

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sutherlin School District 130  
Virtual Meeting held via TEAMS

**Call to order and roll call**

Board

JR Guthrie  
Justin Peterman  
Trixy Diamond  
Jacob Masterfield  
Michael Boehm (joined meeting at 7:16pm)

Staff

Terry Prestianni  
Wendy Fennell  
Della Mock  
Miguel Carrillo

Guests

The meeting was held via TEAMS with the middle school activity centered opened for public attendance and setup for public participation through TEAMS.

After establishing a quorum, Board Chair Justin Peterman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve consent agenda as presented M/Diamond S/Masterfield. Approved 4-0.  
Diamond-Yes, Guthrie-Yes, Masterfield-Yes, and Peterman - Yes.

Consent Agenda items approved:

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**Superintendent's Report/Correspondence**

Superintendent Prestianni reported:

- ♦ Legislature had a special session today approving SB 4402 which provides some protection for public schools, as well as private schools in regards to protecting schools from liability from Covid issues as long as there is no gross negligence , more information will be forthcoming.
- ♦ ODE has clarified on Safe Harbor, Sutherlin has not lost Safe Harbor. The reason the district closed the schools was it was getting so difficult to keep the buildings open because of quarantines and availability of staff substitutes. When school begins after the first of the year, we will have a conversation with administration and will look at the metrics. Today is the first time in weeks that the number of cases was under 200.
- ♦ The District has been doing limited in person instruction, bringing in sped students, CTE students and students who experienced trouble with connectivity or getting assignments done.
- ♦ Food service is serving 250 breakfasts and lunches door to door.
- ♦ Maintenance and cafeteria staff are accomplishing a lot of work, cleaning and maintenance.
- ♦ Conversations will begin regarding principal positions; West Intermediate and High School positions will need to be posted, recommendation is to post these positions between middle to end of January 2021.
- ♦ ADM is 1352 students registered in the district. There are 116 home schooled students, with 68 new registrations to home school this year. SVOA has 73 students who are active, about 26% of our incoming transfers are SVOA students. Currently there are 73 new incoming student transfers and 46 outgoing.
- ♦ Praises to teachers who have gone above and beyond:
  - – the Winter Music Conference,

- - MS MS recognizing their students of the month;
- - Band did a cooperative day with Oakland in which the Marine Corp band was present and did private tutorials with students.
- ◆ Resignations were received from: Janesciya Rackley, Instructional Assistant; and Sandy Ulm, Bus Asst/Bus Driver

### **Board chair's report/correspondence**

Board Chair Justin Peterman inquired if all board members had received a letter of resignation from board member Jacob Masterfield, stating the December 21, 2020 meeting would be his last board meeting; all had received it. There is now a vacant board position to be appointed.

Noted there was a fairly large uproar at the Capital this afternoon, in their special session and suggested board members check that out.

### **Personnel**

Superintendent Prestianni made employment recommendations. Alesha Hunt will fill the Dean of Students position, at this point of time she will continue fulfilling the counselor duties until such time the counselor position is filled.

Board member Michael Boehm joined the meeting at 7:16pm.

**Motion:** to approve personnel items as presented M/Guthrie S/Masterfield. Approved 5-0. Boehm – Yes, Diamond-Yes, Guthrie-Yes, Masterfield-Yes, and Peterman - Yes.

Personnel recommendations approved were: Mikah Cram, P/T Instructional Assistant (East), and Alesha Hunt, Dean of Students (MS).

### **Discussion Items**

#### ***Audit 2019-2020***

Business manager Della Mock presented the audit information. Auditor Steve Tuscherer was going to be present, however he is at the North Douglas board meeting, Deputy Clerk Audrey Palk has retired, and Steve's business is handling the finances for North Douglas.

Board members were sent a copy of the audit, with an audit letter. It was a smooth audit, without a lot of issues. All of the funds showed no over appropriations after adjustments. The independent auditor's report reviewed the schedules of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances; budget and actuals, and pension schedules as well as the basic financial statements. The audit will be posted on the district's website.

#### ***ELL State Report***

Superintendent Terry Prestianni reminded board members the state report is posted on the district website. The superintendent noted the current ELL population is 35 students, and the system is starting to be taxed a bit. The ELL teacher and assistant are not only teaching each day but are also providing home assistance, translating documents and with Covid assisting in transporting as necessary. It is believed we have the highest percentage of ELL students in the county, and will probably need to increase our support and could be funded through SIA funds. Board member Guthrie inquired what support Roseburg had for their students; Roseburg has about 50 students, with 2 teachers and 2 instructional assistants supporting those students.

### ***Policies 1<sup>st</sup> Reading***

Superintendent Prestianni presented policies for a first reading:

- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – Federal Family & Medical Leave/State Family Medical Leave
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(2) – Request for Family7 & Medical Leave
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(4) – Sample Designation Letter to Employee – FMLA/OFLA Leave
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – COVID-19 Related Leave
- GCPC/GDPC – Retirement of Staff
- IKFB – Graduation Exercises
- JB – Equal Educational Opportunity
- JFCM – Threats of Violence
- LBE & AR – Public Charter Schools
- LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance

### ***Operational Blueprints***

Superintendent Prestianni noted the operational blueprints have been updated and posted on the district website. It is expected another revision will be sent out by ODE before the end of December.

### ***Memorandums of Agreement***

The superintendent presented two memorandums of agreement with OSEA, Chapter 11:

***Extending Emergency Teaching Credentials to Qualified Instructional Assistants***, the district has three instructional assistants who can qualify to receive an emergency substitute teacher license, this will allow the district to have three additional subs to call upon. The plan is to try to keep them in the building they are working in, as they are familiar with the building, they are in.

***Temporary Outsourcing of custodial services*** will allow the district to bring on a temporary custodian through an employment agency. Currently the district has one person on a temporary 90-day contract. This has provided substitute time when a custodian is missing and allowed cleaning at SVOA and the district office to meet Covid cleaning requirements.

### ***Resolution #2021-03 Regarding State Guidance***

The superintendent presented the resolution requesting the governor alter state guidance to get all students K-12 back in school. The resolution was modeled after the Medford School District's resolution but modified to meet the specifics of the Sutherlin School District.

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SUTHERLIN SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING STATE GUIDANCE**

### **RESOLUTION #2021-03**

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Sutherlin School District is *“Developing lifelong learners who are knowledgeable, responsible, and caring citizens”*;

**WHEREAS**, we believe our schools are essential to a vital, thriving community, and learning occurs in a safe and nurturing environment promoting each individual's unique talents and abilities to be discovered, encouraged, and developed, with all students learning in different ways and at different rates, with high expectations coupled with motivation inspiring people to higher levels of performance;

**WHEREAS**, educating students well, including focusing on their mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing, while continuing to safeguard the health of our students, our staff, and our community is our

highest priority, and there are undeniable educational and mental health setbacks to all students due to comprehensive distance learning.

**WHEREAS**, elementary students are mastering foundational learning skills that will be required for secondary grades and beyond, and the impact of prolonged distance learning may impede their ability to do so;

**WHEREAS**, students experiencing poverty and homelessness, students experiencing disabilities, and students learning a second language are being harmed disproportionately by comprehensive distance learning;

**WHEREAS**, teachers are the number one reporters of abuse and abuse reports are down significantly in our county and state due to comprehensive distance learning;

**WHEREAS**, connections with caring adults have been proven to play a significant role in healthy cognitive development of children and youth;

**WHEREAS**, pediatricians have weighed the substantial harm to children and parents from keeping schools closed and recommend offering in-person learning;

**WHEREAS**, our district is committed to creating a safe learning environment with appropriate safety measures for all;

**WHEREAS**, Sutherlin School District has created an online school option for all ages for families wishing to keep students at home;

**WHEREAS**, findings from other states and countries where schools reopened are demonstrating that schools are not super spreader events, but in fact, serve as guardians against transmission because social distancing and face coverings are adhered to, contact tracing is performed, and robust communication with local public health authority occurs, and there have been zero cases contracted in our schools;

**WHEREAS**, Sutherlin School District has proven our commitment to work with the Douglas County Douglas Public Health Network setting the example for Douglas County to ensure we are following all safety protocols and are able to quickly identify staff, students and cohorts who have been exposed to or are confirmed to have COVID-19, connect them with medical professionals, remove them and any “close contacts” from the school community, thereby helping slow the spread in the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sutherlin School Board of Education urges Governor Brown to reevaluate the metrics for reopening, incorporating scientific data emerging from within the United States and other countries where school reopening has not resulted in increased community spread of COVID-19; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sutherlin School Board urges Governor Brown to prioritize the return of all students in grades K-12, by establishing metrics that follow the science and align with many states and countries which have prioritized education first and foremost by reopening schools or delegating authority to local districts to decide when it is appropriate for these students to safely return to school.

### **Citizen Participation**

None.

### **Correspondence**

Superintendent Prestianni read a letter received from Denise Castillo, this was written to the Sutherlin High School staff acknowledging the staff's dedication and efforts in providing instruction to students. There was a donation included which was used to fill the needs of the Holiday baskets which were sent out to families of students.

Appreciation was expressed to Jacob Masterfield for his service to the district and community.

### **Action Items**

#### **Audit 2019-2020**

**Motion:** to accept the 2019-2020 audit as presented M/Guthrie S/Boehm. Approved 5-0. Boehm – Yes, Diamond-Yes, Guthrie-Yes, Masterfield-Yes, and Peterman - Yes.

#### **Memorandums of Agreement**

- Extending Emergency Teaching Credentials to Qualified Instructional Assistants
- Temporary Outsourcing Custodial services

**Motion:** to approve the Memorandum of Agreements between the OSEA, Chapter 11 and the Sutherlin School District regarding extending Emergency Teaching Credentials to qualified instructional assistants and temporary outsourcing of custodial services as presented M/Boehm S/Diamond. Approved 5-0. Boehm – Yes, Diamond-Yes, Guthrie-Yes, Masterfield-Yes, and Peterman - Yes.

#### **Resolution #2021-03 Regarding State Guidance**

**Motion:** to approve Resolution #2021-03 Regarding State Guidance M/Boehm S/Masterfield. Approved 5-0. Boehm – Yes, Diamond-Yes, Guthrie-Yes, Masterfield-Yes, and Peterman - Yes.

### **Other District Business**

Board members expressed thanks and best wishes to retiring board member Jacob Mastefield. There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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Justin Peterman, Board Chair

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Wendy Fennell, Executive Secretary