

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 April 8, 2024.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Staff Members in Attendance

Administrators: Kevin Strong, Barbi Riggs, Brian Brands, Josh Darwood, Josh Dargis, Mark Looney, Todd Barrett, Nate Tyler, Ralph Brown, Luke Augsburg; Certified: Michelle Snyder, Ryan Kildea; Classified none; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Sara Brown; New Era, Manny, Jessie Grajeda, Linda Cutwright, Award Winners and parents and grandparents

1. Call the meeting to order/pledge

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

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 24-16: Board Member Mike Adams moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Certified & Classified Representatives: Classified representative; NONE. Certified Rep- Michelle Snyder, thanked the board for our negotiations and how smooth they went.
- B. Student Report: High School Student: None
- C. Superintendent's Report:
 1. Enrollment/Attendance Award; Jr. High is the attendance award winner this month. Our enrollment for this time of year is down across the State and Nation. We will be looking at Fall when the new kinders enroll.
 2. Jr. High and High School Science Adoption Update:

Ryan Kildea, Jr High Science teacher Curriculum: Science Grades 6-8, **Stile Digital - Middle School Program**

Stile- Grades 6-8; Excellent compliments to hands-on labs, Highly customizable for tailored instruction, based in Oregon, Utilized new technologies to engage more with students. Benefits; Instant and important feedback, ability to differentiate instruction, Always updating and developing new lessons and materials, requires very little prep-time compared to other programs. How the district plans to utilize Stile; Enhance our core lessons, engage students in a format that is innovative and interactive, use real-time data collection, and customize lessons to fit our individual teaching styles. Evidenced-based Learning,

Science Adoption Update from the High School:

Curriculum: Science Grades 9-12, **Savvas H. S. Science Program**

Michelle Snyder, Science teacher from the High School:

Top Choice; Top-Tier Science Core Courses, Digital Resources, Valuable & Exclusive Partnerships

Mary Massey was worried we are not using paper and pencil and the text books. Mrs. Snyder shared that she does most or all work on technology. They do hands on and answers go straight into the computer. It is the way of the world and we are getting students ready for college. Every student will have access to textbooks, curriculum either online or book. The digital books read out loud and will give students vocabulary and definitions.

3. Strategic Plan Progress

- A. Pillar 1 - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - Science curriculum
- B. Pillar 2 - THRIVING CITIZEN- Nate Tyler, Jr. High Principal presented information on thriving citizens. Striving to get students to think about the community and helping others. Academics are up from last year. Working on core values, and working on anti bullying. The students did a fundraiser raising over \$5,500 for a 1 year old community member with liver cancer. Students cleaned headstones at the cemetery, took goodie bags to other buildings in our district and wrote thank you notes for community members. And also went to the State Capital. Interact group focusing on school and community. Helping the homeless; making boxes for the water pipes and taking food to the homeless camp.
- C. Pillar 3 - THRIVING COMMUNITY
- D. Pillar 4 - SAFE AND WELCOMING FACILITIES AND SERVICE

5. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved minutes from the March 11, 2024 School Board Meeting
- B. Accepted resignation of Emily Wood, Opportunity Room Teacher at Foster Elementary, effective June 14, 2024
- C. Approved hire of Katie Adams, Elementary Literacy Coach for the district effective for the 2024-2025 school year

Motion No. 24-17: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Floyd Neuschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Adams abstained from voting; Katie Adams, his wife, is on the consent agenda

6. **Information/Discussion**

- A. Budget Update- Business Manager, Kevin Strong- YTD General fund spending compared to adopted budget & YTD Spending last year. Labor cost is the main reason for increase. Higher Charter School Payments.

7. **Action Items:**

- A. Approve to adopt Curriculum: Science Grades 6-8, **Stile Digital - Middle School Program**

Motion No. 24-18: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to adopt the Proposed Curriculum: Science Grade 6-8, Stile Digital. Board Member Mike Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approve to adopt Curriculum: Science Grades 9-12, **Savvas H. S. Science Program**

Motion No. 24-19: Board Member Mike Adams moved to adopt the Proposed Curriculum: Science Grades 9-12 Savvas H. Science Program as presented. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Floyd Neuschwander commented on the presentation and how good it was.

8. Public Comments: NONE

9. Board Comments: NONE

BREAK 7:33 pm

10. Executive Session

- A. ORS 192.660-(2) (i) - Superintendent Evaluation
- B. ORS 192.660 (2) (d) - Classified, Licensed, Administrative/Supervisory/Confidential Bargaining
- C. ORS 192.660 (2) (b) - Legal Updates

11. Returned to regular session at 8:04 pm

12. Action Items:

- A. Approve - Superintendent Evaluation

Motion No. 24-20: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve Superintendent Terry Martin's Evaluation as presented. Board Member Mike Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approve adjustments to Licensed, Administrative/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule for 2024-2025

Motion No. 24-21: Board Member Mary Massey moved to approve adjustments to Licensed, Administrative/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule for 2024-2025. Board Member Floyd Neuschwander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion No. 24-22: Board Member Mike Adams moved to extend Superintendent Martin's contract by one year. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion did not pass. Floyd Neuschwander no, Mary Massey no, Amanda Carter no, Mike Adams yes, Jason Redick yes, Jenna Northern yes, Sara Hoffman yes

13. Late Items - NONE

14. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent's Office
- B. Next Board Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Boardroom
- C. First Budget Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 at 5:00 in the Boardroom

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

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