

## SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

March 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, Angie Fencl, Rich Moore, with Jeremy Tinney & Alicia Boyd attending via conference call March 10, 2021.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Addition of Amendment to Inter-district Transfer Policy; Correction to Action Item 7.1, should read 2020-2021 (current school year)
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight: None
- 5.0 Oral Reports
  - 5.1. Alison Galvin – Not in attendance, Jamey asked why enrollment is down, Todd explained that it could be several factors, one that children are going back to “in-person” school and also there are a lot more options for on-line schools.
  - 5.2. Angela Rasmussen – In addition to her report, Angela shared they are back in school. There have been minimal complaints regarding mask wearing and protocols. Enrollment is at 315, which is where we started the first of this year. We have seen a few families moving into the district from out of state. Our athletic program is underway. She shared a huge thank you to the custodial crew. They pulled everything together to get furniture moved into the new buildings in time for kids coming back to school. So far there has not been problems with supervision. She has noticed that there are not many kids taking lunch, because they leave at noon. Angie asked about how many seniors are on track, Angela estimated about 20.
  - 5.3. Margo Williams – Not in attendance, Todd shared that the elementary school’s enrollment is coming up. About 80% have opted to return to in person school. Regarding the potential Principal resignation, we’re waiting for Margo to get her contract from the WESD, so that she can give her formal resignation. Todd has met with the SES staff about recruiting a new Principal. He is optimistic that there will be a good pool of candidates.
  - 5.4. Todd Miller – Todd shared that since opening “in-person” school, there are some activities that are ramping up, more SPED referrals and more DHS reports which makes sense. He shared that we now have an estimate that the SIA allocation is about \$850K. He shared the letter he sent to OSAA, he said that he opted to respond formally, mainly because the initial information given was wrong, and reported to Central Oregon media. Our intent was not to damage the other school district, but it was necessary to defend our stance, and confront the misinformation. Angie asked if the coaches and Athletic Directors were made aware of the rules prior to the game? Todd said yes, and that the responsibility of health & safety lies with the referees and the athletic coaching team. Another important fact was that in December the legislature passed legislation that stated that schools would not be covered by liability insurance if the COVID protocols were not followed. Jeremy stated that he was struggling with how everything went down and is generally frustrated that it’s come to this. Jamey stated that the difficulty of all this is that we want the kids to play, and with that, we need to work within the rules. I understand that it’s hard to deal with things that maybe we don’t agree with the decisions. We are trying to do the best for the kids.
  - 5.5. Yvonne Hanna - Yvonne shared the February 2021 financial report.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Angie FencI to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the February 10, 2021 regular board meeting, as well as the February Expenditures; Jamey Fawcett seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Approve the 2020-2021 District Calendar. Todd shared that this year's calendar is needing some discussion, based on instructional hours lost due to wildfires. Staff are wondering what to expect for the end of this school year, will we extend this year's school calendar? He also shared that there is funding for summer programs and summer learning opportunities. Todd asked for input from the board. Mr. Moore asked what option will short change the kids less. He said his personal preference is that students get a summer break, but to move forward with offering summer programs. Todd shared that the other fire-affected communities have decided not to extend. When asked how much instruction have we lost, Todd guessed that we are probably several weeks behind. Angie shared that she believed kids need their summer, and we keep our current calendar as is. Jamey said that there is not any real value, in extending, when kids or staff are not in the mindset to be there. He shared that if there is interest in offering summer programs, then we should offer them. Angie made a motion to keep the 20-21 calendar as it is, Jamey Fawcett seconded the motion, it passed 5-0.

7.2. Accept Retirement from Caroline GillaspY. Todd shared that this resignation will be a hard one to accept and everyone on the board agreed. Jamey Fawcett moved to accept the retirement, Jeremy Tinney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

7.3. Accept Recommendation to Hire Kristalyn Starbuck, Temporary Special Education Aide for the 2021-2022 School Year. Angie FencI moved to accept the recommendation to hire, Jamey Fawcett seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

7.4. Accept the Recommendation to Hire Spring Coaches

- 7.4.1. Lisa Best, HS Varsity Volleyball Coach
- 7.4.2. Dan Cunderman, HS JV Volleyball Coach
- 7.4.3. Carl Rupp, HS Varsity Football Coach
- 7.4.4. Zach Steele, HS JV Football Coach
- 7.4.5. Amber Tinney, HS Cross Country Coach
- 7.4.6. John Stingle, HS Cross Country Coach
- 7.4.7. Brenda Peterson, 7/8th Grade Volleyball
- 7.4.8. Kristi Storm, 7/8th Grade Volleyball

Rich Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire all spring coaches listed 7.4.1 thru 7.4.8, Angie FencI seconded the motion, it passed 5-0.

7.5. Todd explained that interdistrict transfers are no longer restricted, however we need to be aware of the required square footage to maintain COVID protocols. Todd asked the board to amend the policy, to accept interdistrict transfers if the square footage requirements can be met. This would need to be worded based on the grade level/class placement of the entering student. Jamey Fawcett made a motion to amend the policy with a temporary policy thru the end of this school year to allow transfer students if the mandated space requirements can be met based on the child's class level and space. Angie FencI seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

8.0 Information Items:

8.1. Construction Update, Steve Earl shared that the classrooms are up and at occupancy, now the crews are focused on fine tuning any issues that are discovered. Crews are working thru a request system, to limit the amount of workers in the building coming in contact with students & staff. We are getting thru the punch list for the City. The gym is coming along, and will be finishing up glass and windows at the end of this month. The project is on schedule. Jamey asked about the floor to the gym, Steve shared that he thinks it will arrive in the next two weeks.

Todd shared a proposed parking lot plan, this project was initially scrapped because of the budget, but with the additional funds, we should be able to address the need for parking.

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: April 14, 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 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary