

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

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on July 17, 2017 in room 314 of the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR.

Board Members Present

Peggy Kinkade
Stuart Young
Cheri Helt
Andy High
Ron Gallinat
Julie Craig
Carrie Douglass

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. by Chair Kinkade. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Review of Agenda

Chair Kinkade reviewed the agenda and said she would like to add ideas for the board retreat as a discussion topic at the end of the meeting.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Carrie Douglass seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Action Items

Election of Board Officers

Chair Kinkade noted the copy of Governance Policy 5 : Board Member Roles at each board member's seat. She provided the copy as a reminder of the duties the board agreed to and asked if the board would like to reaffirm or possibly add or amend any portion of the policy. Kinkade commented on the numerous invitations that are sent to the chair for events throughout the community during the year. She would like to see future chairs continue to attend community events and if the chair is unavailable, seek out another board member who can attend.

Carrie Douglass commented on the importance of developing board meeting agendas and that she would like to see more of the collective board involved in developing agendas. Douglass also suggested more distributed leadership duties amongst board members.

Cheri Helt said the board chair often loses their personal opinion because their duty is to help bring the collective board to a consensus, adding, it is the job of the chair to convey the will of the board even when they may not personally agree. The agenda the chair helps write should meet the needs of fellow board members. Stuart Young added that agenda planning is almost always a discussion at board leadership meetings and provides other board members an opportunity to help in planning.

Julie Craig said she would like to have more public discussions or updates, as appropriate, on board leadership discussions. Helt suggested adding 'board leadership update' to board agendas as a standing item.

Douglass asked how the chair currently follows up with those who make public comments. Mikalson said often times the chair asks he or district leadership to follow up with the person(s) about their statement, questions or concerns. High suggested this might be an area to look further into and possibly outline a method or expectations for follow up. Kinkade thanked all for their feedback and thoughts and will bring an updated version of GP 5 to the board retreat.

Kinkade asked board members if they would like to move forward and vote to elect leadership positions. All board members agreed to move forward. Kinkade explained the nomination and voting process and opened the floor for nominations.

Julie Craig nominated Andy High for Board Chair. No other nominations were made. Kinkade closed nominations for Chair and called for a vote. The board voted unanimously to elect Andy High as Board Chair. Superintendent Mikalson thanked Kinkade for an incredible year and said it was a pleasure to work together. Julie Craig agreed and noted the tremendous amount of effort and time Kinkade devoted to the transition to policy governance.

Andy High nominated Julie Craig for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Kinkade closed nominations for Vice Chair and called for a vote. The board voted unanimously to elect Julie Craig as Vice Chair.

Chair High thanked fellow board members for their support and Kinkade for her leadership and said he has appreciated working with her this past year in his role as vice chair. He gave Kinkade a gift card on behalf of the collective board. High gave each board member a Kenwood brick, engraved with each of their names and the district's mission. High said he is excited to continue to build upon the solid foundation that has been laid and shared his hope that each of these bricks symbolize the strong foundation that will allow the district to continue to build into the future.

Approval of Yearly Business & Board Operations for the 2017-18 School Year : Resolutions 1885 - 1860

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed the resolutions in the board packet and noted each of the resolutions are in line with the policy governance model and are similar to what the board sees each year at this time.

Cheri Helt suggested cancelling the last meeting in June. **Julie Craig moved to approve Resolutions 1885 – 1860 with the amendment to remove the June 26th meeting from the board meeting calendar. Peggy Kinkade seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

Reports

Executive Limitation 1 – Global Executive Restraint

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed Executive Limitation 1 provided in the board packet. He noted the evidences of compliance and the addition of John Rexford as Chief of Staff. Part of Rexford's work will include an internal operations review which is a change from the proposed work with AdvancED as seen in last year's report.

Executive Limitation 2 – Emergency Superintendent Succession

Superintendent Mikalson reviewed Executive Limitation 2 provided in the board packet. He noted the evidences of compliance and, again, the addition of John Rexford as Chief of Staff. Rexford's position will be paid through the HDES Local Service Plan.

Discussion

Board Retreat Agenda

Chair High reviewed a list of suggested retreat topics and asked if there were other items board members would like to add or discuss further. Cheri Helt would like to add a discussion around mental health support and then also continue the conversation as part of a regular board meeting agenda. Julie Craig agreed, noting it is a complex topic with many community partners.

Stuart Young suggested a review of the Board Ends and noted his specific interest in the integration of learning and areas of success that can mature throughout the system. He would like to focus on Ends 2, 3, 4, and 5 at the retreat. Kinkade agreed and suggested clarification or qualifiers as being a helpful way to dig down further without changing the Ends.

Superintendent Mikalson said he would like to look at the Comprehensive Plan and suggested the why, how and what of the plan could be a good foundation for other retreat topics and conversations.

Helt would also like the board to review the superintendent evaluation and identify proven areas that help predict student success. She suggested using data points to help the board target areas of focus and help narrow down the overall evaluation. High thanked all for the feedback and will start to work on an agenda for the retreat. He also noted that he and Kinkade will be meeting with Mikalson about his contract and will update the board.

Board Comments

Stuart Young thanked Peggy Kinkade for her leadership and said he has a great deal of respect for the time and energy she devoted to being chair and moving the district forward in the right direction. He is excited to continue to work with a great team.

Ron Gallinat also thanked Kinkade for her leadership.

Chair High recessed the regular meeting at 1:26 p.m. for the board to go into executive session. Chair High resumed and adjourned the regular meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Wilson
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