

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

January 12, 2022 5:30 pm

Santiam Elementary

The Board of Directors of the Santiam Canyon School District 129J, Linn and Marion counties, met with Todd Miller on January 12, 2022. In attendance, Jamey Fawcett, Angie Fencl, Rich Moore and Mary Richards. Jeremy Tinney attended via cell phone.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Mary Richards requested that if there is no executive session, the agenda item be removed. Add 7.7, Appreciation Stipend.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight: Santiam Elementary School Reading Program. Jenny Longfellow presented on the progress of this program. There are six students per group on average and 3-4 students in the younger student groups. Sessions are 45 minutes long. They keep a running record of student's reading. They are trying for a 90-94 accuracy rate at instructional level. Students who need additional interventions receive an extra 20 minutes. Sharing information with teachers and discussing students as a team helps improve their outcomes. Carla Ohrt helps with progress monitoring of particular students to see how they are progressing and reports back to Jenny. EZ CBM data provides information for student interventions. They are designing lessons for each student at their level and for their particular issues. 2nd and 3rd grade students are struggling more than other grades; they feel it is due to lost time from doing online learning due to COVID. 1st graders are really excelling. Jenny provided slides for review of each grade level and how they see the students progressing. The board requested that Jenny return in a few months to show the progress that has been made.
- 5.0 Oral Reports
 - 5.1 Allison Galvin – Allison was not here to present. Todd Miller noted that OCA got their GED program approved by the state. They are not sure what that will look like at this time. They are preparing to get it out to ESD's as an option statewide. They are trying to get ahead of the curve of online and COVID. A 2nd semester surge is possible for enrollment.
 - 5.2 Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - No written report was provided due to winter break. Angela apologized for a curriculum adoption misspeak at last meeting. They will be looking at a Language Arts adoption this spring. They will be attending a pitch from publishers at Willamette ESD in order to ask questions. COVID has been a large issue recently; teachers are out as well as students. Sometimes teachers are able to work from home while quarantined. Jostens was on campus today so that seniors could purchase their graduation regalia. Jostens commented on how polite our students were. They held their first successful 30 minute Thursday last week. She heard students in the halls commenting that they will get to class on time next week in order to get 30 minute Thursdays. They are trying to fill the gaps when staff are out due to COVID or away for athletics with other staff as well as substitutes. Staff are spending quite a bit of time handling student COVID exclusions, etc. In-service was last Friday, staff got to choose from several topics in which to attend.
 - 5.3 Corrine McGinnis - No written report was provided due to winter break. Corrine noted that the elementary in-service focused on reading and math and how interventions work. They are using Teach Like a Pirate.
 - 5.4 Todd Miller – In addition to his report Todd added that the CTE Revitalization grant submitted this week. This is the 2nd grant that we wrote, the first was for the culinary classroom. This application was much more difficult. Fifty-seven grants will be given. They are hoping to construct a large shop with roll up doors which will sit on the property next to white church. The Geometry in Construction class would build it. It would allow for the construction of larger projects such as tiny homes. We lack large floor space that is covered. Kids could see elements of plumbing, electrical, etc. where they are otherwise hard to showcase. Anything that is a capital project needed preapproval. The team remembered our last project so they gave us preapproval. The class would sell the tiny homes and then reinvest the profit into the program. Work toward wildfire enrollment stability is moving forward very optimistically. The session in February is a short session and it is a legislative priority. The grant will come in to fill the void between students that will be enrolled and what our enrollment was pre-fire, which is approximately, \$700,000 per year. 525 is our current enrollment.

5.5 Yvonne Hanna - Todd Miller reported for Yvonne Hanna that numbers are holding steady. Timber revenue keeps pouring in. \$600,000 was expected; so far 1.4 million has been received. When we receive more timber money than budgeted, it becomes a wash. The state reduces our state school fund by the amount over budgeted. Todd indicated that there were no audit findings. Mary mentioned that something was noted on page 54. Todd noted that they are best practice findings that are listed each year. They will discuss this at next meeting when Yvonne is back and they discuss the audit in full.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

Mary asked why we have the expenditure report on the consent agenda. Angie explained that in the past there were concerns regarding payments. Jamey said that it is about transparency. Mary thinks that the financial report should be the approvable item rather than expenditures. Angie Fencl motioned to accept the consent agenda as is, Rich Moore, seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1 Award Contract for New Parking Lot by Gymnasium. There is enough money saved from bond proceeds to do this and the SES HVAC project. North Santiam Paving was the only bid. Jamey mentioned that parking is an issue. Students are parking behind the old Stewart's grocery building. The grassy area across from the district office is where we are planning on putting this lot. If we wait to go out to re-bid, we will have wait until the market changes and we are not sure of when or if that will happen. We had a citizen complaint recently regarding parking by the church. Angela spoke to the woman running Meals on Wheels and there is no issue with our staff vehicles parking there. Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the contract, Mary Richards seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.2 Accept Recommendation to Hire Elizabeth Cole, Instructional Assistant, SES, Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the hire, Rich Moore seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.3 Accept Recommendation to Hire Jay Steinbaugh, Swing Custodian, SJSHS. See 7.4.

7.4 Accept Recommendation to Hire Joey Bias, Night Custodian, SES, made motion for 7.3 & 7.4, Angie Fencl made a motion to accept 7.3 & 7.4, Mary Richards seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.5 Approve Resolution 21.22.01, LBL Local Service Plan 2021-2023, Tier 1 & Tier 2 services. Todd mentioned that we get to pick Tier 2 services. Nothing much is new from last year. \$630,000 per year is allotted, however, 80% of that is for Oregon Connections Academy. Rich Moore made a motion to approve the resolution, Angie Fencl seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.6 Approve the Viewing of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" for the Senior English Class. They would like to view the movie in order to contrast and compare between the book and the movie. There is foul language and partial nudity. This will require parent permission; students over 18 will not need parent permission. Todd indicated that our policy does not refer to R, only PG movies. Mary suggested that we review and/or revise the policy to allow for R rated movies. Jeremy Tinney made a motion to approve viewing the movie in its full entirety, Mary Richards seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7.7 Appreciation Stipend – Todd decided that he wanted to opt of the stipend. Mary feels that Todd should take the stipend, it is for all staff. Mary Richards made a motion to give the stipend to Todd, Rich Moore seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

8.0 Information Items:

8.1 School Board Recognition Month. All board members were given certificates. We will take a photo of all board members next meeting when all are present.

8.2 Discuss How to Proceed with Policy Review. Jamey has had a chance to speak with all of the board members and he has asked if Mary would work with Todd when new policy comes out and bring any change ideas to the board. The board will decide if they could be done in regular session or if a special session is needed. There is no need for a special session before the February meeting.

8.3 Budget Calendar. The budget calendar was provided and next month will be on the agenda for approval. A comment was made that no date has been set for negotiations at this time.

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: February 9, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

10.0 Executive Session: None

11.0 Angie Fencil moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary