

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

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on January 26, 2016 in room 312 of the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR.

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

Peggy Kinkade

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p by Chair Juba, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Review of Agenda**

Ron Gallinat suggested moving Executive Limitation 12 – Legally Required Policies to an action item. All board members agreed to Gallinat’s recommendation. Chair Juba shared Peggy Kinkade was out of town and Gallinat would lead the conversations about Executive Limitations and policies listed on the agenda.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Mikalson noted January is School Board appreciation month and shared his thanks and appreciation to all board members. He pointed out the artwork on display from various schools around the district and a gift at each board member’s seat as a token of thanks.

Mikalson shared Collin Brooks, a PE teacher at Jewell Elementary, was recently honored with the Maybel Lee award from Shape America. Brooks will attend the national conference in April where he will receive his honor and also be a guest speaker at the event. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards were recently announced and beginning February 6, award winning art work will be on display at Pickney Gallery at COCC through February 24. Mikalson also shared a team from Sky View Middle School recently won the best in state award for an ap they created and are on their way to the national competition. The outdoor safety ap was created by a team of seventh and eighth grade students. Their winning ap earned the school \$5,000 and each student won a personal tablet. He encouraged all to vote for the ap in the national competition, as the fan favorite is determined by most number of votes.

**Public Input**

Shelly Phillips with Desert Sky Montessori, addressed the board sharing they have decided to withdraw their charter application. She thanked the board and all district staff members who invested their time in the review of their application. She shared her appreciation for the guidance and feedback and will use all that they have learned from this process as they put together a new application to be submitted in the future. Phillips noted the district and board’s devotion to excellence is evident and she appreciates the desire to want to provide a high quality Montessori school option for families which they hope to be able to do in the near future. Chair Juba thanked Phillips and those in attendance from Desert Sky Montessori. He thanked their team for listening to the district and board’s feedback and shared the board is supportive of options for students and looks forward to working together.

OSEA Executive Team members, Linda Bradetich, Mary Hofer, Sarah Stearns and thanked the board for their time and the work they do as part of serving on the school board to make the district a better place

for students and staff. Each board member was presented with a cupcake. Juba thanked the OSEA team and specifically noted his appreciation for Bradetich's tireless work to support OSEA employees and her attendance at nearly every board meeting he can remember.

Jennifer Sawyer, a local bee keeper and Jewell Elementary parent, shared her idea of turning a vacant field area on Jewell's campus into a wildflower patch that she would maintain to help provide a bee habitat. She shared information on the decline of bees and their habitats and the benefits of bees and positive impacts they make to our environment. Juba thanked Jen for her information and Cheri Helt suggested she share her ideas to the Parks and Recreation Board as well.

### **Consent Agenda**

Julie Craig moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Stuart Young seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

### **Action Items**

Ron Gallinat reviewed Executive Limitation 9 – Technology and Executive Limitation 10 – Financial Planning & Administration, noting no changes were made from the previous versions. There were no questions or comments for either Executive Limitation. Gallinat reviewed the updates made to Executive Limitation 11 – Asset Protection based upon board discussion and feedback. There were no questions or comments for Executive Limitation 11 – Asset Protection.

Gallinat reviewed Executive Limitation 12 – Legally Required Policies, noting it is intentionally brief and would result in all the current Policies being renamed to Administrative Policies. Andy High suggested adding the word local to the list of state and federal law.

Chair Juba asked for a motion. Andy High moved to approve Executive Limitation 9 – Technology, Executive Limitation 10 – Financial Planning & Administration and Executive Limitation 11 – Asset Protection as presented in the board packet and approval of Executive Limitation 12 – Legally Required Policies with the addition of 'local.' Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

### **Report**

#### *Financial Report*

Zhai Logan thanked the board for their service and investment of time to the district, community and students and for the countless hours they spend advocating for education. Logan reviewed the financial summary included in the board packet and noted the increased ending fund balance, is up about \$500,000 from the last report. Logan shared the 2014-15 financial data and audit are complete. Andy High asked for clarification on figures with the revenue split and budget recommendation for the potential PERS funding issues. Chair Juba thanked Logan for the update.

