

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

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on February 23, 2016
in room 314 of the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Andy High

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p by Chair Juba, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Public Input

Marilyn Burwell invited all to a Trauma Informed Conference on April 11 at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

Jennifer Sawyer shared about the Pollinator Rehabilitation Project she is leading. Sawyer suggested establishing a pollinator garden at Jewell Elementary, where her student attends, that could also be an educational opportunity for students to participate in. Sawyer is also working with the City of Bend on strategies to increase the bee population in Bend.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mikalson congratulated Bend High School student, Ian Churchill, for being named a National Merit Finalist. Bend Senior High Boys and Summit High School Girls won the state swimming championships last weekend, and the Bend High Girls team took second place with a one-point difference from first place. Mikalson expressed his thanks and appreciation for the partnership and work of the Family Access Network (FAN) who helped support 6,000 families and students in the first two quarters of this school year.

Mikalson introduced Charlie Anderson and Sandy Phillips from Camp Tamarack. Anderson, Camp Director, is a former Bend-La Pine School teacher and now a champion and leading efforts for outdoor school at Camp Tamarack. Sandy Phillips, Assistant Director and teacher at Ensworth Elementary, and Anderson shared since 2013 there has been a steady increase in the number of fifth grade students who attended outdoor school, and today, 100% of fifth grade students will have access to outdoor school. Students participate in an impactful three days and two nights of learning about themselves, their peers and their community and environment. Anderson shared that high school students serve as mentors and camp counselors. Grants help fund their programs and currently there is an effort to put a ballot measure on the November ballot that would create funding for outdoor school. The board thanked Anderson and Phillips for their work and opportunity for students.

Consent Agenda

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the February 9, 2016 minutes and personnel recommendations. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Peggy Kinkade reviewed Governance Process 1 – Governance Commitment and Governance Process 2 – Board Job Description, noting there were no changes made from the last draft.

Stuart Young moved to approve Governance Process 1 – Governance Commitment and Governance Process 2 – Board Job Description. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Budget Workshop

Superintendent Mikalson welcomed Budget Committee members and asked them to introduce themselves, noting two new members: Matt Hillman and Rick Olegario. Chair Juba thanked the Budget Committee members and opened up the workshop by reviewing the work the Board has been doing to define their Ends. Mikalson shared his vision and commitment to move the district forward and design an educational program for all students, not just the average.

Mikalson reviewed the District's strategic priorities:

- Safety: maximizing safety for students, staff and the community.
- Options: providing each child every opportunity for success.
- World Class Education: preparing all students to thrive in their future.
- System Performance: defining and measuring what matters most.

Tom Barhman asked if there will be a plan to prioritize needs so that funding can be properly allocated. Mikalson said this work is underway at the Cabinet level and will be brought to future meetings to share. Cheri Helt added the Board has a strong vision and the vision has historically helped guide budget priorities and decisions.

Brad Henry reviewed Oregon's funding for K-12 education and the years current budgeted dollars, noting ending fund balance, formulas for funding and anticipated costs in the future, like PERS for 2017-18. The next steps will include updated budget estimates based on ODE formulas, enrollment and staffing projections, Henry noted the district continues to grow steadily and he is currently working to project enrollment. Stuart Young thanked the Budget Committee members for volunteering their time and the work ahead they will help the district and board with.

Action Items

Approval of 2016-17 HDESD Local Service Plan

Peggy Kinkade moved to approve the 2016-17 HDESD Local Service Plan. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Calendars

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the updated 2016-17 Bend Area & South County Elementary, 2016-17 La Pine Middle & La Pine High School and the 2017-18 Major Dates calendars. Peggy Kinkade asked about the October 21 and April 7 dates, with no high school and suggested having high school out the following week to coordinate with the middle and elementary school days off. Mikalson said he would look into the possibility and bring the calendars back to the March 8 meeting. No action was taken.

