

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

May 10th, 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 were, Angie Fencl, Mary Richards and Richard Moore on May 10, 2023.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl 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 Santiam Spotlight – Ken Hector and Jessica Howard, representatives from the Chemeketa Community College Board presented a one page handout that outlined how our two institutions have supported each other. They outlined the benefits and cost savings that have been offered to our students. They also shared news about the addition of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Leadership and Management as a first, with the opportunity for more BAS programing to come.
- 5.0 Oral Reports:
 - 5.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin reacted to the Chemeketa presentation and shared that their “College Now” program is pretty awesome, and would like to partner more with Chemeketa. She said that ORCA just had prom over the weekend and as usual, “It is not a typical prom, but a great experience for kids,” most come without dates and have a great time. It was held at their Wilsonville office, after a venue that they paid for folded. She shared the ORCA budget and said that it was definitely challenging this year. They decided not to renew 21 contracted employees for the 23-24 school year. We needed to be a little more aggressive with our cuts because of the online enrollment trend these past few years. We’ve budgeted for 2050 students. We balanced the budget to the penny and were conservative in doing so. On a positive side, we’re proud of how we are educating these kids. We’ve prioritized maintaining our programs. Allison spoke of the legislative session and stated, though were not getting wins, were not getting losses either.
 - 5.2 Angela Rasmussen, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Angela shared that enrollment is holding steady. Spring sports are well on their way thanks to an improvement in weather. Reward Field trips are being scheduled. We are testing. The Senior Scholarship Dessert is June 5th at the new gym. The Santiam Spring awards night for students 6th thru 12th grade is scheduled for May 24th. Rich Moore shared his thoughts about hearing of 27 students applying for the Santiam Scholarships, “this says a lot about the staff encouraging kids to apply and speaks highly of the tech programs that have influenced kids to continue pursuing a higher education.” Angie asked how many in the senior class are graduating; Angela responded that there are two that are at risk for not graduating, but staff are working hard, and they may graduate.
 - 5.3 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report, Corrine shared that enrollment at SES is also holding steady. We’re seeing some pretty large classes coming up thru the ranks. Parent Teacher conferences went well, we had about 68% attendance, but unfortunately we had some illness impact attendance. However, Mrs. Kent had 100% attendance. It is Certified Appreciation week, and we are celebrating our teachers. The PTO offered massages and they were a great hit as well as snacks & gifts. The school had a lock down drill on May 9th, we had great support from Linn County Sherriff’s office; they were impressed with how we prepare kids. Staff realize the importance of practicing something very serious, and are able to make it fun for the kids as well. We’re having a teacher in-service to go over changes and expectations for the fall. We are also enjoying a great partnership with the Jr. Sr. high school in that we are sending 5th graders over to visit and be exposed to the electives that they will have the opportunity to take next year. We finished our state assessments last week, it’s been so neat to see our kids so committed to doing a good job on these tests. I’m really proud of the teachers and specialists for motivating these kids. ELA testing is wrapping up and Math assessments start on Monday. We have a ton of field trips outlined for the end of year. 3rd grade swim lessons will happen the 15th thru the 18th. Mary asked about the time limits for the testing, and Corrine explained that it’s a window of time that can be paused and restarted, as long as they fit it in within the time window they are good to go. Mary asked about typing, Corrine explained that kids start as early as first grade.

5.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that job transitions are starting between Blane and Angela, as the plan to move Blane into the Principal role and Angela into the SPED Director role in the upcoming year progresses. The hiring committee unanimously agreed to hire Blane. During the lockdown last week, Linn County had positive feedback regarding our preparedness. With regard to the 23-24 budget, we just got the estimate from the state yesterday on May 9th. Jackie Olsen, Yvonne, and I would like a bit more time to go thru the numbers with ORCA before we share the financials. The wildfire enrollment stability grant has also been a bit challenging to understand. Todd had a meeting a week and a half ago with the other fire impacted districts. ODE presented a spreadsheet with formulas that made the allocations look a bit unfair. After Todd appealed to Michael Wiltfong, and went thru the formula issues, they agreed that because the grant is governed by a legislative rule, there will need to be a change in that rule. Once that is done, the formula will change, resulting in a change in allocation that will be more equitable between the fire impacted districts. Most likely we will be getting an estimated \$878,692 for SSF, \$61,672 for SIA and \$22,050 for HS Success. We are busy now with the end of year prep and planning for summer projects with contractors and custodians.

Mary asked about response times for our sheriffs. Todd said we know that there is a potential issue with response time. Any emergency department locally will be dispatched (Stayton, Marion County, State Police, whoever can get here first). It was really good for officers to get more and more familiar with our buildings. Angie shared that she recently took a training on how to react and respond to a mass shooting incident, she asked if the staff would be interested. The Admin team agreed that it would be helpful training and thought they should schedule a training on an in-service day. Todd shared that he just got notice that the COVID rules are finally dropping off and as of June 17th the vaccination requirements will be gone by next school year.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- 6.2 April Expenditures Report

Rich Moore made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mary Richardson seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

7.0 Action Items:

The board agreed to move 7.6 to the front as to allow patron, Brett Katlong (who attended for this discussion) the opportunity to leave the meeting early.

- 7.6. Approve the Collaboration with the City of Mill City and hire Concrete Contractor for the Kimmel Park Basketball Court Project: Todd shared local bids for concrete and explained to the board that the money used for this project would be a great benefit for our local kids and would be funded by a grant received by the Heatherington Foundation in March of 2021.
- 7.1. Approve Lease/Rent Option of the former First Christian Church Building: Angie Fencl made a motion to give Todd Miller the authority to finalize a lease/rent option with a daycare provider to utilize the old church building; Rich Moore seconded, motion passed 3-0. Riley (the daycare provider) learned yesterday that because the state assumed that the daycare was church affiliated, it could waive the ADA requirements. However, now that the state has learned that is not the case, there is more involved. The board agreed that having the “service” available to serve our community should be the priority.
- 7.2. Approve the 2023.2024 District Calendar: Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar; Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 3-0.
- 7.3. Approve the Purchase of Cengage Learning for Math Adoption for grades K-5.
- 7.4. Approve the Purchase of EdGems Math for Math Adoption for grades 6-8.
- 7.5. Approve the Purchase of McGraw Hill for Algebra I & II, Geometry.

Rich Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of curriculum noted in 7.3, 7.4 & 7.5; Angie Fencl seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

- 7.7. Accept Resignation of Zac Steele – SJSHS PE Teacher
- 7.8. Accept Resignation of Ross Dilts – SJSHS Science Teacher
- 7.9. Accept Resignation of Tasha Hedge – Temporary Special Education Aide

Angie Fencil made a motion to accept the resignations listed in 7.7, 7.8 & 7.9, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

7.10. Approve the hire of David Erickson, SES Music Teacher: Angie Fencil made a motion to approve the hire of David Erickson; Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

7.11. Approve the hire of Don Taylor, CTE Construction Teacher: Angie Fencil made a motion to approve the hire of Don Taylor; Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

8.0 Information Items:

8.1 Scholarship Banquet Recap: Yvonne Hanna shared that the Santiam Scholarship brought in an estimated \$83-\$85,000 and was the result of a great chairperson of the committee, Madeline Wilson, as well as a lot of dedicated work from the Scholarship Committee. The crowd loved that the students were involved this year and that the culinary classes helped in the preparation of the meal, which was enjoyed by all.

10.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s

10.1. Next Regular Meeting Date: June 14, 5:30 pm. at Santiam Elementary.

11.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Angie Fencil moved to adjourn; Mary Richards seconded, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary