

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

September 8, 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 Angie Fencl, Rich Moore, with Jeremy Tinney attending via conference call September 8, 2021.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Move information items # 7.2 approve the purchase of a food service transportation vehicle & 7.3 approve contract for grounds maintenance to Action Items.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Oral Reports

4.1 Allison Galvin - Not present - Todd shared that ORCA's enrollment is taking a beating. They are down to 2600 students which is a significant change in the budget. Jeremy asked how it would impact our budget. Todd shared that this year we are fine, but in the future, we will need to adjust.

4.2. Blane Lazar, Assistant Principal - In addition to Angela's report, Blane shared that enrollment was at 313, but is currently at 292. We are busy contacting students. He shared that he's new this year, but it seems like things are really running smoothly. Learning is happening! With 10 new staff, it feels like a family atmosphere. We've started a Wolverine Newsletter. Football game was last Friday, we have a new scoreboard that worked great, and we won. New classes are going smoothly. Angie asked about how the 6th graders did in a new building. Blane shared that since Building A is dedicated to them, it seemed that it worked well (two days in at least). Todd shared that 6th graders are really just between Cunderman & Jungwirth's classrooms and don't travel around campus much.

4.3. Corrine McGinnis - In addition to her report. SES is off to a great start, with a well-attended Open House and Kinder Round Up. This week we started with 1st thru 5th grade. We've hit the ground running, both new staff and old. We have 43 Kinders slated to start next week, putting our enrollment at 220. Angie asked about the lower enrollments, Todd shared, it could be due to Covid and also due to some Fire Displaced students. He also said that LBL has indicated that their homeschool registration has increased.

4.4. Todd Miller - Todd shared that hosting the Open House before school started, was a good way to acquaint parents to the school and avoid having 150 people in the schools on the first day of school, (due to Covid protocols). He felt that the first day of school went very good; it was nice to see Corrine meeting and greeting parents outdoors. This was one of the craziest years, and that EVERYONE came together to pull it off to make things go smoothly, it was impressive and a very good start to the new year. Todd shared that we are following the mask mandates, and we have also made some changes, like not be having the big ORCA open house and also putting off Outdoor School until spring. With regard to mandates, Colt Gill, ODE Director, has shared that school staff that will be around students MUST be vaccinated UNLESS they have submitted an exemption. We need to come up with a plan on what we will do with unvaccinated staff. We will be making recommendations, at the district level. We know it's a hot topic. Currently there is no requirement for Covid testing. We do have rapid tests, that we can use for staff that have symptoms, or students that have their parent's permission to be tested. There is a sense that in general, we do NOT want to go back to distance learning. We're hoping parents take it seriously and keep sick kids at home.

We will start seeking a new board member; we did not get any applicants from Idahna or Detroit. This would be a good time to reach out to community members who would be interested in serving.

We are holding off on two big projects, one being the parking lot across from the main gym and the CTE roof. We will put the projects out for bid in the winter. The bids that came in are excessively high to consider.

The enrollment stability meeting went well, and we look forward to positive news in the future.

4.5. Yvonne Hanna - Yvonne shared the August 2021 financial report. We finished the fiscal year with a healthy ending balance. The ending fund balance is probably close, but remember, we still need to officially close out the last FY and go thru the Audit.

5.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Rich Moore to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the August 11, 2021 regular board meeting, as well as the August Expenditures; Angie Fencl seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

6.0 Action Items:

6.1. Accept Recommendation to Hire Kyla Creech, 4th Grade Teacher @ SES

6.2. Accept Recommendation to Hire Megan Lindsey, Language Arts Teacher @ SJSHS

6.3. Accept Recommendation to Hire Emily Kendall, Language Arts Teacher @ SJSHS

6.4. Accept Recommendation to Hire Samantha Guerra, Part Time Instructional Aide @ SES

6.5. Accept Recommendation to Hire Emma Stearns, Instructional Aide @ SES

Jeremy Tinney made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire individuals listed in Action Items 6.1 thru 6.5, Rich Moore seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

6.6 Approve the Purchase of a Food Service Program Transport Vehicle, Angie Fencl made a motion to approve giving Todd Miller authority to purchase the food service vehicle in an amount up to \$23,000, Jeremy Tinney seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

6.7. Approve Contract for Grounds Maintenance, Angie Fencl made a motion to approve a grounds contract to Hart Property Management with a modification of contract to end at the end of the fiscal year 6/30/2022, Rich Moore seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

7.0 Information Items Discussion:

7.1 Construction Update: Todd shared that today was the last scheduled construction meeting. We have all certificates of completion as well as all certificates of occupancy.

8.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

8.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: October 13, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

9.0 Executive Session None

10.0 Rich Moore moved to adjourn, Angie Fencl seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary