

**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 February 10, 2025.

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**Board Members in Attendance**

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

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Brian Brands, Kevin Strong, Josh Darwood, Ralph Brown, Luke Augsburger, Nate Tyler, Lisa Leatham, Todd Barrett, Josh Dargis; Certified: None; Classified, Sam Nothiger: None; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

**Other Attendance:** Scott Swanson, New Era; Parents/Guardians of ESPY/SPARK award winners; Brian Thompson, Pauley Rogers

**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. 25-4: Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously***

**4. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments**

- A. Audit Report- Brian Thompson from Pauley Rogers joined by ZOOM with a report on this year's audit. Shared how the audit process works and what the purpose and results of the audit. We had a clean audit. Primary purpose of the audit is to make sure our financial statements are accurate. Also, look at our internal controls.
- B. Certified & Classified Representatives: None
- C. Student representative: Dillian Boss, Austin Hogan gave a report on the High School Events. Community Service report, ideas for May day week.
- D. Superintendent's Report:
  - 1. Enrollment/Attendance- Superintendent Martin gave an update on enrollment and attendance. Hawthorne was the winner this month with 91.7%.
  - 2. Strategic Plan Progress - Had a good work session and will continue to meet to complete. Unified Basketball is Thursday at 6:30
- A. Pillar 1 - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
- B. Pillar 2 - THRIVING CITIZEN
- C. Pillar 3 - THRIVING COMMUNITY
- D. Pillar 4 - SAFE AND WELCOMING FACILITIES AND SERVICE- Josh Darwood gave a presentation on the Oak Heights project. The Open house was today.

**5. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved 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. Accepted retirement of Marybeth Lundy, Kindergarten Teacher at Foster Elementary effective August 1, 2025
- D. Accepted resignation of Michael Stevenson, Counselor at Foster Elementary effective June 15, 2025

***Motion No. 25-5: Board Member Jim Gourley moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6. Information/Discussion**

- A. Budget Update- Kevin Strong gave a budget update

**7. Action Items**

- A. Approve Contract with FatBeam Fiber for Internet Service to Elementary Schools-Sam Nothiger was available for questions. Sam explained the need to expand. We have received grants and special funds to help with the financial part of the project. Waiting for the E-Rate to start the project when the first payment is made. Most likely in July.

***Motion No. 25-6 Board Member Floyd Neuschwander moved to approve the Contract with FatBeam Fiber for Internet Service to Elementary Schools as presented. Board Member Jim Gourley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**8. Public Comment:** Lisa Child, Sam Kelley, Mandy Jarrell, Denae Mccalister, Carissa Kay concerned about a substitute teacher at Foster. Because it was a personnel situation they were not allowed to share

**9. Board Comments:** Floyd Neuschwander -OTIS investigation- Superintendent Martin explained what OTIS is and what their job is.

**10. Late Items – NONE**

**11. Future Agenda Items**

- 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**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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*Signature, Board Chairman*

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