

## SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

February 10, 2021 5:30 pm

Santiam Elementary

The Board of Directors of the Santiam Canyon School District 129J, Linn and Marion counties, met with Todd Miller, in attendance was Jamey Fawcett, Rich Moore, Angie Fencl with Jeremy Tinney attending via conference call February 10, 2020. Alicia Boyd was absent.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Addition of Action Item 7.6. Resignation of Stephanie Budlong

3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None

4.0 Santiam Spotlight: None

5.0 Oral Reports

5.1. Alison Galvin - Not in attendance. Todd shared that things have gone smoother than they originally thought it would go. In the Legislature, online charter schools continue to be a big topic of discussion. Enrollment is up from what it's been in the past, but it has come down a bit as more traditional schools open up to in-person instruction.

5.2. Angela Rasmussen - In addition to her report, Angela shared that they are getting ready for in-person instruction. Teachers have been coming in and getting their classrooms ready. The new quarter will be starting on Feb. 23rd. Due to Covid protocols, there will be 55 minute periods and 3-minute passing time. There will be no use of lockers, and restrooms will need to be used during class periods. All students will have lunch between 12 - 12:30, students will be physically distanced and assigned to specific areas. From 12:30 to 1:45, students will be in their bonus periods. Bonus period attendance is optional. The classroom that they report to will be based on the day of the week. Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> period, Tuesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> period, Wednesday - 3<sup>rd</sup> period, Thursday - 4<sup>th</sup> period. Bonus period is essentially a place to do their homework. They will be able to have their headphones and connect with their teachers during the bonus period. The schedule does not include a prep-period; therefore, all teachers will prep at the end of the day at the same time. Jamey asked about the pulse of the teachers. Angela shared that the ones that have been back, are excited but nervous about the technology piece, but excited to have kids back.

5.3. Margo Williams - In addition to her written report, we are in our 5<sup>th</sup> week of in-person learning along with CDL. Each day teachers are figuring out something new with the technology. They've completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of registration for in person, and it appears we will have an additional 30 students coming back to the classroom. It is possible at the next go round, we may have more, and that will dictate hiring another teacher for a blended classroom to adhere to the cohort guidelines. We did have two staff contract Covid, but we reacted quickly, ensuring that there was no spread in the school. We are coming up to the exclusion date, this means that those kids who are not vaccinated (with required vaccines) will not be allowed in the school building. Kids are doing a great job with social distancing, hand sanitizing and mask wearing. We will be welcoming the new kids and training them on the Covid protocols. Mr. Moore asked, "based on the square footage, how many students can you have in the classroom? Margo answered, 20 students with 2 teachers."

5.4. Todd Miller - Todd shared that he is very pleased about how the in person learning has rolled out so far. He said he realizes there will be difficult patches, but so far its good. Todd indicated that we are most likely closing the Detroit Hub. We have been having power issues, potential vandalism, and the majority of the kids are signed up to come down for in-person learning. We will probably leave the building in Detroit thru the end of March. We are in the middle of our staff vaccinations, the second dose is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. We were notified that our insurance claim for the new buildings was approved, and should receive around \$400,000 in proceeds. The FEMA process is underway, FEMA works closely with the state agency, Oregon Emergency Management, so we are busy getting them all the information needed.

OED has come up with a new condition, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to offer Covid testing. We will receive the tests free from Oregon Health Authority. They are only valid for people who have symptoms. For students we need to get permission from parents first. These tests provide instant results within 15 minutes.

Todd shared that he recognizes that this is a challenging time for staff. Working with the challenges of tech and all the protocols, it's hard to have the feeling of pride at the end of the day, even though you did everything you could. Kudos to our staff for coming back, there are districts where staff are refusing to come back.

Athletics, some of them are still a go, for instance, outdoor, no contact sports are most likely to move forward. Others like basketball and volleyball, currently the regulations call for a maximum of 6 participants in the gym, but 25 feet apart. It puts us in a difficult spot, making decisions on how to invest in some of the contact sports, there are just a lot of looming questions out there. Not sure what schools will opt in to play.

The good news is that we received the Oregon Community Foundation grant for \$100,000 and a MAPS grant for \$10,000. This money will be put towards a covered play area behind the Elementary School and a community basketball court that will be located in the front eastern half of the Elementary school campus. We also received additional funding from the OSCIM grant in the amount of \$2.9M. We will use these additional funds to add back in some of the projects that had to be removed due to budget restraints, like a CTE roof and solar panels. Adding solar is one of those front end expenses, that will result in future returns. Outside of the bond, our facilities fund, (that we had as a back up to the bond) will be used to upgrade our HVAC system at the elementary and add capacity to our parking situation. Inevitably, this means that we can add more into programs and have a nice contingency in the future.

5.5. Yvonne Hanna - Yvonne shared the January 2021 financial report.

#### 6.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Angie Fencl, Angie moved to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 13, 2021 regular board meeting, as well as the January Expenditures; Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

#### 7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar, Angie Fencl moved to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar, Rich Moore seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

7.2. Accept Recommendation to Hire Kayla Budlong, Temporary Special Education Aide for the 2020-2021 School Year.

7.3. Accept Recommendation to Hire Hannah Baker, Temporary Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year.

7.4. Accept Recommendation to Hire Trey Summers, Temporary Special Education Aide for the 2020-2021 School Year.

7.5. Accept Recommendation to Hire Diana Carmona-Martinez, Temporary Special Education Aide for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Angie Fencl moved to accept the recommendation to hire the individuals listed from 7.2 thru 7.5. Jamey Fawcett seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

7.6. Accept the resignation of Stephanie Budlong, Instructional Aide, Jamey Fawcett moved to accept the resignation, Angie Fencl seconded the motion, it passed 4-0.

#### 8.0 Information Items:

8.1. Construction Update - Steve Earl shared that they met a significant milestone in getting the Certificate of Occupancy for Bldg. A, B & C. We have about 90% of the punch list done. At the Elementary school, we will have the official certificate of occupancy when we get the sprinkler system near the servery, updated. The auxiliary gym is still scheduled to be done by the end of August. They are working on site work, landscaping, and creating a path to the auditorium. Angie asked about the Fire Marshall. Todd shared that thanks to Senator Fred Girod, we got him out there. Todd shared that in the courtyard they have been doing the prep work for the retaining wall and the basketball court, it's really looking neat. He added that the cafeteria tables are in now in the servery as of today.

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary

10.0 Motion to Adjourn: Rich Moore moved to adjourn, Jamey Fawcett seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary