

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

October 13, 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 attending via conference call October 13, 2021.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: None
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: Ernest Freeman brought up issues with parking at Senior Meals and for the Food Bank, he encouraged the board to work together. Angela said she is aware of the problem, and will be ordering cones to designate parking areas.
- 4.0 Oral Reports
 - 4.1 Allison Galvin – Allison shared that The Mid-Valley Awards, nominated ORCA as Best Charter School. Best Leadership. Most Innovative Workplace Finalist.

They are dealing with a number of enrollment challenges, in reference to OAR 581-026-0305(2)(b) that they continue to work through. Basically a school is able to deny transfers once its student population attending other districts hits 3%. We are working creatively to serve students and be good community members. We are working on getting rid of the enrollment cap. Luckily, we offer amazing programs and will be launching an E-Sports program to attract more students. We are working on developing an MOU to offer additional programs outside the Charter School. We are looking to pilot this idea, with a small school to see how it works. Todd shared that virtual schools have been around for a while, 17 yrs., and now that COVID has changed the landscape completely, the legislature, may agree to alter the OAR. He shared that the work they are doing with thinking out of the box will sustain online schools into the future.
 - 4.2. Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - In addition to Angela's report, she shared that they partnered with ORCA in their summer learning program this past summer, and used on-line options for credit recovery.

We are in the middle of homecoming week, which is in full swing. Due to Division 22 requirements, 6th, 7th & 8th grade and 11th graders will take the standardized test. The OSAA has notified us that we have a basketball referee shortage and they are working on scheduling and it may be a revolving schedule. Todd shared that along with this, the COVID protocol issues are impacting transportation for school activities.

We have been working hard on COVID notifications, there is a lot of work involved in contact tracing.

We offered the PSAT and SATs today. Normally sophomores take the PSAT, but due to last year and distance learning, they did not take the test. We decided to offer the PSAT's to Sophomores and Juniors, even though we had to pay for them. We had good participation for both tests.

We are meeting on a weekly basis to discuss student concerns around attendance, academic performance, behavior and social emotional needs; after each meeting we identify follow up actions with those students.
 - 4.3. Corrine McGinnis - In addition to her written report. Corrine shared that school is going well, we are currently at 224 for our enrollment. The students are doing great and happy to be at school. I'm impressed with the resources this school provides and the counselors that we have available. Our first assembly will be tomorrow and we're bringing back student of the month awards. It has been great being in the classroom watching kids learn and wonderful to have PE and Music EVERY Day.

We have been pushing literacy & math support into the classrooms. Kids are broken into groups and get 20 minutes of added support. We have an after school chorus now, which is exciting. We have Halloween coming up and we're planning parties. We are utilizing social media and trying to promote all the good things that are happening.
 - 4.4. Todd Miller - Todd shared that Preschool started last week and numbers are low at 18, probably due to the pandemic. This is our 3rd year of preschool and we have yet to have a full year. The culinary food trailer is in the shop. Staffing is a

challenge, we have several positions posted and by next week it might be worse. We already have problems getting substitutes, and with the vaccination requirements going into effect on 19th, we are not sure how that will impact our schools. Subs are not able to work for the district without an exception or vaccination.

We have the plans for the HVAC for the Elementary School, but due to the prices and contractor shortages, we don't really know what to expect as far as timing. All of our buildings have been re-keyed, resulting in a simplified system. We will have the new reader board by next month, thanks to a United Way grant.

Wildfire enrollment: We are probably within a month of getting a short term fix. We are working with COSA, ODE, & Legislative E-Board to secure enrollment stability for our district, along with other fire impacted areas Phoenix-Talent, McKenzie & Lincoln County. We budgeted on a certain number and so it's critical that we secure funding.

The COVID work is really hard right now. Our school nurse and office staff are spending a huge amount of time to deal with the contact tracing. We are working hard to NOT get kids excluded. Good Leadership insulates the bad stuff from the kids so that they can have a great experience in the classrooms. It's hard to see the office staff overwhelmed by the work, but on the other hand, impressive that they are making an effort.

4.5. Yvonne Hanna - Yvonne shared the September 2021 financial report.

5.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Angie Fencil to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the September 8, 2021 regular board meeting, as well as the September Expenditures; Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

6.0 Action Items:

6.1. Appoint Open Board Position; Todd shared that they have two candidates for the one position in the Detroit/Idanha region. Rich commented that he is familiar with one of the candidates, but not the other. Todd shared that both come with exceptional backgrounds, but neither is from the Detroit/Idanha area. Jamey Fawcett asked if the discussion could be tabled until next meeting, Angie Fencil made the motion to table decision until next meeting, Jamey seconded the motion, it passed 4-0.

6.2. Approve MOU with Oregon Education Association (OEA) – Vaccination Policy. Todd summarized the MOU. Angie Fencil moved to approve the MOU, Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

6.3. Accept the resignation of Norm Williams, Head Cook. Rich Moore made a motion to accept the resignation, Angie Fencil seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

6.4. Accept the resignation of Chris Meier, SES Custodian. Rich Moore made a motion to accept the resignation, Angie Fencil seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Information Items Discussion:

7.1 Construction Update

7.2 Division 22 Standards Report; Todd presented the Division 22 Standards and noted that some of the categories were waived due to COVID. Our district was out of compliance in one area, amount of instructional hours, this was due to the 14-day fire evacuation, 4 days during the ice storm and having a shortened day due to COVID protocols. Corrective actions are written to stay in compliance this year, and there is a hope that we do not experience the troubles of 2020 ever again, with COVID and natural disasters.

8.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

8.1. Next Regular Meeting Date: November 10, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

9.0 Executive Session: None

10.0 Angie Fencil moved to adjourn, Rich Moore seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.