

Oakridge School District #76

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Oakridge Board of Directors March 14, 2022

Regular School Board Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Chair Martin, Vice Chair Hardy, Director McPherson, Director Samuelson, Director Pope, Superintendent Doland, Business Manager Peggy Mahla, Confidential Secretary Jayme Martin.

Chair Martin called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:01pm. The meeting was led in the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

No changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Announcements and Correspondence

3.1 Budget Committee Vacancy

There are two open budget committee vacancies. No applications have been received. The Herold 58 has advertised the position. Chair Martin asked the Board to start recruiting.

4. Action Items

4.1 Consent Agenda (Action)

Vice Chair Hardy moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed with all directors voting yes.

4.2 Certified Contract Recommendations (Action)

Superintendent Doland explained contract renewals for certified staff. She explained the probationary period and presented recommendations of renewal for continuing their contract.

Vice Chair Hardy moved to approve the contract extensions for the employees listed. Director McPherson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all directors voting yes.

5. Information/Reports

5.1 Superintendent Report

Enrollment

March	OES	MS	HS	District Total
21-22	273	94	136	503
Last Year	283	87	146	516
Difference	10	7	10	13

2022-23 Draft Calendar

Superintendent Doland presented the Board with the 2022-23 Draft Calendars. She explained the differences between the calendars were the Spring Break Days. The U of O Spring Break will be the last week in March in 2023. One draft follows the U of O timeframe for Spring Break, while the other calendar will keep Spring Break on the third week of March. The draft calendars will be placed in the staff rooms for staff input at both buildings as well as placed on the website and social media for community input.

Legislative Updates

Superintendent Doland presented Legislative updates related to education.

- 1. HB 5202 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Bill Passed
 - \$150 million towards the summer learning programs for 2022. Prioritizing academic learning, enrichment activities and social-emotional and mental health services.
- 2. HB 4026 Funding Stability for Wildfire Impacted Districts Passed
 - Ensures stable state school funding, SIA and High School Success, for the next four years to districts that have been most impacted by the 2020 wildfires (Phoenix-Talent, McKenzie, Santiam Canyon, and Lincoln County)
- 3. HB 4030 Boosting efforts to support our educator workforce Passed
 - Educator Recruitment and Retention Grants and Efforts: \$100 million investment of which \$78.1 million for ODE to distribute to School Districts, Educational Service Districts, or Education personnel membership organizations for recruiting and retaining personnel in education. \$19.5 million will go towards reimbursing substitute teachers and instructional assistants for required trainings.

Cumulative Attendance

Superintendent Doland shared the cumulative attendance for the school year that are attending regularly. She stated these numbers are between 4% and 6% lower than pre-COVID numbers. The number of quarantined may include students who have tested positive more than once.

	Elementary	Junior High	High School
Attending	87%	86%	86%
Quarantined	101	27	35

Upcoming Meeting Topics

Superintendent Doland shared topics for the April Board Meeting. ESSER funds were discussed.

5.2 Preschool Report

Principal Maher gave shout-outs to:

- Dana Harriger, thanking her for her service
- Elementary teachers in their efforts in celebrating the classified staff during Classified Appreciation
 Week
- Cindy Niece the math coach and all her hard work
- Dr. Harrison, Mrs. Walter, and Mr. Iten for participating in dodgeball and donuts to encourage students to come to school on Friday.

She shared the students of the month awarded for integrity.

Mrs. Aileron spoke about the preschool program. She explained preschool is about social skills and getting ready for the school environment. The district preschool is a collaborative program with Early Childhood Cares, with 11 students enrolled in the district and five students in Early Childhood Cares. She shared different pictures of the

projects that the preschoolers are working on, such as "I Can" statements like "I can count to 20", learning the days of the week, practicing counting and recognizing and predicting patterns. She shared the PreK students really enjoy their time with the Early Childhood Education CTE high school class that they join once a week.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

7. New Business

7.1 IT Issues at Board Meetings

Superintendent Doland stated IT issues were addressed and should be minimized.

7.2 Public Attendance at Board Meetings

The Board discussed allowing public attendance at Board meetings. Superintendent Doland cautioned the Board in doing it too soon. The auditorium was suggested as an option. Superintendent Doland stated she would speak to the IT Director to investigate if the auditorium was a possibility since Board Meetings needed to be offered virtually as well. Director McPherson asked if there would be enough time in investigating it for the April Board Meeting. Superintendent Doland stated if it was determined to be possible to hold the meeting in the auditorium, she would include an update to the Board before the April meeting.

Vice Chair Hardy moved to have the staff begin the process of looking into the IT needs to allow public to join the Board Meetings. Director Samuelson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all directors voting yes.

7.3 Discussion of Board Meeting Reports

Director Pope stated he would like to see information prior to the Board Meetings in order to be better prepared. He felt several items could be discussed and questions answered if access to the information was obtained earlier. He requested a more standardized school reports from both buildings. He would like to see information on achievement and grades tracked monthly. He likes the program and curriculum reports, but would like the additional information sooner in order to ask clarifying questions. Chair Martin agreed and asked for the power points earlier. He stated he would like to see rate to graduate and math and English scores each month and the comparative data. Superintendent Doland stated she can get that data to the Board as well as passing and not passing information possibly in a fact sheet. She spoke about the extra support that is being provided to students that are in need. Director Pope asked for behavior updates from each school as well such as referrals and measurable type incidents. Director McPherson suggested these items be added to the consent agenda. She stated she likes to have her information before hand in order to feel better prepared when it is needed to share with the parents and community members.

Site Visits were discussed. Vice Chair Hardy liked the individual visits that used to take place. She stated a schedule was made up and each Board Member was assigned to a time and location. A hybrid of the current site visit schedule and individual scheduled times was discussed.

Chair Martin requested a work session after the April regular meeting to discuss work sessions, site visitations, and board meetings in general, as well as professional development with OSBA on Executive Sessions.

Director Pope asked if he could add an agenda item 7.4. There was a consensus with the Board.

7.4 Volunteers Back in School

Director Pope asked if there had been discussion on bringing volunteers back in the school. Superintendent Doland stated yes, discussions were happening, and volunteers were going to be allowed back in the school sometime after spring break. Director McPherson asked about an established list of volunteers.

Superintendent Doland stated there is an established list, but due to policy change, all volunteers have to be fingerprinted so that is also being discussed. Chair Martin asked about the vaccination requirements for volunteers. He stated he thought it was no longer a requirement. Superintendent Doland stated it was still a requirement and she would get the Board the documentation regarding vaccinations.

8. Public Comment

Karen Hale shared her appreciation and thanked the Board for their hard work during the pandemic.

9. Next Meetings

- Work Session, March 22, 2022, 5:30pm
- Work Session, March 31, 2022, 5:30pm
- Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 2022, 6:00pm

The Board was reminded of the Budget Meetings date and times.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm

APPROVED:

RM Board Chair Superintendent