### **Policy Governance**

Ron Gallinat reviewed the first draft of Governance Process 1 – Governance Commitment & Style in the board packet and Chair Juba noted the next steps for board work is to look at the governance process around the roles and responsibilities of the board and what limitations they have as a board. This governance process would replace BDGOV B.1.

Andy High asked about number five and clarification of what 'commitments' means. Juba said he would follow up with Peggy Kinkade and added much of the roles and responsibilities of the board were defined when the board agreed to the Carver model at their board retreat in August. Gallinat suggested referencing or sighting Carver and the use of Carver's model as they work through governance policies. Juba said this governance policy will come back for approval at the next meeting and asked board members to share any suggestions or ideas to Gallinat to include in the next draft.

## Board Comments

Cheri Helt shared her appreciation for the recent Legislative meeting held at the High Desert ESD offices. She was pleased that six Legislators were in attendance and thanked all the staff who helped prepare reports and information that was shared that evening. Helt said she feels like there is a long battle ahead with PERS and thanked Brad Henry and Zhai Logan for their efforts to provide accurate information so the true impact to the district can be understood. She shared her thanks for the board gifts and appreciated the artwork on display.

Andy High said he and Ron Gallinat will be a part of the Audit Committee for the district and will help with the review and selection of a firm from the RFP. High confirmed that Knute Bhueler will not continue as a Budget Committee member which makes for two open seats on the committee. The district is seeking letters of interest and applications which are due Friday, January 29. Gallinat volunteered to be a part of the review process for the Budget Committee applicants and added he would connect with Kinkade to see if she would help as well. Chair Juba noted there were no applications yet and reviewed the upcoming dates for budget meetings. High also noted the recent announcement from Governor Brown's office and they will soon be appointing a czar to help create a path to higher graduation rates. No name has been announced yet, and he is interested to see the process and steps moving forward.

Julie Craig said before Winter Break she and Pacific Crest Middle School Principal, Chris Boyd, met and discussed middle school start times and she is excited to continue this conversation. Craig also spent time at Marshall High School prior to the break and was excited to hear of the Saturday school option Principal Julie Linhares and staff members host for students who are falling behind. Linhares and some of her staff volunteer their time to help give students an opportunity to catch up on work. Craig shared her appreciation for Linhares and her staff for giving extra time and thanked them for the work they do in helping students succeed. Craig attended the Eco Fashion Show, which is an annual fundraiser for REALMS. She shared the event was awesome and approximately \$22,000 was raised for REALMS. She encouraged all to go next year. She and Chair Juba visited the STRIVE program with Sal Cassaro this morning and she encouraged all board members to make arrangements to visit, tour and talk with students and staff in STRIVE to learn about what the program offers. Craig also encouraged all to watch Paper Tigers if they have not done so, she is inspired by the work being done in Walla Walla, WA and featured in the documentary.

Stuart Young thanked everyone involved for coordinating the Community Partner Board Meeting at the Tower Theatre. He felt it was a terrific event and thought the length of the board meeting that night was perfect.

Ron Gallinat thanked all the Legislators who attended the recent event at the ESD. He too was able to visit STRIVE this morning for a short bit and was impressed with what he saw and how the program is supporting students. He recently attended an event, Lines for Life, with Julianne Repman and thanked her for coordinating.

Chair Juba shared plans for future board meetings:

- February 9: board workshop to discuss legislative policy and funding
- February 26: discussion and workshop on the updated Comprehensive Plan; Budget Committee members will be invited
- April: one of the meetings the board will hopefully be attending a school program or event as part of a board workshop
- May: one of the meetings the board will hopefully do a site visit with one of the district's Alternative Learning Options as part of a board workshop

Juba noted the upcoming Legislative session includes some education-related bills. The board will work to address funding and resources and are currently working to reach out to other school boards around the state to advocate and partner together on issues.

Chair Juba recessed the regular meeting at 6:55p and said the board would reconvene into executive session in five minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson  
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