

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

October 14, 2020 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 Alicia Boyd attending via conference call October 14, 2020.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:34 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Addition of 7.3 – SIA Grant Agreement, 8.5 – Award of Smoke Remediation contract
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight: Wild Fire Community Response: Todd shared that donations coming into the Santiam Wildfire Relief Fund is up to \$1.8M. The Santiam Integration Team (SIT) is evaluating how to best support families. They have determined that they will work on bridging the gap from what insurance covers as opposed to what is not covered for those impacted by the fires. There is an outpouring of support from the local churches, they have set up relief sites with supplies. Mitchell school district also pulled off a walk-a-thon with just a few kids to make a nice donation. The Detroit City Council approved a site for a mobile classroom.
- 5.0 Oral Reports

5.1. Alison Galvin – Report Attached Todd shared that the enrollment continues to go up since the Oct. 2nd reporting, this will cause us to do a supplemental budget this year.

5.2. Angela Rasmussen – Report Attached, Additionally tomorrow is the “10 day drop”, which means that if the student never showed up, then we can drop them. We are probably going to drop at least 5 students. She thinks enrollment will level out at 310. One thing that she is worried about is losing the momentum and the anxiety and stress setting in. Jamey Fawcett agreed that the trauma that some of these kids are facing is real. Angela said on a positive note, there has been a lot of positive feedback around offering only 4 classes. They have Aides working in the gym, but it is just too cold, so they are now moving to the Preschool. She has been working on adjusting specifics for the HS Success Grant, revisiting the budget, and taking into account that Mr. Lindemann has taken a leave of absence, which put the Construction program on hold. We ran through a bunch of ideas on how to allocate these funds and came up with a purchase of a food truck this year for next year. ODE likes the idea and so we will proceed.

5.3. Margo Williams – Report Attached, Additionally Enrollment is at 229, we think we may be dropping 5. The attendance team has been meeting weekly to discuss students that have not logged in for 3 days. Through this check in process, it has been amazing to hear what some of these kids have been through. Mr. Allison has started meeting with these students. We conducted a “check-in” at the Staff Meeting last week, to see how each staff member was doing, Lonnie Webb attended to assist. There were a lot of tears, but it was a cathartic process. It was good to hear from everyone, and it was clear that certain conversations may trigger some traumatic memories. Staff have been getting personal phone calls from Lonnie Webb to have some personal time. We have been overwhelmed with donations, people have been so generous. 7-Eleven has donated 50 back packs, a girl scout troop has donated a bunch of toys that we will be keeping the for Christmas. A Salem Keizer school has donated school supplies. Teachers worried about connecting with kids, especially new students, have been pleasantly surprised, about the positive engagement with students.

5.4. Todd Miller – Report Attached, Additionally Todd shared that the enrollment at 535, is a drop in enrollment. He is talking to ODE about a possibility of “enrollment stability” for three years. The argument is that we have a community that doesn’t have housing to support these kids. If there are no homes, they need to leave. We are working to get the buildings cleaned. The new construction is most likely covered by insurance, they will be bringing a hygienist out for air testing.

We hear that the Legislature has approved a \$250K advance for us to move forward, with the contractor.

Regarding the existing buildings, we were denied insurance. Todd approached the Legislature and it approved the Wildfire Assistance for \$20M. However, ODE is surveying other school districts to see and submit their needs. It doesn't appear that the final approval will most likely be next Friday. Things are moving forward, but it takes so much time.

We have received a waiver to conduct "IN PERSON" instruction. The frustrating part, is that we physically allow people in, yet we don't have clean facilities to do so. This will basically be Distance Learning from a location. A hub will be set up for students to go. We will focus on Idahna and Gates first. We will focus on kids that are not engaging first and as our buildings come on line, we can bring more kids in. When we switch out to In-Person Instruction, the next phase will be bringing kids in for learning, reading, potentially CTE, we are exploring the possibilities. We need to get data from families in order to roll this out. In-Person learning can't be required, due to the guidelines, so we still need to run the distance learning option.

We are at an interesting point right now with the budget. We are getting pools of \$ coming in from other grants, and it will be interesting to manage these dollars.

One thing that is clear, the state has never seen a disaster like this.

5.5. Yvonne shared the September 2020 financial report.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Rich Moore to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 12, 2020 regular meeting, the September 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting as well as the August and September Expenditures; Angie Fencil seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Approve Updated District Calendar, Angie Fencil made a motion to approve the updated district calendar, Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.2. Adjust November Board Meeting Date due to Veteran's Day, Rich Moore made a motion to adjust the November Board Meeting to November 18th, due to Veteran's Day, Jamey Fawcett seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

7.3. Accept the State of Oregon Grant Agreement in the amount of \$337,719.15 for the Student Investment Act. The plan was approved at an earlier date. This will fund the Elementary Music Teacher, the Special Ed Teacher at the Jr. Sr. High, a pilot program for Pharmacy Tech, Culinary equipment, and Attendance Services. Angie Fencil made a motion to accept the grant dollars, Rich Moore seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

8.0 Information Items:

8.1. First Reading of Policies

8.2. Construction Update: Steve from HMK said they are moving forward with all the exterior work that they can do as they wait for the buildings to become available to start working on again. Next week there will be a lot of concrete work done, you will really be able to get a feel of what the campus will feel like. By the end of November the MPP will be installed, so there will be a shell structure of the gym. It will go up quickly.

8.3. International Club Poinsettia Fundraiser, November 1st – 14th, 2020.

8.4. OSBA 74th Annual Convention, November 14, 2020 (Virtual)

8.5. Award of smoke remediation: This is for the existing buildings including district office, gym, elementary and \$1.114M for the cleaning, this will be paid for by the state (loan) and then FEMA will reimburse 75% and then the State will loan forgiveness for the loan

Rich brought up that we need to be thanking all the donors. Angela said that the Leadership class will be

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: November 18th 5:30 p.m.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn: Angie Fencil moved to adjourn, Rich Moore seconded the motion, the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary