

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on October 9, 2018 at Rosland Elementary School

Board Members Present

Andy High
Julie Craig
Carrie Douglass
Ron Gallinat *via teleconference*
Cheri Helt
Peggy Kinkade
Stuart Young

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair High. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Public Input

Janelle Rebick, BEA president, shared about great things the association is doing including a variety of professional development opportunities and recent grant awards earned by members.

Kristi Folliard spoke about safe gun storage and the need to continue to promote the message. She also shared her thoughts and concerns on recent security updates at school campuses.

Caroline Skidmore addressed safe storage of firearms and urged the Board and district to continue and increase their communication efforts on the importance of safe gun storage.

Amber Hossick shared statistical information on suicide in Deschutes County and shared her support of Skidmore's requests to communicate more about the importance of safe gun storage.

Brandi Borton shared concerns about limited honors course offerings and opportunities at La Pine High School for students as compared to the larger high schools in Bend.

Cynthia Poore shared concerns of bullying in schools and the need for more support systems for students at the middle and high school level.

Mary Russel shared concerns of bullying and inconsistent discipline processes at the middle and high school levels.

James McDonald spoke about suicide and bullying and the work he is doing in La Pine, specifically, to help support and bring students together in positive after-school events.

Chair High thanked all for attending and addressing the Board. Stuart Young agreed and said he appreciates hearing from community members and would like to follow up and learn more about some of the concerns expressed tonight.

Consent Agenda

Julie Craig moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Carrie Douglass seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Reports

❖ School Start Time Announcement

Superintendent Mikalson noted the executive summary at Board members seats and shared that starting in the 2019-20 school year, school start times will change and explained how and why the district came to this decision. For the 2018-19 school year, elementary school hours will be from approximately 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and middle and high school hours will be from approximately 8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Mikalson noted the survey results supported adopting new start times and the collaboration efforts that will take place over this year to ensure a smooth transition. He thanked all who were involved and part of the School Start Time Advisory Committee for their time, energy and meaningful work over the past two years.

Julie Craig said when she was appointed in 2012, school start times was one of the first things she asked about. She shared her appreciation for board members indulging and listening to her and to the district for the thorough job over the past couple of years and feels passionately it is best for kids and a way to support students.

Carrie Douglass agreed, noting that start times was not an issue she had a particularly strong opinion about, however feels the right decision was made for students. She thanked the committee and district for listening to the community, staff and students and feels this is a decision made in the best interest of students.

Chair High agreed and thanked Craig for her passion and persistence on this topic. Stuart Young complimented the process and said while not an easy decision, he agrees this is the right decision.

Peggy Kinkade appreciated the process and cautioned filling the time before school at the secondary level with too many options, practices, etc. that would ultimately eliminate the gains of the later start time. She is hopeful community partners will help provide more options for the possible increase in need for after school care at the elementary level. Kinkade felt the process was thoughtful, honest and overall feels it is a good decision for students.

Cheri Helt applauded the thoughtful process and that this decision was taken very seriously by all involved. She is hopeful this effort and extra rest time for middle and high school students will help support their social emotional health. She shared similar concerns as Kinkade and sincerely hopes this decision supports students and meets the needs of the community.

❖ South County Schools Update

Jim Boen thanked the Board for coming to South County and thanked Julie Linhares, Karen Kromer Foster and the Rosland team for hosting. Boen introduced Cameron Salvitelli, a new teacher at La Pine High School who is leading the CTE and forestry programs.

Salvitelli shared about his role at La Pine High and that CTE Revitalization funds from Measure 98 are supporting manufacturing and engineering programs aimed to prepare students for work after high school in their community. Students in CTE programs work on manufacturing, technical skills and soft skills that will help them thrive in the community after graduation. Part of Salvitelli's work includes connecting with an advisory board made up of community members who are in similar fields of work. Information from the advisory board helps Salvitelli create his coursework. He thanked the La Pine community and schools for the warm welcome and is just as excited as his students are for the potential of more elective offerings.

Chair High asked Salvitelli his plans to help break the stigma of working in the trade industry. Salvitelli said that many of the students he is working with did not realize the options available in high paying / high skilled labor type of jobs that do not require a four year degree. Stuart Young asked if students had a connection to the Habitat for Humanity program in La Pine and Salvitelli said he is currently working with the program to find ways

for students to become more involved. Chair High thanked Salvitelli for his work and enthusiasm and is excited to see the programs grow.

❖ **EL 8 – Academic Programs Policy Monitoring Report**

Chair High noted the EL 8 policy monitoring report was presented in June 2018, and tonight a more in-depth look will be provided on what happens at the district level to help support meeting the Board Ends.

Jay Mathisen shared a graphic to help define the district's 'why' and explained three areas: academic excellence, future ready and thriving citizens are areas that district leaders ask building leaders to lead from at their schools. He reminded the Board of the design thinking process school leaders have been engaged in and noted it is much broader than what happens in schools; it focuses on how each school moves forward as a learning organization with collective genius. Mathisen also addressed the values of great teaching, leadership, trust, safety, innovation and equity.

Dave VanLoo shared information about DIBELS data and spoke about how reading trajectories are very telling of a student's academic future. He noted DIBELS data is just one way that helps measure individual student growth and the gaps in student achievement. Discussion ensued on data measures and factors that are and are not alterable which have an impact on learning.

Board members shared their appreciation for the more in depth look and discussed, how they, as a Board, assess this type of information in light of the Board Ends. Douglass said she appreciated seeing both the successes and areas that need improvement as it gives Board members an understanding of the needs, gaps and obstacles the district is facing. Helt commented on the importance of the district and Board being stubborn and holding to the vision created, and not allowing budgets, recessions, etc. cause the district to waiver or change focus.

Enrollment Update

Brad Henry reviewed enrollment data, noting the enrollment figure is the exact same as he presented at the September 11, 2018 meeting. Henry also reviewed financial data presented in the board packet. He noted enrollment is lower than projected, and explained the financial implications of the lower numbers. Henry noted PERS rates are increasing by 4.5 percentage points, or about \$4.5 million in cost to the district, which is a factor that will need to be considered going into the next biennium.

Board Comments

Peggy Kinkade thanked Rosland Elementary for hosting the board meeting and thanked community members for attending and addressing the Board.

Chair High agreed and said he appreciates hearing from the public, even when it is not always easy, it is important. He reminded all of the Bend Senior High School Distinguished Alumni assembly on Friday and encouraged all to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson