

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on August 14, 2018 at
520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR.

Board Members Present

Andy High
Julie Craig
Peggy Kinkade
Stuart Young
Cheri Helt *arrived at 5:40 p.m.*
Ron Gallinat
Carrie Douglass

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by Chair High. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Stuart Young seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Action Items

❖ **Issue Naming Charge for the New Elementary School**

Superintendent Mikalson noted part of Executive Limitation 7 – Facilities states the board will issue a charge to name new facilities. He reviewed the executive summary and naming process in the board packet and said Kevin Gehrig, planning principal for the new elementary school will be leading the naming committee and is here tonight to hear the formal charge from the board. Chair High asked Gehrig if he had a timeline for the process. Gehrig said he would like to have the committee work completed by winter with the name being approved by the board in January 2019 at the latest. Mikalson noted the committee will bring name recommendations to the board and the board will make the ultimate decision on the final name.

Julie Craig noted the new elementary is located more in NW Bend, than NE Bend as stated in the executive summary. Peggy Kinkade commented on the process, noting board members should let Gehrig know of any specifics they would like him to consider as part of the charge. She said she would like the board to receive updates from Gehrig throughout the process. Carrie Douglass suggested the committee avoid names that sound similar to existing school names. Chair High asked Gehrig to make sure the committee understands the board will make the final decision.

Stuart Young moved to approve the naming charge as presented. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

❖ **Resolution 1875 : Approval of Supplemental Transportation Plans**

Brad Henry reviewed the executive summary and resolution in the board packet. He said the last time supplemental transportation plans were approved was in 2015 and this revision includes those same areas, with two new additions. Henry explained the district can request reimbursement from the state for non-transportable or hazardous routes that do not fall into other established regulations. Examples of hazards include: students having to cross multiple lanes of traffic, crossing roads with a speed limit over 35 mph, crossing highways, etc.

Ron Gallinat moved to approve Resolution 1875 : Supplemental Transportation Plans. Cheri Helt seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Reports

❖ Executive Limitation 1 – Global Executive Restraint Policy Monitoring Report

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the monitoring report in the board packet, noting updates that have been made as a result of recommendations from the last report to the board.

Chair High noted there is time designated on the agenda at the end of the meeting to complete the EL review sheet. He noted the importance of providing feedback to Mikalson and his team following each EL report.

❖ Executive Limitation 2 – Emergency Superintendent Succession Policy Monitoring Report

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the monitoring report in the board packet, noting the updated organizational chart that shows Lora Nordquist as Chief of Staff and Katie Legace as Executive Director of High School Programs and elaborated on each of their roles and said he is confident in their leadership abilities. Cheri Helt asked for more information on the Chief of Staff's role and Mikalson said he would resend board members the report produced by John Rexford in Spring 2018 which reviews the global aspects of the position and how it relates to the district's strategic plan.

❖ Attendance Boundary Process for 2018-19 & 2019-20

Lora Nordquist reviewed the executive summary in the board packet which shares about the process that will be used for the upcoming attendance area boundary process. This will be a two-year process with 2018-19 focusing on elementary attendance boundaries and 2019-20 focusing on secondary attendance boundaries. Discussion ensued on priorities of the process and the desire of the board to have a diverse group of parents, staff and community members to balance the committee. Chair High reminded board members that attendance boundaries are the decision of the Superintendent and cannot be appealed to the board.

Discussion Items

❖ Transportation Fleet Replacement Plan

Brad Henry reviewed the Bus Fleet Replacement Plan in the board packet and shared about the services the Transportation Department currently provides. He said 1,684,249 miles were driven in the 2017-18 school year.

Peggy Kinkade asked about recent changes in OSAA leagues and if there are enough drivers to staff athletic trips. Kim Crabtree felt the department will be able to handle the trip requests along with league travel.