Declaration of Inter-District Openings for 2016-17 : HB 3681 Open Enrollment

Brad Henry reviewed HB 3681 and Open Enrollment law that requires districts to announce how many open enrollment seats they will offer to out of district students for the following school year. He noted the current enrollment figures and the numbers of students who are approved on a one-year transfer. Henry reviewed an update to POLICY and that receiving districts can now determine the length of a transfer approval outside of open enrollment. The district will now approve inter-district transfers for the duration at a specific level. At the point of transition to middle and high school an out-of-district student must reapply for a transfer.

Henry shared numbers of Open Enrollment seats available for 2016-17. There are no seats available in the Bend area school, however, the district will be offering open enrollment seats at Three Rivers, Rosland, La Pine Elementary, La Pine Middle and La Pine High Schools.

Peggy Kinkade moved to approve the 2016-17 Open Enrollment seats as proposed. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Resolution 1832 : Classified Employee Appreciation Week

Superintendent Mikalson said March 7-11, 2016 is Classified Employee Appreciation Week and shared his appreciation for the amazing work Classified Employees do daily. Chari Juba read Resolution 1832.

Report

Policy Monitoring – Executive Limitation 10 : Financial Planning

Brad Henry reviewed the summary provided in the board packet. Chair Juba and Peggy Kinkade both suggested there could be more detail in the report. Kinkade would like to see examples and details that point to specifics that the projections are based upon. Ron Gallinat would like more detail on number five, specifically, how many days notice did the public have? Cheri Helt would like to see who is accountable for each part of the report and have a more specific list of who does what. Mikalson commented he is hesitant to get down to that level of detail in this report, but would be happy to discuss those types of questions and details with board members. Mikalson asked if the Board plans to respond to this report and there was discussion of future policy monitoring reports.

Policy Governance

Governance Process 5 - Board Member Roles

Peggy Kinkade reviewed the draft provided in the board packet and the Board then discussed if they really need a Treasurer / Secretary. They suggested a better option might be to have Board leadership serve in such roles as needed, for example: superintendent searches, bond advocacy, rewriting policy, etc.

Chair Juba advocated for the work that has taken place to continue this year by Board members and that maybe not needing to write such a specific type of job description into policy. Kinkade suggested she draft language that allows the Board the discretion to the Board Chair to determine what the needs are for such leadership roles. Young and Gallinat liked the idea and suggested new needs should go through Board leadership and then the Chair and Vice Chair could determine if a third leadership position is needed. Helt added, that four member of the Board wanted this policy to read vague so that it could be nimble and Juba asked for more perspective. Kinkade said she would bring back an updated draft for the March 8 meeting.

Board Comments

Julie Craig thanked Charlie Anderson, Shelly Phillips and all of those who work to make Camp Tamarack available for so many students. She attended Kindness Day at Juniper Elementary and appreciated seeing so many community members in the classrooms working with students.

Cheri Helt thanked the Assistance League for their continued work to provide clothing for students. She encouraged the board continue their support for physical education and music as the funding from the state decreases, these areas are an important part of education. Helt also shared she has been working with Deschutes County Mental Health to continue to build more partnership opportunities to increase mental health services and support in schools.

Stuart Young was excited to hear about Ian Churchill's recent honor and continues to be blown away with the work the FAN program does to support students and families in need. He also enjoyed hearing about Camp Tamarack and the opportunity for outdoor school for students.

Ron Gallinat recently toured the pre-K classrooms at Bear Creek Elementary and enjoyed seeing and learning more about the program. He visited La Pine High School yesterday and is encouraged by the partnership efforts in La Pine with Deschutes County Mental Health to support students. He encouraged board members to participate in the upcoming Education Foundation Trivia Bee.

Chair Juba shared his most memorable experience in seventh grade was outdoor school. He noted the hearing for Troy Field will be tomorrow at Bend Municipal Court for City Council members to hear public testimony on the removal of the public facilities designation. Young will be leading a meeting in Salem later this week with Helt and High in an effort to coordinate and create new partnerships with other school board members in the state. Juba shared upcoming dates: April 12 will include a performance from Summit High School musicians, April 26 will include a Budget Committee meeting, May 24 there will be a special opportunity with a daytime visit to the Juvenile Detention facility, and June 28 meeting has been canceled.

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