

**Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97701**

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on February 23, 2015 in room 230 of the Education Center, at 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701.

Board Members Present:

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02p by Co-Chair Helt. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Review of Agenda

Superintendent Wilkinson noted a correction to the agenda. The 2014-15 School Board Meeting Calendar should be listed under Action Items, not 2015-16.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wilkinson congratulated the many high school sport teams with recent wins at the state competition level: Summit boys won their fourth straight swimming title, Bend High girls placed first as well in swimming. Mt. View High boys and girls repeated their state championships in Nordic skiing. He shared there would be an informational meeting about Smarter Balance in Redmond. The meeting is hosted by ODE and open to the public.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

New Elementary School Naming Update

Tammy Doty, current La Pine Elementary principal and planning principal for the new elementary school introduced the naming committee members which included her Instructional Leaders and two community members; Jenny Bjorkavick and Susan Henry. Doty reviewed the survey process and how the committee narrowed down the suggestions to the final three presented in the board packet: Amelia Earhart Elementary, Silver Rail Elementary and Homestead Elementary. In the board packet is a further explanation for each suggested name along with of the significance and vision for the new elementary.

A member of the public spoke up with frustration in lack of community involvement in the naming process and shared his disappointment with the suggested names, specifically not honoring past educators in Bend. Co-Chair Helt called a point of order and explained the Board will not make a decision tonight on the new elementary school name. At the March 10 board meeting there will be time for public input and the board is expected to make a decision at that time.

Action Items

Declaration of Inter-District Openings for 2015-16 School Year :: HB 3681 Open Enrollment Law

Brad Henry reviewed the executive summary in the board packet, noting this process takes place annually. Peggy Kinkade asked about the status of the new home development around the new elementary school and if there is a projected starting date. Andy High shared it could be one to two years. Superintendent Wilkinson noted there will most likely not be many requests for inter-district transfers for the new school simply because of the location. Kinkade noted her concern for growth in that area and cautioned the approval of too many requests.

Henry reviewed the number of open enrollment and one-year transfer approvals for the current school year. Kinkade asked what could attribute to the difference in open enrollment approvals vs. the one-year approval. Henry said a variety of factors could contribute and noted the small application window and available spaces were limited this past year for open enrollment approvals. Co-Chair Helt asked if the new boundary changes have been factored into the proposed openings. Wilkinson said yes and added these numbers are something the district continues to monitor throughout the year.

Co-Chair Juba asked if the attendance area change requests for current Bend-La Pine students is considered with these numbers. Wilkinson answered yes and explained the equation used to determine open enrollment availability and the district's strategy to create as much capacity as possible for attendance area change requests. Henry said the due date for attendance area change requests is March 1 and the inter-district transfers for open enrollment consideration are due April 1. Juba does not want to limit the ability of students who live within the district to be able to transfer to schools that best fit their needs by approving too many out of district transfer requests. Wilkinson said the numbers proposed take current student and movement into consideration.

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the number of Open Enrollment openings for 2015-16 as presented. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Revised 2014-15 School Board Meeting Calendar

Co-Chair Helt noted the updated meeting schedule in the board packet. Andy High asked if a vote was necessary for making changes. Superintendent Wilkinson explained the board schedule is part of the business resolutions adopted each July and the meeting in March is the main focus of the update. Co-Chair Juba asked about the possibility of meeting at Three Rivers. Jim Boen shared it has been discussed as an option for next year, taking into consideration this is Tim Broadbent's first year as principal at Three Rivers, however, thought it could be a viable option for May.

Andy High moved to approve the updated calendar with the May 12, 2015 meeting being held at Three Rivers. Co-Chair Juba seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Resolution 1813: Classified Employee Appreciation Week

Superintendent Wilkinson shared his appreciation for all classified staff members and encouraged the board to approve the resolution as presented in the board packet, which would recognize March 2-6, 2015 as Classified Employee Appreciation Week. Wilkinson read Resolution 1813 out loud.

Ron Gallinat moved to approve Resolution 1813: Classified Employee Appreciation Week. Peggy Kinkade seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Co-Chair Helt thanked OSEA members. Peggy Kinkade thanked the OSEA group as well and shared how awesome she thinks they are and appreciates their work in the schools.

Board Comments

Andy High thanked the members of the superintendent interview team for their time spent in this important process.

Julie Craig shared the Education Foundation Trivia Bee is on March 14 and she's looking to fill a team and asked for board member nominations or volunteers to participate. The board agreed they would figure who would participate at a later time.

Co-Chair Helt thanked all the classified staff members in the district and noted the difference they make every day.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34p.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
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