Crabtree reviewed the 2025 ORS emissions requirements and what it would take to update the district's fleet. The fleet replacement plan is presented in a 15-year cycle. Cheri Helt asked about the cost of retro-fitting busses versus buying new. That was an option the district looked at as part of this report and many of the district's busses are nearing the 15-year mark which is about the lifespan of a bus so it was determined to be more cost effective in the long run to purchase rather than retro-fit.

Roy Burling reviewed the fiscal portion of the fleet replacement plan and noted retro-fitting is not included because it was not supported by the Transportation Department. Discussion ensued on the costs, sustainability of the plan and other options that could help mitigate costs. Henry said an updated version of this report will come back to the board at the next meeting to include tonight's feedback.

❖ PlanB Asset Management Plan

Although not on the original agenda, Julie Craig suggested the board discuss the next project(s) they would like PlanB to evaluate. Chair High said he is supportive of continuing to use PlanB and would like to look at the current contract with the board. If the board wants to move forward, Craig said she will ask PlanB for a recommendation and cost estimate. Board members agreed and Craig will report back when she has more detailed information.

❖ **Proposed Name for Mt. View High School's Auditorium**

Chair High noted at each board member's seat is a copy of a request to name Mt. View High School's auditorium in honor of Rick Plants, a retired Mt. View educator. Mikalson noted the naming process in the board packet which outlines criteria for naming district facilities. The request does not fall within the criteria; however, the process does provide the board to make special considerations. If the board does decide to make an exception, the next step in the process would be a public hearing about the proposed name.

Board members discussed making an exception versus creating a more consistent practice and following the guiding criteria as stated. The board decided to continue to discuss the proposal at the September 11 board meeting. High commented he would like to keep the current request and the overall naming process as two separate discussions.

❖ **Board Retreat Discussion**

Carrie Douglass shared a handout with board members and reviewed the follow-up items she and Chair High would like the board to discuss tonight, from the board retreat. Items included meeting structure, board work plan priorities, and linkage meetings.

Board members discussed developing small committees to focus their efforts on areas like board professional development, community outreach, and advocacy. Chair High and Douglass will reach out to board members about committee preferences and then will determine committees in the next weeks.

Board Comments

Peggy Kinkade recently toured facilities and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to see the tremendous amount of work being done across the district. Kinkade also was happy to hear that school office staff were going to have an opportunity to meet and share their thoughts on the transition to new secure vestibules. She also attended the Leadership Academy and was excited to see the great work being done to prepare for the school year ahead.

Cheri Helt recently helped serve lunch in the part and said it was a great opportunity to see the variety of children the Boys and Girls Club serves. She also toured facilities and noted the design and construction of Kenwood's gym is beautiful. She appreciates the challenges and hard work it takes to start the school year and encouraged schools with new secure vestibules to continue to strive for the balance of safety and continue being a welcoming place for students and families.

Stuart Young commented he was delighted to see foster children as part of the transportation discussions tonight.

Julie Craig also toured construction projects in the district recently and said she is always so impressed with how well everything comes together by the time school starts, adding it is amazing to see the amount of work and effort in person.

Ron Gallinat also went on facility tours and attended the Leadership Academy and enjoyed hearing Jon Landis speak. He is excited to hear that the recent classified job fair was a success; over 100 people attended; and complimented the Human Resources Department for their work.

Carrie Douglass shared about the Taking It Up training she recently attended with other district staff members. She said the two-day training focusing on equity, racism and oppression was well done and reaffirmed the need of finding ways to better listen to those who are underrepresented members of our community. Douglass

thanked district leadership for increasing awareness and providing this type of training; she urged Board members to attend future trainings as this is something that betters our community as a whole.

Chair High reminded all that the Welcome Back is Bend Senior High on August 28 at 1:00 p.m. Chad Hymas is scheduled as the keynote speaker and encouraged all Board members to attend. He shared an update on the upcoming Senate Committee visit scheduled for September 12 and 13; more specifics on schedules will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson

Minutes approved at 9.11.18 board meeting