

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

December 13, 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, Angie Fencl, Lynda Harrington, Jamey Fawcett & Mary Richards

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 5:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Todd Miller added 7.10 public recognition of Rich Moore for 57 years of service to our district.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight – Charter Renewal Hearing: Oregon Charter Academy (ORCA) The board and Allison Galvin spoke about the pros and cons of the partnership between ORCA and Santiam Canyon School District. Todd shared that moving forward the board will need to vote to approve moving forward with a charter agreement with ORCA, and then we will work out the details of the new charter agreement.
- 5.0 Oral Reports:
 - 5.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin shared that in addition to her written report she reviewed the enrollment and ORCA is at 2,330 as of this afternoon. One of our seniors was awarded the Quest Bridge Scholarship. Our e-sports team is growing and two of the teams have made it to the first round of playoffs. The student events are building. We had an event day on Friday and had almost 550 students and parents attend. ORCA staff sponsored a holiday giving drive and they were able to support 9 families this year.
 - 5.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane introduced the three high school students attending the meeting, Makayla, Kasey & Coda. Lynda Harrington asked several questions of the students: “What’s your favorite things at Santiam? If you could change anything, what would it be? What are your plans after you graduate?” Angie Fencl asked, “If we could add an elective, what would you want us to add?” Blane shared that the CTE group is currently looking at adding a Vet Tech training program. In the 3rd year a student could be working at an actual veterinarian clinic. Mary Richards asked, “What would you think of having a student representative serve at the school board meetings?”

Blane shared the enrollment numbers by grade, which shows the shifts by month. For the “Wolverine Employee Focus,” he shared that with Kimberly Hutchinson leaving the district for new employment, Karen Baker has been an amazing help with this transition. Karen has been coming in early and staying late to keep everything moving smoothly. We recently took the 7th graders to OSU, toured the campus, and attended the women’s basketball game. It was great to see the kids realize the possibility of college. This week is a fun week for students with lots of activities. Thanksgiving included a food drive and provided for 25 school families that were identified thru the RTI team. It was a wonderful experience, with absolutely no shame involved. Angela shared that when she has asked kids what they want, the answer is often very practical, like socks or a hoodie. Blane shared the distribution of current grades for all levels except 6th grade. He shared that he’s researching what a healthy grade curve is. He’s asked the departments to take a look and try and help him assess what the curve indicates. As a result, they are thinking of restarting Friday School again, and will be targeting the students that could benefit from extra help. The boys’ basketball team is looking very promising as a very young varsity team. The girls are also doing well, also young, no seniors on the team. Wrestling is going strong, we have senior night tomorrow. Middle school basketball & wrestling have had a great turn out. Blane wrapped up his report by announcing upcoming events.
 - 5.3 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report Corrine shared that during the last teacher’s In-service, Lonny Webb, a Neurobehavioral Scientist. shared some great insights about the science of the brain. She shared this was helpful because we are aware of the lack of student motivation; teachers say that they are constantly needing to re-direct students. Teachers are struggling with grit and coming up with incentives; Lonny addressed many scenarios and shared helpful ideas on how to handle situations. It created the energy that there are solutions out there. We took our 4th & 5th graders to OSU to the Women’s basketball game, it was an enjoyable day. The

winter program went very well, Mr. Erickson & wife Laura handled over 255 kids. I appreciate the efforts made by Sam Proctor, Aniese Mitchell & Desiree Dunagan for prepping the gym for the holiday program. We had an in-service on the 8th; teachers are looking at adopting science curriculum. We also focused on the social emotional learning. We will be having an assembly and an ugly sweater day to ring in the holiday before the break.

5.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that this Friday we'll be having our staff holiday luncheon at noon before the break. The Jr./Sr. High School recently received an award from OSAA officials for the Sportsmanship Award for basketball for 1A and 2A schools. Jamey shared that it doesn't surprise him because over the years there has been a culture shift and Clint Forste has been a big part of that positive change. Todd shared the draft of the Strategic Plan as well as a document that could track accountability to the plan. He said any of this can change, but he wanted to provide an example of what it could be and is seeking input from the board. He asked that if the board wants to reach out to him or have a work session, just let him know. We received the customer approval plan for the new district office. We are hopeful that the existing building will be gone by February and we will have a temporary trailer in place. After the site is prepped, they will start bringing in the modular pieces. He mentioned a new sign in front of the Jr./Sr. High School but said there would be more info in the action item portion of the meeting. Currently we have NARCAN on campus, but it's locked up in the offices, he asked the board to consider putting it in all of the AED machine cabinets. The only disadvantage is that it could be taken and we would have to adjust the med policy. Todd asked if the board would like to move forward with relooking at the policy and possibly adjusting it to make NARCAN more available. The board agreed to look at adjusting the policy. Todd shared the ORCA renewal timeline.

5.5 Yvonne Hanna, shared the November Financial Statements.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

6.1 Minutes of the November 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

6.2 November Expenditures Report

Jamey Fawcett made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Action Items:

7.1. Resolution 23.24.01 - Resolution to Amend Oregon School Boards Association's Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors; Angie Fencl made a motion to amend the Oregon School Boards Association's Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors, Lynda Harrington seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

7.2. Resolution 23.24.02 - Resolution to Amend the OSBA's 2018 Bylaws – No motion was made.

7.3. Approve High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Grant 34204

7.4. Approve Student Success Act – Student Investment Account Grant 34480

7.5. Approve Early Indicator and Intervention System Grant 34796

Lynda Harrington moved to approve the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Grant 34204, Student Success Act – Student Investment Account Grant 34480 and the Early Indicator and Intervention System Grant 34796, Jamey Fawcett seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.6. Approve Purchase of Santiam Jr./Sr. High School Entrance Sign from Salem Signs, Lynda Harrington made a motion to approve the purchase of the Santiam Jr./Sr. High School Entrance Sign from Salem Signs, Jamey Fawcett seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.7. Accept Recommendation to Hire Bethany Bell, SES Instructional Aide

7.8. Accept Recommendation to Hire Charlene Burgess, SES Instructional Aide

Angie Fencl made a motion to hire Bethany Bell and Charlene Burgess as Instructional Aides at SES, Lynda Harrington seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.9. Accept Recommendation to Hire Winter Coaches

7.9.1. Clint Forste, HS JV Basketball Coach & JV2 Basketball Coach

7.9.2. Randall Klagge, HS JV Basketball Coach & MS Boys Basketball Coach

7.9.3. Brad Larsen, MS Boys Basketball Coach

Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire winter coaches, Clint Forste, Randall Klagge and Brad Larsen, Jamey Fawcett seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.10 Todd shared that several community members have come to him wanting to recognize Mr. Rich Moore for his 57 years of service. It has been discussed to name the counseling center in his honor. The board discussed having a public recognition and possibly a dedication ceremony at an open house. Mary made a motion to name the counseling center in honor of Rich Moore, Angie Fencl seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

8.0 Information Items

8.1. First Reading of New Policy

8.1.1. EFA – Local Wellness

8.1.2. LBE – Public Charter Schools

8.1.3. LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance

9.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

9.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: January 10, 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary

9.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Jamey Fawcett moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary