

Bend-La Pine Schools
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 25, 2020

Meeting Location:

La Pine High School Library
51633 Coach Road, La Pine, OR

Board Members Present

Carrie Douglass
Melissa Barnes Dholakia
Amy Tatom
Caroline Skidmore

Board Members Absent

Julie Craig
Shimiko Montgomery
Stuart Young

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Co-Chair Douglass. The Pledge of Allegiance and review of the agenda followed.

Co-Chair Douglass introduced Superintendent Mikalson and asked him to share the most recent information about the district's Strategic Investment Plan. Mikalson thanked those in attendance and shared about the work the district has done, starting with the Excellence & Equity Review and how the district has taken what was learned through that process to establish investment priorities for the Student Investment Account (SIA) funds and ultimately formulate the Strategic Investment Plan. He reviewed the parameters, set by the state, for how SIA funds are to be invested: reducing class size, addressing students' health and safety needs, increasing instructional time, and expanding students' access to well-rounded learning experiences.

Mikalson noted that funding dollars provided to the district will change, as the initial amount is based on the current school year's demographic and enrollment data. Mikalson reviewed the ways in which the district plans to invest new funds and noted specific investment strategies for the schools in South County. He noted recruitment plans, job posting timelines and efforts underway for staffing plans which should be released by March 13.

Mikalson and Board members took time to answer questions from attendees on investment strategies, class size, how dollars can be spent by law.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Recorded by: Andrea Wilson

Minutes approved at 3.10.2020 board meeting