitigation safety protocols is expected to result in rapid transmission.

Student access to in-person instruction is under threat.

Our best tool to limit the spread of COVID-19 is to follow a multi-layered approach to health & safety protocols:

- Reinforce the importance of layered mitigation efforts.
- Consider implementing additional layers of protection.
- Exclude individuals showing symptoms of COVID-19 or those who are close contact.

- If students or staff show COVID-19 symptoms or the school is aware they are a close contact, they must exclude the individual as per OAR 333-019-0010 (3) & (4). Schools may offer testing to the individual through OHA's Diagnostic Testing Program.
- Update Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.
- Work with health partners to offer vaccination clinics.
- Pause extracurricular activities or ensure they follow the same layered mitigation safety protocols practiced during the school day.**
- Hold family/community events online rather than in person

Test to Stay is a protocol and form of modified quarantine that allows exposed individuals to attend school during their quarantine period if they remain symptom-free and test negative for COVID-19.

Self-test for students/staff was given.

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6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the December 13, 2021 School Board Meeting
- B. Accept Donation from Alyson Ellis to the Jr. High; Martin Yale Paper Folder

Motion No. 22-02: Board Member Dale Keene, 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, Long Term Maintenance Application – Kevin Strong gave report on budget – increase on classified, substitute, extra duty, property premiums and gas for buses. ESSER- updates on spending. Mr. Strong also shared the Long-Range Facilities Committee Membership Application.
- B. Facility Report- Josh Darwood shared a video of improvements at Foster, the Jr. High and the High School
- C. Board Policy Rewrite

8. Action Items:

- A. Resolution #02-2122, LBL Local Service Plan

Motion No. 22-03: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved to approve Resolution #02-2122, LBL Local Service Plan. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approve 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

Motion No. 22-04: Board Member Mike Reynolds, moved to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Board Policies- 3rd Reading
 - JFCJ – Weapons in Schools
 - KGBB – Firearms Prohibited

Motion No. 22-05: Board Member Dale Keene moved to reject the changes to Board Policies JFCJ and KGBB. Board Member Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed; Dale Keene-yes, Mike Reynolds- yes, Jason Redick-yes, Janice Albert-yes, Debra Brown –yes, Jim Gourley- yes, Sarah Hoffmanno

9. Board Comments: NONE

10. Late Items – No late items

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Listening Session at the High School, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 in the Auditorium
- B. Next Board Officers Meeting February 7, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent’s Office
- C. Next Board Meeting February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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