

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 13, 2025.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Barbi Riggs, Brian Brands, Kevin Strong, Josh Darwood, Darel Bidwell, Ralph Brown, Luke Augsburger, Nate Tyler, Lisa Leatham, Todd Barrett, Josh Dargis (6:53p.m.); Certified: Steve Thorpe; Classified: Michelle Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Scott Swanson, New Era; Parents/Guardians of ESPY/SPARK award winners;

1. Call the meeting to order/pledge

2. ESPY /SPARK Awards -Exceptional Student Performance this Year – This award is given 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. The School Board and the District want to recognize these students by celebrating their success at the beginning of each Board Meeting. Students received a Certificate, met each of our Board members and their names were announced on the web.

3. Agenda Approval/Changes

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

Motion No. 25-1: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the agenda as amended. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

- A. Certified & Classified Representatives: Steve Thorpe shared a certified report. Thanked the board for their service. Almost at the end of the term. Unified classes are doing good.
- B. Student representative: Rita Victor, thank the board from the leadership team at the High School. Winter formal was last weekend and there were 185 students who attended. Unified basketball game was awesome and the student body was able to watch during an assembly. End of term is coming up and students are excited for the new term. They are starting to plan for May week.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
 1. Enrollment/Attendance- Superintendent Martin gave an update on enrollment and attendance. Holley was the winner this month.
 2. School Board Recognition
 3. Strategic Plan Progress
 - A. Pillar 1 - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - CTE Presentation- Brian Brands and Ralph Brown shared information on Career & Technical Education program. Shared information in Oregon's CTE State Plan.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the December 9, 2024 School Board Meeting
- B. Accepted resignation from Richard Smithson, Tech Ed Teacher at the High School effective June 30, 2025
- C. Approved hire of Lisa Leatham, Foster Elementary Principal for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion No. 25-2: Board Member Mike Adams moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update/Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report- Kevin Strong presented a budget update on the year to date general fund spending compared to adopted budget and year to date spending last year.

Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report - The Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Financial report was presented to the school board. The Auditor plans to be available by zoom next month if anyone has any questions.

7. Action Items

- A. Approve the 2025-2027 LBL ESD Local Service Plan

Motion No. 25-3 Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the 2025-2027 LBL ESD Local Service Plan as presented. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Board Comments: Thanked Foster Elementary for the board appreciation gift

10. Late Items – NONE

11. Future Agenda Items

- A. Next Board Officers Meeting, Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. Superintendent's Office
- B. Oak Heights Remodel Visit, Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00-6:15 p.m.
- C. Next Board Meeting Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Boardroom

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Signature, Board Chairman

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