

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

August 10, 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 and Jeremy Tinney on August 10, 2022. Mary Schenk and Angie Fencil were absent.

- 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: None
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Oral Reports
 - 4.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy – Allison Galvin shared that the Performance Audit was released by OSBA. 90% of full academic year seniors graduated on time, those are the kids that started with us. 73% of non-graduates enrolled after their freshman year and were already credit deficient. Our state assessment data was well above the state scores in all categories except one. The ORCA Open House will be September 16th, on the SES campus.
 - 4.2 Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal in addition to her written report shared – We are gearing up for registration. She's excited about the schedule; it gives the counselors some time to double check the enrollments. When kids register, they will be able to view their new schedule. Our goal was to get the kids to forecast for their classes in the spring to make the fall process smoother. There were 2 students who were not able to graduate in June, but one has since completed his classes, and received a diploma. The other one is still working on it but will most likely receive their diploma. We are offering several new classes this year, including an expanded culinary option including baking, International Cuisine and Food Truck, which will be a pre-requisite for Food Truck Management. We are also offering a Creative Literature and Fitness for Life class. There will be a Student Success Class taught by Steve Bennett, this is a class that generally supports getting to their homework. Anyone that failed a course will be enrolled in that course to lend academic support.
 - 4.3 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report Corrine shared that SES also has registration coming up. She gave kudos to Lindsay and Julie for all their hard work prepping for registration. She has organized a Volunteer Work Day Aug 19th from 9-Noon. We're hoping to get volunteers to get the playground ready for kids. We have had some challenges in staffing, we've got some great applicants, but we are still one short in the certified area. Currently, our enrollment numbers in Kindergarten are low with only 19 registered. We are excited to offer great programs with great teachers ready to serve kids.
 - 4.4. Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that there are a lot of facility projects going on. We will be ready for school, but we will be scrambling. The HVAC project at SES is moving along. At the beginning of summer, they thought they'd have all the parts, but it sounds like the chiller will be arriving later, possibly October. The outdoor play structure is up, but still has a bit to go. Both lumber companies in town, (Frank & Freres) have donated materials, which is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we did have some theft of construction materials from the SES Covered Play area; luckily, deputies identified and caught the thieves and were able to get the materials back. The painting and siding projects are coming along. We will be installing gym wall pads soon. We are also getting new signage for the SES campus including a gym sign. The roof project on the CTE shop is almost complete. We had some good luck in that we did NOT need to replacement much plywood, so we will not be using much of that contingency. The parking lot across from the district office is almost complete, still needs striping and landscaping. Work on the football field is ongoing, there is still some spots that the sprinklers are not hitting, but John has made some noticeable improvement. The alarms for the gates are being installed on the Jr./Sr. High School campus. Todd is looking into the prospects of a new district office. He will be getting some costs in soon and will have more information in the next few months. We do have Linn County Sherriff's office coming up next Tuesday to walk the campus to familiarize them with the layout, and give us tips for safety & security.

Staffing is a challenge, most schools are going through the same struggle. Todd shared that the COVID plan hasn't really changed from last year, It's a one-page flow chart. We no longer have to conduct contact tracing, that is the biggest change from last year. It seems that the state is giving more control to districts.

Opt Outs, we had about 40%. For those students who take the tests, they notice that others are not, and it lessens the importance of taking the tests.

Enrollment is low for kindergarten and preschool. Todd thinks that the fires did impact our enrollment, especially in the younger grades.

There may be some calendar changes for 22-23, mainly just impacting the last day before Christmas break and a half day for the last day of school. Todd will bring the change to the association first and then to the board for approval.

Teacher evaluations: We are finding that the formal evaluations are time consuming as well as not as effective. The mini evaluations seem to be more meaningful and seem more authentic. We would like to reduce the amount of formal evaluations and replace them with more mini evaluations. Mary asked what other school districts are doing? Todd shared that they are all across the map as to what they do. Angela shared that it gives us the ability for specific feedback immediately and the minis seem to bring up more conversation between the Principal and Teachers. The training that the administrative team attended will allow other admin teams come to our school to evaluate, as well as our team visiting other schools. This will help with comparing notes and coming up with a meaningful system of evaluating.

SBAC test results: We know that not all students are great test takers, but they are proficient in other aspects. The state doesn't do us any favors when they gave us the option to opt out, it sends a mixed message of the importance of these tests. Angela shared that she lets the kids know that for the Junior class, they can take the test and if passed, don't need to take most college entrance exams.

How do we "grow your own" we had a great conversation with IAs to get them into school to get their licenses. We have done a great job paying for tuition and even though it's an investment up front, it makes sense for the long run.

4.5. Yvonne Hanna shared the June Financial Statements.

5.0 Consent Agenda:

- 5.1. Minutes of the June 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
- 5.2. June Expenditures Report
- 5.3. July Expenditures Report

Jeremy Tinney made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mary Richards seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

6.0 Action Items:

- 6.1. Accept Recommendation to Hire Joy Beshay, Teacher at SES
- 6.2. Accept Recommendation to Hire Tara Hibbeler, Teacher at SES
- 6.3. Accept Recommendation to Hire Jacobo Rodas, Music Teacher at SES
- 6.4. Accept Recommendation to Hire Jayson Johnston, Night Custodian at SES

Jamey Fawcett made a motion to hire individuals listed from 6.1 through 6.4, and Mary Richards seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

- 6.5. Accept Recommendation to Hire Fall Coaches
 - 6.5.1. Josh Ruby, High School Head Football
 - 6.5.2. Zac Steele, High School Asst. Football
 - 6.5.3. Mike Perkins, High School Asst. Football
 - 6.5.4. Jim Perkins, High School Asst. Football
 - 6.5.5. Jeremy Tinney, High School Asst. Football (Volunteer)
 - 6.5.6. Alicia Boyd, High School Head Volleyball
 - 6.5.7. Dan Cunderman, High School Asst. Volleyball
 - 6.5.8. Brenda Peterson, High School Asst./JV Volleyball
 - 6.5.9. Clint Forste, High School Cross Country
 - 6.5.10. Kerry Crowston, Middle School Football
 - 6.5.11. Cody Tompkins, Middle School Football
 - 6.5.12. Brett Katlong, Middle School Football
 - 6.5.13. Amber Jungwirth, Middle School Volleyball
 - 6.5.14. Shayna Ohrt, Middle School Volleyball

Jamey Fawcett made a motion to hire individuals listed from 6.5.1 through 6.5.14, and Jeremy Tinney seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

- 6.6. Accept Resignation of Alexa Aldridge, Music Teacher at SES
- 6.7. Accept Resignation of Kristie Storm, 5th Grade Teacher at SES
- 6.8. Accept Resignation of Sarah Martinez, Instructional Assistant at SES

Jeremy Tinney made a motion to accept the resignation of individuals listed from 6.6 through 6.8, and Mary Richards seconded the motion, and the motion passed 3-0.

7.0 Information Items Discussion:

7.1. ORCA Annual Report: Todd shared that the report is required and was published by OSBA and is quite thorough. He said that ORCA has done a good job adjusting to the challenges in the past few years, while also establishing their own identity away from Connections Academy (Pearson).

8.0 Items for next Meeting/s:

Jamey shared that the next regular meeting date would be September 14, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

9.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Jamey Fawcett moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary