

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 8, 2024.

Board Members in Attendance

Jason Redick, Mike Adams, Dale Keene, Mary Massey, Floyd Neuschwander, Amanda Carter (ZOOM), Sara Hoffman, Jim Gourley (6:36pm): Absent: Jenna Northern

Staff Members in Attendance

Administrators: Kevin Strong, Barbi Riggs, Brian Brands, Darel Bidwell, Josh Darwood, Todd Barrett, Josh Dargis, Mark Looney, Darrin Perry, Luke Augsburger, Nate Tyler Certified: Steve Thorpe, Hailey Schilling, Amber Rosa; Classified: Michelle Bidwell, Lisa Gourley; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Ronda Barton; New Era, ESPY/SPARK Award Winners and parents and grandparents, Max Klump, Student Representative

1. Call the meeting to order/pledge

2. ESPY/SPARK Awards - Announced the January award winners from each school

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 24-1: Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the agenda with one addition as presented. Board Member Mike Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Certified & Classified Representatives: No Classified representative. Certified Rep. Steve Thorpe; thanked the Board for all they do - board appreciation month. Shared a response from last month's meeting regarding math test scores and the misleading of the testing.
- B. Student Report: High School Student, Max Klumph; Coming off Christmas break and kids are all excited. Winter sports are in full swing. There is a talent show coming up this month on the 29th. School spirit is strong! 200 kids attended the Winter formal and it was a great success. The english department has a theme and writes letters and submits them to be printed in a book.
Superintendent's Report:
 1. Enrollment/Attendance Award; Jr. High is the attendance award winner this month.
Enrollment - we are down 14 but that is not a surprise for this time of the year.
 2. Strategic Plan Progress
 - A. Pillar 1 - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - Really Great Reading; Hailey Schilling/Amber Rosa gave a presentation on our curriculum; Really Great Reading.
 - B. Pillar 2 - THRIVING CITIZEN - Oak Heights Principal Todd Barrett shared information on Oak Heights PBIS program, Recess Behavior Matrix and Student Supports
 - C. Pillar 3 - THRIVING COMMUNITY- Partnership with Western Oregon in Lebanon and cross age students. High school students working with our elementary students.

- D. Pillar 4 - SAFE AND WELCOMING FACILITIES AND SERVICE - Pool update given under information/discussion 6C

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the December 11, 2023 School Board Meeting
- B. Approve Out-of-State cheerleading competition in Anaheim California February 14 - 20, 2024

Motion No. 24-2: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the revised consent agenda as presented. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update- Kevin Strong gave a budget update on the year to date spending we are halfway through and up \$849,614.
- B. ESSER Update- Kevin Strong gave information on ESSER Funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency relief fund) - Sweet Home School District ESSER funds have been used to provide summer learning and enrichment opportunities for students, to update school heat and ventilation systems, and to purchase evidence based reading instructional materials.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Relief Fund was created to provide emergency relief funds to address the impact the COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. There have been three rounds of ESSER funding since the pandemic began:

ESSER I- Established by the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security act on March 27, 2020. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2022.

ESSER II - Established by the Coronavirus Response and Relieve Supplemental Appropriations Act on December 27, 2020. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2023.

ESSER III - Established by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act on March 11, 2021. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2024.

ESSER III also requires school districts to reserve at least 20 percent of funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and needs. Particular attention is to be given to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student groups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care).

The Sweet Home School District has relied on community input to help make decisions regarding how to utilize ESSER funds. In particular, the district's strategic plan, which was created with significant community involvement, has helped guide decision-making processes. Parents, community organizations, and community members serving on district committees including the long-range facility planning committee have also provided guidance. We are deeply appreciative of their involvement and support.

- C. Swimming Pool Update- Kevin Strong gave a swimming pool update- We are preparing a request for proposals to replace the swimming pool filtration system and to replaster the pool. Once we have reviewed the proposals, we will make a recommendation to the board and ask for approval to proceed with the work.

7. Action Items:

- A. Approve Board Policies - 3rd Reading
 - BD/BDA - Board Meetings
 - BDC - Executive Sessions
 - EFA - Local Wellness
 - GCBDA/GDBDA - Family Medical Leave
 - GCPC/GDPC - Retirement of Staff
 - LBE - Public Charter Schools
 - LBEA - Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance

Motion no. 24-3:

Board member Floyd Neuswander moved to approve all policies except GCPC/GDPC - Retirement of staff. Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed; 7 yes 1 no. Mary Massey no, Floyd Neuswander yes, James Gourley - yes, Mike Adams - yes, Dale Keene - yes, Sara Hoffman - yes, Jason Redick - yes, Amanda Carter - yes

Motion no. 24-4:

Board member Jim Gourley moved to approve policy GCPC/GDPC - Retirement of staff. Mike Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed; 7 yes 1 no. Floyd Neuschwander - no, Mary Massey - yes, James Gourley - yes, Mike Adams - yes, Dale Keene - yes, Sara Hoffman - yes, Jason Redick - yes, Amanda Carter - yes

- B. Approve Early Literacy Grant Application

Motion no. 24-5: Board member Mary Massey moved to approve the Early Literacy grant Application as presented. Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments: NONE

9. Board Comments: NONE

10. Late Items - NONE

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent's Office
- B. Next Board Meeting February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Boardroom

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

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