



**Columbia Gorge Education Service District**  
*Dedicated to Enhancing Educational Opportunities*

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on August 17, 2022**

Starting at 7:00pm ~ In the CGESD Board Room with an  
Option to Attend Virtually, via Zoom

*These are unofficial minutes. The Board has not approved them.*

### **Members Present:**

- Suze Nigl, Chair
- Paul Zastrow, Vice Chair
- Doug Nelson
- Stacey Holeman
- Stephanie Ritchie
- Ian Stromquist

### **Staff/Guests Present:**

- Pat Sublette, Superintendent
- Christy Christopher, Director of Human Resources and Communications
- Alison Donnelly, Director of Health Services
- Jonathan Foster, Migrant and Native American Education Program Director
- Kristen Slatt, Director of Early Learning Programs
- Mauree Donahue Revier – Director of Education and Innovation
- Shira Skybinsky, Interim Director of Four Rivers Early Learning and Parenting Hub
- Stan Felderman, Director of Technology
- Susan Vallie, Executive Assistant
- Theresa Peters, Mentoring and Student Success Liaison

### **Call to Order and Flag Salute**

Chair Nigl opened the meeting at 7pm.  
Director Zastrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Introductions**

Introductions were not necessary.

### **Comments from Audience about Non-Agenda Items**

There were none.

### **Presentations/Reports**

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Pat Sublette was pleased to share how the Oregon Community Summer Grants have been distributed across the five county region. She then went on to thank all of those from the ESD who were able to attend the recently held AESA Summer Leadership Conference.

Next week a Cultural Proficiency and Equity Workshop, led by Author Trudy Arriaga, will be held for district leaders in the Columbia Gorge and North Central ESD's.

The ESD All Staff In-Service this year will focus on foundational document reviews, benefits access and Talent Ed Records training.

Financial Report – In the absence of Financial Controller Jamie Campos, the Superintendent offered to address any questions regarding the financial reports, which there were none.

Personnel Report – Christy Christopher, Director of Human Resources and Communication, reviewed the Personnel Report with the board, and spoke of how a meeting will be held with the North Wasco County School District to develop a plan to meet the mentoring needs.

TalentEd Records Presentation – Stan Felderman, ESD Director of Technology, led those attending the meeting through an overview of the Talent Ed Records Program. The ESD has started to use this program for staff record keeping. During the demonstration he highlighted the security features of the program, and ease of access to documents.

Health Services – Per Director Alison Donnelly the program has been advertising for a Nurse, who will be based out of Sherman County, and will be gearing up for the new school year, starting in September.

Special Programs - Director Jonathan Fost shared about the Native Cultural Workshops which have been taking place this week, in The Dalles. He then went on to speak of the decline of Migrant Families across the state. Currently the Columbia Gorge ESDs program is the fifth largest in the state and is also the largest provider of preschool services for migrant families in Oregon.

Early Learning Programs – Director Kristen Slatt spoke of how enrollment is up, and growing for the new year, for which the programs are preparing.

Education and Innovation – Director Mauree Donahue Revier talked about the need in North Wasco County for mentoring services. This year it is anticipated there will be two dozen novice teachers, with the possibility of a half dozen or more being added, who will need mentoring.

When asked if she had anything to share, Student Success Liaison for the ESD Theresa Peters noted how she was looking forward to connecting with the smaller districts and utilizing the (Cultural Proficiency Training) training from yesterday.

Four Rivers Early Learning and Parenting Hub – Interim Director Shira Skybinskyy spoke of how the program has been busy and growing. In addition to finalizing contracts, assisting with the placement of students and preparing for the upcoming year, Sepela Brookover has joined the program as an administrative assistant.

Technology - Director Stan Felderman brought the board up to date regarding the deployment of security cameras and Chromebooks for the North Wasco County School District. In addition, the team has been busy with upgrading computer labs, web filters, and preparing for the new school year.

### **Consent Agenda - Routine items that require Board Action**

- a. Approve Minutes from the Work Session, and Regular Meeting of the Board, held on July 13, 2022
- b. Ratify Financial Reports for July 2022

- c. Approve the August 17, 2022 Personnel Report, as Presented
- d. Approval of Contracts/Agreements
  - 1. Polarity Partnerships/PACT Foundations & Professional Applications Certification
  - 2. MOU with CGESD Education Association/Additional Leave
- e. Out of State Travel Request
  - 1. AESA Conferences in Washington DC and Atlanta, GA for Pat Sublette

After addressing a couple of clarification questions regarding the COVID MOU, Director Nelson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Zastrow seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items –**

- a. ESD/Board Goals for the 2022-2023 Academic Year
  - Director Zastrow moved to approve the Board Goals, pending Discussion.
  - Director Richie suggested reordering the goals to better align with the Vision Statement, which all members of the board were receptive to.

With regard to the board goal stating how the Columbia Gorge ESD assists school Districts, Director Nelson felt the word “assists” was a little weak. After some discussion members found “support and collaborates” sounded better.

Director Zastrow then moved to approve the Board Goals, as amended. Director Stromquist seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Informational Items**

General information for the Board and items not requiring Board approval.

Zone 3 Vacancy - Since the last meeting, no applications have been received.

The following OSBA Sample Policies were Presented for a First Reading;

- GBJ – Weapons in Schools – Staff
- KGBB – Firearms Prohibited

A copy of the CGESD Cultural Proficiency Workshops Flyer was shared as was a copy of the August 2022 CGESD Staff Newsletter and Columbia Gorge ESD Mission Statement

Information was also shared regarding the following upcoming 2022 Meetings, Conferences and Trainings :

- OSBA Fall Regional Meeting – New Date - October 13, 2022 at the Fort Dalles Readiness Center
- OAESD Superintendent and Board Summit, to be held at the Portland Marriott Downtown, November 10, 2022
- OSBA Annual Convention – Portland Marriott Downtown, Nov. 11 -13, 2022
- AESA's Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2022

### **Adjourn**

Chair Nigl adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.