

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

August 11, 2021 5:30 pm

Santiam Auditorium

The Board of Directors of the Santiam Canyon School District 129J, Linn and Marion counties, met with Todd Miller, in attendance was Angie Fencl, Rich Moore, Jeremy Tinney with Jamey Fawcett attending via conference call August 11, 2021.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 5:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: 7.1.2 Accept the resignation of Carl Rupp. 7.1.3 Accept the Resignation of Shannon Stearns.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: Four patrons spoke, all regarding the Governor's recent mask mandate, and requirement of students wearing masks.
- 4.0 Spotlight: Alex Nalivaiko presented a Summer Learning program presentation.
- 5.0 Oral Reports

5.1 Allison Galvin – Not in attendance, Todd Miller shared that ORCA's enrollment is down, but they are gearing up for the new school year. There is a lot more competition out there for on-line schools, since several districts started their own in the past year.

5.1. Angela Rasmussen – In addition to her report, she shared they are prepping for registration. This past week, we have been working on getting the library together with the help of an ESD Librarian. Our culinary classroom is coming along, appliances are in and we are working on getting some more shelving. The new gym is almost done, just waiting for the occupancy certificate. We are planning on using the new gym for middle school. We are working on transitioning the center shop room to an art room for Mr. Asay. As you may recall we had some challenges to fill the Activities Director position previously held by Ms. Gillaspay. What we've decided to do, is use current teacher, Jennifer Dodge for a portion of the job and use Desiree Dunagan, a proposed Instructional Aide, to fill in some of the other duties of the position.

5.2. Corrine McGinnis – In addition to her report, she shared that she is very excited to be in the building and working with the staff. The custodial staff is working hard to get the building ready. We are welcoming four new teachers, that will be recommended for hire later this evening, as well as 3 more instructional aides. We have come up with a new plan to address math and literacy.

5.3. Todd Miller – Todd shared that he is excited about the new programs that we will be offering this year. We have closed out the FEMA projects, wrapped up and paid off the ODE Loan for the Fire Remediation projects. He shared that we are hoping for enrollment stability, (due to fire-displaced families), however, a bill that was in the legislature died. Todd is hoping have more conversations with the governor's office with enrollment stability as the goal. The summer program was the biggest program we have ever run and very much a success. There will be an open house August 24th for tours of the new buildings from 3:00-6:30 pm. He reminded the group that the original plan was for 27K sq. ft., but we fortunately ended up with 41K sq. ft. The public passed the Bond for \$17.9M, but in the end after bond sales and premiums, as well as grants from the state, we realized \$29M in funding. A lot of work went into the Bond, but it was well worth it. He also shared that he realizes the topic of Critical Race Theory, (CRT) is getting a lot of press, and shared that our district does not have such a curriculum.

5.4. Yvonne Hanna - Yvonne shared the June & July 2021 financial report. We finished the fiscal year with a healthy ending balance. Jeremy asked if the enrollment stability comes into play with these financials. Todd shared that the enrollment is partially there, and we may need to make some adjustments depending what the legislature decides to do.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Rich Moore to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the June 9, 2021 regular board meeting, as well as the June Expenditures; Jeremy Tinney seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Resolution 21.22.01 - Support and Petition for Local Control. Todd shared that last year, we were one of the first schools that were authorized to come back to in-person learning. The district proved that we took the COVID protocols very seriously and we got good at it. Our hope is to be able to get back to many of the regular school activities. It is our intent to NOT offer distant learning, unless it is thru our on-line charter school. We learned that operating both the distant learning option and in-person at the same time is difficult to manage for our staff and hinders both options from being done well.

Oregon Health Authority has authority over us. If they shut us down, we must comply.

As of Friday, August 13th, the Governor has mandated that masks must be worn in-doors. We have also received the mandate that during the school days, students are required to wear masks.

State officials are telling us, that either we need to comply or there could be consequences of fines or loss of licensure for individual staff members. The insurance company has said if we willfully disobey, we are not covering you.

We have staff that are worried about coming back, they are worried about keeping their licenses if they have to deal with students and community member who will not wear a mask.

Todd explained that he would meet again with area superintendents as well as local health authorities. He asked patrons for more time. We have to look at the overall district health in the next three weeks. However, by passing this resolution we are hoping for the ability to make a decision for our community.

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept Resolution 21.22.01, Support and Petition for Local Control, Jeremy Tinney seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.2. Accept Recommendation to Hire Angela (Angie) Moreno, 4th Grade Teacher @ SES,

7.3. Accept Recommendation to Hire Desiree Dunagan, Instructional Aide @ SES & SJSHS

7.4. Accept Recommendation to Hire Sarah Martinez, Instructional Aide @ SES

7.5. Accept Recommendation to Hire Amy Gillaspay, Instructional Aide @ SJSHS

7.6. Accept Recommendation to Hire Breanna Ash, Instructional Aide @ SES

7.7. Accept Recommendation to Hire Shayna Ohrt, Instructional Aide @ SES

7.8. Accept Recommendation to Hire Sierra Ross, Instructional Aide @ SJSHS

Rich Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire individuals listed 7.2 thru 7.8, Jeremy Tinney seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.9. Accept Resignation of Lisa Best, 4th Grade Teacher @ SES, Jeremy Tinney made a motion to accept the resignation, Angie Fencl seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.10. Accept Recommendation to Allow Increase of Superintendent US Bank VISA Card to \$41,300 due to increase from US Bank, Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the recommendation to increase the limit, Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.11. Approve the Purchase of a Replacement Reader Board, Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement reader board. Jeremy Tinney seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.12. Accept Resignation of Carl Rupp, ELA Teacher @ SJSHS, Jeremy Tinney made a motion to accept the resignation, Rich Moore seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.13. Accept Resignation of Shannon Stearns, Instructional Aide @ SES, Rich Moore made a motion to accept the resignation, Angie Fencl seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

8.0 Information Items Discussion

8.1 Todd shared that construction is wrapping up, but the main thing holding up final completion is the lack of materials and supply chain issues. Our contractor, Gerding, has moved out, with only one employee remaining to coordinate the final projects.

9.0 Next Regular Meeting Date: September 8th, at 5:30 pm at Santiam Elementary

10.0 Executive Session, ORS 192.660(2)(f), consider records exempt by law from public inspection. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm to move to executive session.

11.0 Angie Fencl brought the regular meeting back into session at 7:50 pm. Jeremy moved to adjourn, Angie Fencl seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0. Jamey Fawcett needed to leave the meeting early, so no vote from him. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary