

Bend-La Pine Schools
Bend, OR 97703

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular session on February 13, 2018 at the Education Center, 520 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703.

Board Members Present

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

Call to Order

Chair High called the meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Review of the Agenda

Julie Craig asked to add a discussion item: PlanB Project.

Public Input

Susan Mendez, local pediatrician and mother and thanked the Board for time to share her viewpoint on school start times. She shared a letter supporting later school start times as a way to help support teen physical and mental health. The letter was signed and supported by several physicians and specialists in the community. Chair High thanked Mendez and invited her to the March 13 Board Meeting where Superintendent Mikalson plans to make a recommendation to the Board on school start times.

Consent Agenda

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Stuart Young seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Spotlight of Success

Superintendent Mikalson introduced Jackie Wilson, the Youth Education Director at the Environmental Center who also serves as the district's sustainability coordinator. Wilson shared about the work she does in schools and the programs students have access to because of the strong partnership. Wilson reviewed efforts that help save money and energy around the district and noted there are about 20 schools with active Green Teams. Mikalson thanked Wilson for the work she does with our students, staff and schools.

Action Items

Resolution 1863 : Not in Our Town Proclamation

Chair High introduced Michael Funke to share about an upcoming Not in Our Town event at COCC to help talk about ways to combat bullying, hate, racism, bigotry, etc. in our community. The two-day event will include a video screening, student panel, presentations and workshops. Funke noted several other community agencies in Central Oregon have given their endorsement and passed similar proclamations.

Cheri Helt read Resolution 1863 : Not in Our Town Proclamation

Stuart Young moved to approve Resolution 1863. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Appoint Budget Committee Member

Ron Gallinat shared about the interview process he and Carrie Douglass lead with the three Budget Committee applicants. After the interview process, Gallinat and Douglass recommend the Board consider appointing Amy Tatom

to the Budget Committee. They noted Tatom's resume, connection to the community, work and volunteer experiences, and thoughtful interview led them to the recommendation.

Ron Gallinat moved to appoint Amy Tatom to the Bend-La Pine Schools Budget Committee. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Declaration of Inter-District Openings for 2018-19 : HB 3681 Open Enrollment

Superintendent Mikalson noted the executive summary in the board packet and transfer data at Board member's seats, and reviewed the Open Enrollment process and the various ways students can transfer between districts in Oregon. Under the banner of Open Enrollment, the Bend-La Pine Schools does not have capacity, except for schools in Sunriver and La Pine. However, students requesting an inter-district transfer into the district may still be approved through the joint approval process pending available capacity at the specific school and grade level.

Ron Gallinat moved to approve the number of Open Enrollment openings for the 2018-19 school year as presented. Stuart Young seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Reports

High Desert ESD Local Service Plan

Superintendent Mikalson introduced HDES Superintendent Paul Andrews, Assistant Superintendent David Burke and HDES Board member Scott Reynolds. Andrews thanked all for their time and opportunity to present the Local Service Plan. He reviewed the elements of the plan, as presented in the board packet, noting the menu option of support services available to the district.

Superintendent Mikalson expressed his thanks to the HDES and to Andrews and Burke for the leadership they provide.

Peggy Kinkade moved to approve the High Desert ESD Local Service Plan as presented. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Financial Report

Roy Burling reviewed the quarterly financial statement in the board packet. A clean audit was received with the recently completed CAFR. Burling noted a summary of investment and maturities for the bond and said the district was recently notified that approximately \$1.1 million will be coming from FEMA as a result of the winter snow and weather damages last year. Superintendent Mikalson noted the extensive work Burling and Brad Henry put together in documenting and completing all requirements for the FEMA request. He extended his appreciation for their time and detailed efforts.

Executive Limitation 10 – Financial Planning and Administration

Superintendent Mikalson introduced the executive limitation monitoring process and highlighted areas in the report around the work and recommendation of the budget sub-committee this past fall. Cheri Helt asked about best practices, sustainability and fiscally responsible practices with the building of two new schools and where that information could fit into this report. Mikalson noted best practices could be reviewed in this policy; however, might be more appropriate in Executive Limitation 7 monitoring but is open to conversation on where measures best fit. Carrie Douglass suggested creating an annual process or timeline for budget discussions and deep dives into certain areas of interest.

K-12 Social Emotional Systems of Support Report

Superintendent Mikalson introduced Jim Boen to share about the work he's been leading in the evaluation and update of the district's Comprehensive School Counseling program and practices. Boen said the work started in 2016, and is a three-year process, and although the district is at the midway point in the process, the work done thus far has been wonderful in developing counseling support systems. Boen introduced counselors Ashley Davis from Pacific Crest Middle School and Raine Cedergreen from Bend Senior High to share more in depth about the process.

