



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA ***REVISED AGENDA**

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District Office Conference Room

February 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

1. Call the meeting to order/pledge J. Redick Action
2. ESPY/SPARK Awards
3. Agenda approval/changes J. Redick Action
4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments
 - A. Audit Report K. Strong/ Auditor (ZOOM)
 - B. Certified & Classified Representatives Presidents
 - C. Student Report
 - D. Superintendent's Report T. Martin Information
 - 1. Enrollment/Attendance
 - 2. Strategic Plan Progress
 - A. Pillar 1 - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
 - B. Pillar 2 - THRIVING CITIZEN
 - C. Pillar 3 - THRIVING COMMUNITY
 - D. Pillar 4 - SAFE AND WELCOMING FACILITIES AND SERVICE
5. Consent Agenda J. Redick ALL Action
 - A. Approve minutes from the January 13, 2025, School Board Meeting
 - B. Accept resignation from Alejandra Rue Rico, Spanish Teacher at the High School effective as of January 30, 2025
 - C. **LATE ITEM:** Accept retirement of Marybeth Lundy, Kindergarten Teacher at Foster Elementary effective August 1, 2025.
 - D. **LATE ITEM:** Accept resignation of Michael Stevenson, Counselor at Foster Elementary effective June 15, 2025
6. Information/Discussion ALL Information
 - A. Budget Update K. Strong
7. Action Items J. Redick Action
 - A. Approve Contract with FatBeam Fiber for Internet Service to Elementary Schools
8. Public Comments Information
9. Board Comments Information
10. Late Items
11. Future Agenda Items J. Redick ALL Information
 - A. Next Board Officers Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent's Office
 - B. Strategic Planning Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2025 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 - C. Next Board Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Boardroom
12. Adjournment J. Redick Action

RETIREMENT LETTER

LATE ITEM 5C

February 5, 2025

Superintendent Martin & Members of the Board:

It is with great sadness, yet a spirit of joy, that I, Marybeth Lundy, submit my letter of intent to retire at the end of the school year effective August 1, 2025.

I had hoped to work a few more years, but my recent health crisis of an infection that potentially could have taken my life, solidified for me that it was time to say good-bye to the career and the people who were like a second family to me. In my 35 years, I have had many joyous and wonderful memories. Some of my former students now have children of their own, one is now serving on the Sweet Home City Council and another one is now my beautician in Albany. When I go into her salon, we often reminisce about her third and fourth grade years when we took multiple field trips to places like Clear Lake, where I was stranded on a rowboat, to the overnight trip to Fort Clatsop. I chose to go into the field of education because I wanted to make a difference and have a positive impact upon the lives of my students. I believe that through the years, I have indeed accomplished this.

During my 35 years in Sweet Home, I have observed many differences and trends in education. The pendulum has swung from phonics, to whole language and then back to phonics with an emphasis in the science of reading. I have taught grades kindergarten through the fifth grade and have fond memories from each of these grades. I began my career at Hawthorne Elementary school, transferred to Holley, then Oak Heights and finally to Foster, which is where I will end my career. I served under 7 superintendents and 17 principals.

Each principal that I served under had an impact upon my life and teaching and I learned many skills and techniques from each one. Keith Winslow and Luke Augsberger were two noteworthy principals who had a significant impact upon my career. It was Keith who was instrumental in changing my mindset that I wasn't capable of teaching anything above the second grade. He encouraged me by telling me that I was a great teacher and that he had the utmost faith in me that I would do well if I took on the second/third grade blended class. I indeed took on that teaching task and that particular year turned out to be one of my best years ever.

Luke Augsberger was also a principal whom I knew deeply cared about his staff and I had the privilege of serving under him for one year. On the third day of school, when I was frustrated and in tears, wondering if I could take on the enormous task of teaching these young five year olds, he appeared in my kindergarten class and gave me an encouraging "pep talk". That was all I needed to spur me on into believing that yes, I could indeed live up to the enormous challenges I might face and that I was a good teacher. Both of these men were instrumental in shaping me into who I am today.

I came to this district a shy and timid individual, unsure of her abilities, yet hoping that somehow I would make a difference in the lives of children. Thirty-five years later I leave a more confident teacher who has developed some very strong teaching skills as a result of my time spent in the Sweet Home School District.

I look forward to what God has in store for me in my retirement: the ability to focus on my upcoming marriage, volunteer work and the possibility of short term missions.

I will miss the students, staff, and families of the Sweet Home School District and I would be honored if I were asked back in the future to substitute. Thank you for all that you have given me over the years, and I sincerely wish you the very best as you continue to build cohesive relationships and promote collaboration among students, staff, family, and community.

Respectfully,
Marybeth Lundy

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Terry Martin <terry.martin@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Resignation Summer 2025

2 messages

Michael Stevenson <michael.stevenson@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 8:03 AM

To: Terry Martin <terry.martin@sweethome.k12.or.us>, Lisa Leatham <lisa.leatham@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Hello and good morning. It is with a heavy heart that I must confirm my resignation at the end of the 2025 school year. Due to a change in priorities, I will be moving this summer up closer to the Bend area, and sadly that commute is just not currently achievable. I am very thankful for the time I have spent within the Sweet Home School District, as well as at Foster. I will take the knowledge, experience, and kindness I absorbed from this district out into the world. Thank you very much for the opportunity to work with such a fantastic group of students, and a fantastic group of people.

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Michael Stevenson
Foster Elementary School Counselor
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Lisa Leatham <lisa.leatham@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 8:55 AM

To: michael Stevenson <michael.stevenson@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Cc: Terry Martin <terry.martin@sweethome.k12.or.us>

Thank you for the kindness, Michael. You have been a big part of the success of so many kids at Foster. You will be immensely missed.

I know you'll find success in whatever you pursue!

Lisa

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