

# SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

May 11, 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 Mary Richards, Mary Schenk, and Angie Fencl, and Jeremy Tinney called in on May 11, 2022.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Remove 8.1, First Reading of Policy.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight – Student Services – Alex Nalivaiko, Special Education Director, shared a presentation of the district’s special education and special programs. Presentation can be accessed by calling the District Office.
- 5.0 Oral Reports
  - 5.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy – Shared that enrollment is holding steady, and that as of today ORCA enrollment is at 2793. The intent to return is high and a good indicator that things are going well. We had Prom a couple weeks ago, we also have the annual spring celebration and the graduation ceremony. Our budget has been approved and reflects the decrease in student population, unfortunately, leading us to make some difficult staffing decisions. We are optimistic about the future.
  - 5.2. Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - In addition to Angela’s written report; May is very busy at the Jr./Sr. High School. A huge thank you to Blane Lazar who has stepped up in numerous situations. We are in the middle of spring sports, and because of the rain, it has been crazy, with a total of 15 rainouts thus far. We just announced a reward trip for any students with passing grades. Parents will need to sign a waiver. A senior skip day has also been planned for Oaks Park. SBAC (State) testing is scheduled for this week. Angela shared that she can see our district compared to others and currently we are doing great compared to the passing rate of the rest of the state. The Prom was a huge success! 6<sup>th</sup> grade students leave next Monday for outdoor school. The Spring Awards ceremony will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> for Jr./Sr. students from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Senior scholarship dessert will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary asked about the curriculum adoption, Angela responded that they have their options narrowed down to two and will be meeting to make a decision.
  - 5.3. Corrine McGinnis - In addition to her written report; Corrine shared that SES also has SBAC Math testing and we are seeing some encouraging data. In SY 2018-19, SES had 28% of our students (K-3) meeting grade level standards and 13% below the state average of 41%. This school year, we are at a 30% meet or exceed rate. While state averages fell nearly 11% post pandemic years, we have improved our SES rate by 2%. This is a celebration for us as a school - especially when we consider that our students experienced the wildfire on top of a pandemic. We continue to fill in the educational gaps from these critical events and are excited to see how students perform next year. Behavioral data shows a healthy pyramid of student behavioral concerns, 79%. This is an opposite trend of what other districts statewide are seeing this year.

We are excited about the upgrades coming to our playground equipment as well as planning for the outside covered play structure. It’s going to be a busy but productive month with field trips, testing, and performances.
  - 5.4. Todd Miller - Todd shared that we are finally back to sending kids on field trips, so there is a large increase in parents who want to volunteer and are providing vaccination cards and/or exemptions. Staff is working hard in coordinating these efforts. Todd Reeser and I traveled up to Detroit to present two wonderful people in their 80s their diplomas that were lost in the fire. We are definitely in a recovery time from the experience of the wildfires and pandemic lock down, however we have an excellent support system to support kids both academically and socially. We are in a good spot financially; luckily the Legislature passed the enrollment stability bill. The ongoing grants are helping us staff programs. This summer we will be working on projects that will be paid for by dollars that were leveraged by the community passing the bond. The community passed a bond in the amount of \$17.9 M but after premiums and state matches, we ended up with \$28M.
  - 5.5. Yvonne Hanna shared the April Financial Statements.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

Mary Richards asked that with regard to minutes going forward, that action items be typed up with more detail. Todd responded that he has spoken with board chair Jamey Fawcett about this subject in the past and maybe we should readdress it with him. Mary agreed.

6.1. Minutes of the April 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

6.2. April Expenditures Report

6.3. Second Reading of Policies

6.3.1. IF – Curriculum Development

6.3.2. IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials

6.3.3. IIA-AR – Instructional Materials Selection

6.3.4. KL- AR – Public Complaint Procedure

Angie Fencil made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Jeremy Tinney seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Rescinding of Resignation, Alexa Aldridge, SES Music Teacher, Todd shared that Ms. Aldridge had a change in plans and requested to rescind her resignation. Angie Fencil made a motion to rescind the resignation, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

8.0 Information Items Discussion:

~~8.1 First Reading of Policy~~

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: June 8, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

10.0 Executive Session

Angie Fencil adjourned regular session at 6:49 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. (ORS 192.660(2)(d))

Angie Fencil called regular session to order at 6:58 p.m.

11.0 Action Item

11.1 Approval of Administrative Contracts; Angie Fencil made a motion to approve the 22/23 school year administrative contracts, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn:

Angie Fencil moved to adjourn, Mary Schenk seconded, the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary