

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

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on June 17, 2015 in room 312 of the Education Center at 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

Board Members Present

Peggy Kinkade
Ron Gallinat
Nori Juba
Andy High
Julie Craig arrived at 2:10p

Board Members Absent

Cheri Helt
Stuart Young

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05p by Co-Chair Juba. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Review of Agenda

Co-Chair Juba reviewed the agenda and noted Young and Helt were absent, however, both well informed and supportive of the work the Board is doing. He also clarified there will not be an executive session as referenced in the agenda.

Public Input

No public input.

Consent Agenda

Andy High moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Action Items

*Approval of Yearly Business & Board Operations for the 2015-16 School Year
Business Resolutions 1818-1828*

Brad Henry noted Resolutions 1818-1828 in the board packet and explained these are reviewed and approved by the Board on an annual basis. Henry offered to answer any questions. There were no questions.

Andy High moved to approve Business Resolutions 1818-1828. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Bend International School Charter School Contract

Co-Chair Juba shared an update of the Bend International School (BIS) Charter School Contract and noted an electronic update was sent out this morning to all Board members.

Ron Gallinat said he is very comfortable moving forward with the updated contract and complimented the work of Dana Arntson and Meera Rupp over the past weeks. Shay Mikalson agreed and noted Arntson will continue to be a regular point of contact for Bend International School as they move forward and work to help them be as successful as possible.

Peggy Kinkade suggested district staff members track how many staff hours have been taken up to this point and continue to keep track. She expressed her concern for how time intensive the application process was and wants Board members to have a better understanding of staff time commitments as future charter school proposals are submitted. Mikalson will follow up with this information and noted another application is currently on the table and he will ask for time to be tracked on it as well. Kinkade added, she is supportive of charters, but not to the extent that the staff resources involved becomes excessive and burdensome.

Kinkade asked about students coming from outside of Bend-La Pine Schools' boundaries and if allowing too many initially could possibly do a disservice to resident students in the future. Arntson explained the lottery process and catchment area and said she feels the number of out of district students will continue to be small. Kinkade asked about BIS students' participation in district offerings and having access, specifically noting the access to computers and technology. Henry said BIS plans to purchase technology equipment for their students to use and they can request to access other District facilities as part of their contract.

Ron Gallinat asked about the possibility of ODE forming a committee to assist with charter school application review. Jay Mathisen said at this point nothing has been established with ODE and in his checking with OSBA, they too do not have services available to assist districts.

Brad Henry suggested the Board make a motion to approve the contract as presented, noting the Bend International School Board's approval is still pending.

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the Bend International School Charter School Contract, subject to Bend International School Board's approval. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Co-Chair Juba thanked Henry and Arntson for all their work and he said feels good about moving forward.

Workshop

Policy Governance

Co-Chair Juba shared the purpose of the policy governance discussion and that this work will help to more clearly define the role of the Board and the role of the Superintendent as Shay Mikalson transitions into his new role. Juba said the Board has asked Steve Lowder and Rich Parker from MacPherson and Jacobson to help facilitate this discussion in how the Board can design governance policies to help them become more effective, support district leadership and establish a timeline for approaching the work.

Parker and Lowder introduced themselves and shared a presentation highlighting strategies in which a superintendent and Board can work together as a team. Mikalson explained the goal of their work is to create a policy governance structure so Board and district leadership both feel they are making maximum impact in their roles. Lowder shared his history of working with boards, noting the shift to the policy governance model may not be easy and will be a continual work in progress. Lowder and Parker reviewed roles of a Superintendent and of Board members and more discussion ensued about what is currently happening and what the hopes and goals are for the future.

Parker reviewed key areas and the role of the Board noting there should be mutual trust between members and the Superintendent, no surprises or hidden information. Juba agreed and shared his view of the Board's role and that they are a representative of the community and shared ideas on how they could focus their responsibilities on behalf of the community. Parker asked each Board member to think and share their reason for wanting to be a part of the school board. Board members shared and discussed their roles and how they are currently communicating and working with the superintendent and shared ideas and thoughts on ways to change, streamline and improve those efforts. Juba noted he would like to have guiding principles to help Board members communicate with district leadership. Andy High agreed and would like to have more open and ongoing conversations with time to review information if necessary. Discussion ensued on ways to establish a governance policy on such ideas and create specific goals and expectations that could be monitored.

There was discussion around the formation of board committees and what roles Board members play in district level work. Lowder shared ideas about Board member participation for consideration and Mikalson agreed this is an area that needs better definition and would like to have policy governance established to help be the lever for the Board and when they feel committee work is not going as they would like, that governance policy would be where a change is made, rather than getting into the smaller processes of the district. The August 4 Board Retreat will continue more in-depth discussions of governance policy and executive limitations and begin to sort out the wants and goals of the Board.

Parker suggested looking at Bellingham, Issaquah and Salem Keizer as policy governance model districts for ideas and starting points in the work. Mikalson asked the Board to think of the order of executive limitations they would like to set and suggested creating an action plan for the Board Retreat. Kinkade shared some handouts from her policy governance research and asked Board members to read through it prior to the Board Retreat. She will continue her research and work and asked Board members to continue to share their thoughts and feedback. Juba thanked Kinkade for beginning the work and Mikalson for the vision. He thanked Lowder and Parker for their time and helping begin the conversation and shift toward policy governance.

Board Comments

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12p.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Wilson
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