

# **SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Santiam Canyon School District Office

April 13, 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, in attendance was Jamey Fawcett, Mary Richards, Jeremy Tinney, and Angie Fencel on April 13, 2022.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Jamey Fawcett called the board meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Replace ORCA oral reports with introduction of Tanya Everest from LBL ESD. Remove 9.0 Executive Session. Add 6.8 Appointment of School Board Member.

3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None

### 4.0 Oral Reports

4.1 Tonya Everest, Superintendent – Thanked the Board for letting her come to introduce herself and briefly explained the services that the LBL ESD provides to our district. She welcomed any comments and or questions.

She shared that LBL, is funded by taxpayer's dollars, with 36% of their revenue coming from the State School Fund. She said that 90% of that is dedicated to serving school districts. Angie asked if there has been an uptick in a need for mental health services. Tonya shared that of the teachers she's talked to, students are having a hard time catching up both academically and socially. She shared that Oregon has lost about 30K students during the COVID pandemic, and that does not include homeschool kids or those enrolled in online schools. Jamey asked about the decrease in ORCA's ADM and if they have to lay off staff for the next school year. Todd shared that unfortunately, layoff letters are going out, and hopefully when the 3% rule for the bigger schools goes away, students may enroll back in ORCA to start increasing numbers. The pandemic brought about more online charter schools, it will be interesting to see if they succeed and remain open.

4.2. Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - In addition to Angela's written report, Angela commented on the afore mentioned 30K lost students. She said, when a kid enters high school, they are attached to our school and that year's cohort. If they leave without providing any information, it can be difficult to find them, especially when they leave the state. It's also difficult when the kid is 18 and we have no recourse. If they are under 18, we operate as detectives, we research, try to find them, contact them and look at options. ORCA's credit recovery and ORCA's GED pilot program will hopefully help get the credit deficient seniors graduated. Mary asked how many kids are credit deficient at this point and on the verge of not graduating. Angela said there are currently 3 that are on the edge, with one making remarkable progress.

Angela shared that Doernbecher week will be April 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup> with lots of fun fundraising activities. The month of May is packed with activities. We brought back the Senior Scholarship dessert that will be held June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Scholarship Banquet is May 21<sup>st</sup>. We have lots of field trips planned. She shared that the Defy Trampoline Park trip will be a great incentive for students and will be offered to all students passing classes! Seniors have been begging for a senior skip day, and we're looking into that. Grad night is put on by the parents, they had a meeting last Tuesday. Mary asked about the language arts curriculum, Angela shared that they have chosen two (one for Middle School and High School), a copy will be ordered and be available at the district office for parent review.

4.3. Corrine McGinnis - In addition to her written report, Corrine shared a video and said the school has had an exciting month of March. The Hot 100 is for kindergartners are to be able to write all numbers up to 100 and count by 2's, 5's and 10's. We also have 32 out of 40 Kindergartners ready for reading (letters names and sounds). First Graders celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and wrote a book about "I wish I had 100 \_\_\_\_\_, but I definitely don't want 100 \_\_\_\_\_." The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders enjoyed a trip to OMSI and have adopted pet caterpillars. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are completing math questions with a pizza party as an incentive. 4<sup>th</sup> graders are showing amazing growth as writers and preparing for the Oregon Trail unit. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on multiplying and dividing using algorithms. PE classes are exposing kids to all kinds of athletics and Music classes are focused on reading music and finding rhythm. Reward parties are being scheduled and the Tiger Assembly is next week.

4.4. Todd Miller - Todd shared that we met with the City of Mill City and North Santiam Paving (NSP) to talk about the parking lot. NSP asked if they could get started before summer, which should not be a problem. We also found out that the City would be upgrading Second Street. The HVAC project at SES is getting started. The wildfire stability bill is signed and done, just waiting for funds to be released. Todd shared that next year's budget is coming together, we're looking good, we're stable, we will have a nice contingency and ending fund balance. We recently worked with HMK to reconcile the Bond project and came in about \$400K under budget with much of that money sitting in the contract's contingencies, so we'll be getting that back. Also, for the facilities (402) projects we are coming in under the budgeted \$2.4M. Jamey reminded the board that there was a point in time when we had a \$3.9M shortfall when we first started the bond project and now we have about that much in savings, not a bad position to be in.

4.5. Yvonne Hanna shared the March Financial Statements.

## 6.0 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Angie Fencl to accept the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 9, 2022 regular board meeting, as well as the March Expenditures; and the second reading of policies including:

GBNAA/JHFF – Reporting Requirements Regarding Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students

GBNAA/JHFF – AR – Suspected Sexual Conduct Report Procedures and Forms

GBNAB/JHFE – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

GBNAB/JHFE-AR – Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child

IGBHA – Alternative Education Programs

IGBHA- AR – Evaluation of Alternative Education Programs

IGBI – Bilingual Education

IL – Assessment Program

JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Menacing, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student

JHFE-AR – Abuse of Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises

Jeremy Tinney seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

## 6.0 Action Items:

- 6.1. Approve the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar, Angie Fencl moved to approve the 22-23 School Year Calendar with graduation falling on Friday, June 9th, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.2. Approve the 2022-2025 Association Contract, Todd shared the process of coming to agreement with representatives from the Association. Angie Fencl moved to approve the 2022-2025 Association Contract, Jeremy Tinney seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.3. Consider Adjustment to Crime Coverage, after discussing the options and risks, Angie Fencl moved to keep the crime coverage at the current threshold of \$250K, Mary Richards seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.4. Accept the Resignation of Alexa Aldridge, SES Music Teacher, Jamey Fawcett moved to accept the resignation, Angie Fencl seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.5. Accept the Resignation of John Stingle, SJSHS Science Teacher, Angie Fencl moved to accept the resignation, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.6. Accept the Resignation of Richard Moore, Jeremy Tinney moved to accept the resignation, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.7. Appoint Budget Committee Members, Jeremy Tinney moved to appoint budget committee members, Tim Kirsch and Richard Moore, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.8. Appointment of a New School Board Member, to replace Richard Moore, Jeremy Tinney made a motion to appoint Mary Schenk, Angie Fencl seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

## 7.0 Information Items Discussion:

- 7.1 First Reading of Policy

- 7.1.1. IF – Curriculum Development
- 7.1.2. IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials
- 7.1.3. IIA-AR – Instructional Materials Selection
- 7.1.4. KL- AR – Public Complaint Procedure

8.0 Angie Fencil moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary