

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on February 12, 2019 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR.

Board Members Present

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair High. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Consent Agenda

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

Unanimous approval.

Public Input

Angela Chisum thanked the district and the board for their efforts to improve school safety over the past year. She asked that the district do more in communicating the importance of locking up guns and overall gun safety and shared that in the recent parent newsletter sent via email from the district, it was difficult to find the gun safety message. She shared feedback about the newsletter being difficult to open or people not receiving it and asked the district and board to continue to increase their safety communication efforts.

Vinna, a student at Bend Senior High, spoke about the updates to the Bend High campus fencing. She said that access to the building and parking on campus have become extremely difficult since the new fencing installation and asked the district to consider updating or changing points of entry and hours when the gates are locked and unlocked to help alleviate some of the struggles.

James McDonald addressed the board and spoke about the bullying issues he continues to see and hear about in La Pine schools. He shared stories and ways he has tried to reach out to students and staff to help stop bullying and feels unheard. He would like the district and board to focus more effort into bullying prevention.

Kristin Holton, parent, shared about her student's experience with bullying and racial discrimination at school. She also urged the district and board members to focus on racism and bullying prevention.

Jennifer Jennings, parent, shared about her student's experience with racism and bullying at school. She noted a parent group that is forming in an effort to speak out and educate the community on what is happening and ways to end racial bullying. She asked the district and board to make educational equity a priority and to provide students and staff with the support to help them understand and respect different cultures in our community.

Action Items

❖ **New Elementary School Name**

Chair High invited board members to share their thoughts on the suggested new elementary school names. Peggy Kinkade read a prepared statement and shared names of several former educators who were incredibly talented and have passed away, all whom are all deserving of their names being to name a school after. She shared her support for naming the new elementary school Ruth Reid Elementary, adding that Reid provides a

historical connection as well as honors female educators, noting that few schools are named after women who have a significant role in education. Carrie Douglass agreed with Kinkade's thoughts and shared her support of naming the new elementary school Ruth Reid Elementary.

Ron Gallinat agreed with Kinkade and said there are many, many educators he can think of that are deserving of such recognition, and, there simply are not enough schools or landmarks available to name in their honor. Gallinat said he was in favor of naming the new school North Star Elementary. Stuart Young agreed with Gallinat, and also favored North Star Elementary. He thanked the naming committee for three wonderful name suggestions that followed the naming process outlined by the board. Julie Craig shared her reasons for also supporting the name North Star Elementary, noting that there are sometime complexities that occur when a person's name is used.

Chair High thanked board members for their thoughtful input and also thanked the naming committee for providing the board with three excellent names to consider and shared his support for North Star Elementary.

Ron Gallinat moved to name the new elementary school North Star Elementary School. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Five yea votes and one nay vote. Kinkade noted she does like the name North Star Elementary, but prefers Ruth Reid for the reasons she spoke about. Motion carried 5-1.

Reports

❖ HDESD Local Service Plan

Paul Andrews, HDESD Superintendent, reviewed the 2019-20 Local Service Plan. He noted the plan is a menu of offerings that districts can choose from. New services in the 2019-20 plan include support for Traumatic Brain and Concussion Injury, Special Education Professional Development and Pay Equity. Andrews noted the four core services areas of the plan: Administrative and Support, Services for Children with Special Needs, School Improvement Services and Technology Services. and that the plan presented has been approved by the HDESD Board of Directors.

Ron Gallinat thanked Andrews, noting the menu style plan is appreciated by the district and the board. Peggy Kinkade agreed and thanked Andrews and the HDESD for the wonderful partnership and their support for all Central Oregon school districts. Andrews thanked board members for their time and is hopeful they will take action and approve the plan as written in and upcoming meeting.

❖ Elementary Attendance Area Recommendation

Superintendent Mikalson noted the recent announcement about elementary attendance areas for the 2019-20 school year. He reviewed the executive summary in the board packet provided from the Attendance Area Review Committee and thanked the committee members for their efforts. He shared methods of communication that have been and will be used with families and students; from direct mailing and calls to homes, to social media, website and school newsletters, information is continually being shared along with upcoming important date reminders.

❖ EL 10: Financial Planning and Administration Policy Monitoring Report

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the executive summary in the board packet and noted the EL reporting calendar at each board member's seat. He shared that the Boardmanship Board Committee, with Stuart Young and Carrie Douglass, have been working with district leadership to revise the policy monitoring report structure in an effort to make it meaningful as well as informative. Lora Nordquist reviewed the process the committee worked through to develop the executive summary format which highlights major accomplishments from the past year and then also outlines the priorities for the upcoming year.

Brad Henry reviewed the executive summary and offered to answer any questions. Chair High asked about the ERP software and Henry said this is a major undertaking for the human resources and business side of the district. The district's software is about 20 years old and as the district looks to update it will require purchasing,

implementation and training resources. High asked if this system might be able to provide the asset preservation tracking type of system recommended by PlanB and Henry said it's possible, however most likely would come from another software source.

Peggy Kinkade appreciated the updated executive summary reporting format and calendar suggestions and feels both are great efforts to continue to make the governance model and reporting efforts meaningful and relevant.

Discussion Items

❖ Board Committee Updates

Peggy Kinkade shared that the Shareholders Board Committee will host two community linkage meetings with community partners called Hope, Help and Heal at La Pine High School on March 12th and at Mt. View High School on April 23rd. Julie Craig added they will be meeting up with BEA executive team members again for another listening session.

Ron Gallinat shared an update on the Advocacy Board Committee's work and noted Cheri Helt has upwards of 30 bills and legislative concepts she is pushing forward on topics like school funding and testing and he appreciates her hard work in Salem.

Board Comments

Chair High noted the recent graduation report released by the Oregon Department of Education and that the district is celebrating its highest graduation rate on record. The district's graduation rate is ahead of the state's by more than three percent. He is proud of the work that continues to take place to provide an opportunity for all students to succeed.

Chair High recessed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the board to move into Executive Session. The meeting resumed and was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson

Minutes approved at 2.26.19 board meeting