Davis shared about the work done in areas of prevention, intervention and initiatives that are now aligned across the district at various levels. She shared about the work being done at Pacific Crest Middle School and the positive results they have already seen in students. Cheri Helt thanked Davis for the outreach efforts being made to parents and community members to understand how to help and support children alongside of their schools. Mikalson appreciates that the comprehensive model is consistent in program but can be adjusted to meet the needs of each schools' specific student population.

Cedergreen shared how the changes made in high school counseling efforts is allowing for counselors to give their students the tools they need before they end up in crisis. High school counselors are now collaborating on a more regular basis and sharing materials and ideas to help support one another, which has significantly improved the overall counseling experience. Cedergreen shared how counselors are supporting teachers in teaching certain lessons and the connection amongst school staff has improved through this practice. She also shared and spoke about areas of continued need to ensure counseling efforts are equitable at all schools.

Boen invited board members to the next meeting about comprehensive counseling on February 26 at the Education Center. Julie Craig appreciates the efforts being made and agreed with Cedergreen that counseling services need to be consistent across the district. Carrie Douglass asked how counseling staffing ratios are determined and asked to see a history of counseling staffing. Mikalson said he would review staffing during the upcoming budget workshop. Helt appreciates the work being done and the impact it is making in the lives of staff and students.

Mikalson introduced Sean Reinhart to share about social and emotional learning supports in the district. Reinhart shared about the theory of action and building capacity and support in schools to ensure students have access to the social and emotional supports they need.

Reinhart reviewed Positive Behavior and Instruction Supports (PBIS), Behavior Coaches and professional learning that is taking place at all levels. Behavior Coaches are helping to build capacity and skills within all schools and an EA skills trainer has been extremely helpful in supporting staff who are dealing with significant behavior students. Tier 1, 2 and 3 students have several means of support of available, and next year the district is looking to include Tier 4 programming through an Intensive Behavior Resource Center. The IBRC is designed to help support students who have experienced significant trauma and are very dysregulated. Reinhart shared how the IBRC would be staffed, how many students it would serve and the overall goal of transitioning students back to their regular classrooms.

Peggy Kinkade asked about counseling interns from OSU Cascades and Reinhart said their program has interns in counseling and mental health settings and noted Portland State University also has interns working in social services. Stuart Young said he is proud of the work being done and noted the importance of increasing capacity through priorities and utilizing resources that are available. He appreciates the partnerships in the community and noted they are critical in providing students support and would like to hear more about the services and needs in the community.

PlanB Report

Julie Craig noted the PlanB group completed their first project evaluation and are ready to move into the second project evaluation. The Bend High master plan and Pilot Butte remodel have been discussed as possibilities and she suggested the Board consider Pilot Butte's remodel as the next project for PlanB to evaluate. All Board members agree. Craig will communicate the next steps with PlanB.

Board Comments

Cheri Helt shared about her recent trip to Washington D.C. where she had several discussions around assessment options. She has a personal interest in putting together a letter to the Oregon State Board to promote the use of ACT for 11th grade assessment. Helt noted the data history, longevity and college value the ACT test has as being significant reasons to use the assessment over others like Smarter Balance. She asked Board members for their support.

Peggy Kinkade agreed with Helt and feels this effort reflects elements of the Board Work Plan. Chair High asked for a motion to authorize a letter from the Board. **Cheri Helt moved to authorize the Board to write a letter to the Oregon State Board to consider ACT for 11th grade assessment. Stuart Young seconded the motion and would like to see other districts join in the request. Unanimous approval.** Chair High and Superintendent Mikalson will begin to draft a letter and share with Board members for review.

Helt attended the Scholastic Art Awards at COCC and said the quality of work was amazing. She extended her thanks to all art teachers in the district and encouraged all to go see the display which is up for a few more weeks.

Ron Gallinat noted the Education Foundation Trivia Bee is coming up and he, Julie Craig and Carrie Douglass are going to be on a team together. He thanked Central Oregon Radiology for sponsoring their team and asked for name suggestions.

Stuart Young appreciated hearing from the Environmental Center and the conservation efforts being made in our schools.

Carrie Douglass has been visiting her adopted schools and shared her thanks for the great work our schools are doing to make school fun. She attended the Boys and Girls Club awards last night and appreciated hearing from students about the impact the club has had in their lives. She encouraged continuing support for institutions like the Boys and Girls Club.

Chair High reminded Board members that Superintendent Mikalson has extended an open invitation to join him on Thursday's when he is visiting schools. Please check with Andrea Wilson on details of Mikalson's schedule. He noted the upcoming Latino Family Night at Mt. View High School on February 21 and encouraged all to attend.

Chair High recessed the regular session and the Board moved into executive session at 8:42 p.m.
Regular session resumed and was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Wilson
2.13.2018