

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

October 11, 2023, 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, Richard Moore, Mary Richards, Elizabeth Reeser, and Lynda Harrington. Jamey Fawcett was in attendance and was voted in at the end of the regular meeting.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Moore called the board meeting to order at 5:39 pm 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 Spotlight: Strategic Planning Update

Todd walked the board through the strategic plan draft. He asked the board for recommendations, and to call or e-mail him with any questions and/or suggestions.

5.0 Oral Reports:

5.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin was not in attendance, but provided a written report. Todd shared that Allison has reached out about renewing the charter school contract.

5.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane shared that enrollment is currently at 312 which is close to what it was last year at this time. He shared that the adoption of the new Math curriculum is rolling out. Oregon is one of 3 states in the nation that has shifted their math standards to incorporate statistics into geometry content. ODE has a one page version of the standards on their website that lays out the transition of standards. We have adopted EdGems for Middle School and McGraw-Hill for High School. Both curriculum has e-book options, which has proven very helpful. The teachers are invested in the curriculum, and excited to see the results. Shout Outs for Staff, new monthly thing - Blane shared that each month, he would like to highlight staff that are going above and beyond to serve students. This month he would like to share that Jeanyne James has been integral in coordinating and running the Santiam Learning Center. She provides supervision, tutoring and student support to kids and is doing an amazing job. This year we hired Sara Reyes as a Middle School Math Teacher, but she is also taking over the year book. This year students are involved in creating the yearbook and it will be a hardcover version ordered thru Jostens for the same price. Homecoming activities are going on this week. Volleyball has risen in the rankings to 3-4th in the league. Football is having some challenges, but the coaches have been really good at helping to build character and confidence in our student athletes. X-Country is a small group, but the season is going well. Our coaches are amazing and really do invest in kids.

5.3 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report Corrine shared that enrollment is currently at 256. Their biggest classes are 2nd & 5th grade with 50 & 53 students. Luckily we have a lot of Instructional Aide support. Corrine shared the Fall Benchmarks for Literacy and Math and said that there is much to celebrate with the indicators showing progress in kids that are behind grade level. We have a lot of kids in yellow in literacy, so Jenny Longfellow and Aides are intervening and focused on getting these levels up. Based on the State data, it looks like we're closing the gap, and have validation that we're moving in the right direction. She shared that after school activities are going great, with a new Recreation Club run by Ms. Hunt and Mr. Schafer on Mondays. JAM is on Tuesdays, provided by Local Church Organizations, Wednesday is Performance Choir and Thursday is Arts & Craft Club. This Oct. 19th we are participating in the Great Oregon Shake Out – an evacuation practice for earthquake, which will include students walking up to Tuers Lane, in the event that Detroit Dam was damaged. We recently had a lock down drill in which the Linn County Sheriff participated and the drill went very well. October 19th & 20th are scheduled for conferences and will be held the same days as the Jr. Sr. High School. We hope this coordination effort will bring more parents out.

5.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that he had hoped to have a contract ready for the construction of the District Office, but does not. We're working on fine tuning the details like the location of data ports, cameras, etc. The shop re-siding project is close to being finished. There are a couple items still needed, but it's almost done. The auto shop is

now up and running and Mr. Saari has 14 kids taking the class as compared to 7-8 in the past year. Having a suitable building makes all the difference.

5.5 Yvonne Hanna, shared the September Financial Statements.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- 6.2 Minutes of the September Expenditures Report

Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Action Items:

- 7.1. Appoint Zone 1, Position 1, to replace the seat that was temporarily filled by Richard Moore. Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the resignation at the end of the meeting and appoint Jamey Fawcett, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0.
- 7.2. Board Stipends, House Bill 2753. Lynda Harrington moved to NOT accept Board Stipends, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0.
- 7.3. Accept Resignation of Amber Tinney, Health Occupations Teacher. Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the resignation, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0.
- 7.4. Accept Recommendation to Hire Johnathan Hart, Health Occupations Teacher. Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire Jonathan Hart, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 4-0.
- 7.5. Accept Recommendation to Hire Carina Morreira, Kitchen Aide. Mary Richards made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire Carina Morreira, Lynda Harrington seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

8.0 Information Item:

- 8.1. Division 22 Standards. Todd Miller walked the board through the standards and asked for questions, there was none.

Regular meeting closed at 7:28 pm and Executive Session began at 7:28 pm.

9.0 Executive Session:

- 9.1 (ORS 192.660(2)(i), To review and evaluate the performance of the superintendent or any other public officer, employee or staff member, unless that person requests an open hearing.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:48 pm.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Lynda Harrington moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary