

**Bend-La Pine Schools**  
**Bend, OR 97703**

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on February 28, 2017 in room 314 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

**Board Members Present**

Peggy Kinkade  
Andy High  
Cheri Helt  
Stuart Young  
Julie Craig  
Ron Gallinat  
Nori Juba

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Chair Kinkade. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Review of Agenda**

Chair Kinkade reviewed the agenda and said board comments will take place prior to the oath of office.

**Public Input**

Robin Vora, community member, thanked the board and district for making district owned properties available to the public. He spoke about the historic value of Troy Field to Bend and asked that the district and board consider keeping and maintaining it as it is currently. He also encouraged the board to consider allowing groups who reserve the field to sell alcohol at events. Vora commented on the proposed number given for the upcoming bond measure and feels it is too high. There are many in the community struggling to make ends meet and while he supports paying for maintenance and rehabilitation of schools, he does not support paying for new schools to be built. He recommended the board look into a school construction excise tax on residential properties with the exception of affordable housing.

Chair Kinkade thanked Vora.

**Consent Agenda**

**Ron Gallinat moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

**Action Item**

*Approval of 2017-18 High Desert Education Service District Local Plan*

Chair Kinkade noted the presentation from the HDESD on February 16, and that the goals were sent to board members as requested follow-up information.

**Ron Gallinat moved to approve the 2017-18 High Desert Education Service District Local Service Plan. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

## **Board Comments**

Ron Gallinat thanked Nori Juba for his service and said it has been a privilege to serve alongside Juba. He appreciated Juba's ability to apologize when he made a mistake and his heart for students. He wished Juba the best in his future endeavors.

Julie Craig thanked Juba and said she has learned much from him over the past few years. She too appreciates his ability to push when needed and his heart for students.

Cheri Helt reflected on the years she and Juba have served on the board together, adding he has been her battle partner on many issues. She appreciated his work to move instructional technology along and his willingness to advocate for what he feels is right and apologize when he has made a mistake. She thanked him for his service and friendship.

Stuart Young said one of the reasons he is on the board is because of Juba. He commented on the personal connections they have, appreciated Juba's insight, leadership, integrity and willingness to work hard to keep asking what are the skills students need for their future. He thanked Juba for the 11 and a half years of service and wished him well.

Andy High said he will miss Juba's leadership, especially in the recent superintendent search. He shared his appreciation for their friendship, Juba's business sense and for his help in getting High's family to the position they are today. The time and effort Juba has put into his board work and professional life are admirable and High thanked Juba for his service.

Chair Kinkade thanked Juba for his service and shared he was the one who reached out and suggested she join the board after being part of a previous bond campaign. She complimented Juba for his leadership, time invested and incredible mind. Kinkade added Juba has continued to be completely engaged through the end of his term and she is glad he will continue to stay involved in education. He has been instrumental in transforming the district. Kinkade thanked Juba for his passion, standing up for what he believes and his compassion.

Juba thanked his colleagues for their kind comments and said it has been a great journey. He shared parting thoughts on his time as a board member, highlighting the progress made with ACT math, writing and science scores finally met or exceeding the national average in this past school year. He said the district and board need to celebrate the high goals that have been achieved. He noted the value of data and how it can become overwhelming quickly. He shared a scatter plot that showed the educational attainment of a student is directly impacted by a parent's economic level. The study was done at Stanford and resulted that 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the richest districts are 4 grades ahead of the poorest. Bend-La Pine Schools are 0.8 grade levels above the average; he urged the board to continue to set higher goals.

Juba visited a few schools today and was reminded of why he joined and has continued to serve on the board. Many changes and growth in the district have come with no additional resources, which is a testament to the district. People are now moving to Bend because of the great schools and the future ready, relationship focused efforts of the district. He said the most important factor to a student's success is relationships. He appreciated that Douglass spoke of the power of relationships in her interview last night. He thanked all board members and district staff for the relationships he has been able to have over the past 12 years.

**Oath of Office**

*New Zone 7 Board Member*

Chair Kinkade invited Carrie Douglass to the front of the board room and Douglass was sworn in at 7:20 p.m. to complete Nori Juba's Zone 7 term, which ends on June 30, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Wilson  
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