

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

April 10, 2024, 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, Elizabeth Reeser, Jamey Fawcett, Lynda Harrington and 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: Remove 7.3, Approve purchase of District Office Furniture from Oregon Corrections Enterprises (no bid available).
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight: Audit Presentation – Student Services Overview – Angela Rasmussen
- 5.0 Oral Reports:
 - 5.1 Linn Benton Lincoln ESD – Nancy Griffith, Superintendent shared the services that LBL ESD provides our district.
 - 5.2 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin shared that they have been focused on planning end of year activities as well as planning for next year. Enrollment as of today is 2625. ORCA still accepts new students, but it's a challenging time of year to get new students and help families move on from their past experiences and settle into ORCA. Allison, said, since ORCA is a school of choice, we survey parents on their "plan to return"; currently we are over 70% of students intend to return next year. Our state testing is scheduled for May 6-8th. Families need to opt in to do virtual state testing. Upcoming events include, zoo field trip, Champoeg State Park, a Science field trip to the dump, bowling in Eugene, and a trip to the educational forest. Our prom is scheduled for May 4th and will have a Star Wars theme. Graduation is scheduled for June 7th. Lynda asked how many students participate in "in person" events, Allison shared about 30%, and they are seeing better participation now that events are more regionalized and easier for families to travel to.
 - 5.3 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane introduced an 11th grader who is also the ASB president JC. He asked the board to review his report and the Doernbecher Recap. Blane thanked everyone for their support and shared that this year our school brought in a donation record of \$4,093.00. He said the kids enjoyed the many "teacher promises"; it was a fun, fast paced assembly. He said it absolutely touched his heart that the kids put so much effort into making this a great event. ASB President JC shared that he and other students visited Doernbecher and he was impressed with how much Doernbecher does for the kids. He shared that student MS ran a very good assembly. It was wonderful to see all the kids engaged. Blane said that he and ASB President JC meet once a week; ASB President JC shared that it's a nice way to share our opinions and get our community to grow. ASB President JC can't wait to see what opportunities arise over the next year.

Blane shared that they're down 6 students from last month. The Wolverine Employee focus is on Desiree Dunagan & Aniese Mitchell for their yearlong efforts in making assemblies, events, leadership class and so much more, fun for the kids. We will be making ORCA Career Pathways available for Santiam students and are adding three courses of study; Veterinary Science, Computer Science and Business and Management. The Willamette Promise is a program that allows students to earn college credits. We currently offer college credit for the following; Chemistry, Math and College Writing. Next year we will be adding Anatomy & Physiology and possibly Medical Terminology. We are hoping to make it possible to get a student's science requirements out of the way. Jon Hart will be teaching Sports Medicine next year and we have put in a grant to upgrade our medical lab. Our band recently competed in the "Great Western Music Championships" and qualified for the state competition. This is quite impressive knowing that 9 of the 21 are middle school students and are learning more each year. We are celebrating counselor appreciation week. Debbie Fawcett has been working on an ASPIRE program and Amy Jensen has been essential to the Synergy (student information system) upgrade.

Alisha Hansen shared how students are being recognized for doing great work; we incentivize them with Santiam gear, Wolverine bucks, snacks, etc. We are focused on promoting positive behavior for middle schools and for high school

students, and we are trying to promote attendance. Every two weeks, we pull a couple names and they get a gift certificate.

The boys' baseball team are currently ranked 24th, and their next game is April 19th. The girls' softball team are ranked 7th, they have a batting average in the 600s. They are currently 11-2 and play Friday at home. For Track, we host a meet tomorrow and will have some state qualifiers this year. The Santiam Scholarship Banquet is April 20th. Prom is May 4th. Teacher Appreciation week is May 6 - 9th. Wolverine Election Day is May 16th.

- 5.4 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report, Corrine shared that parent teacher attendance at conferences are up about 75% from the first year of Covid. The 1st graders enjoyed making leprechaun traps. Mr. Schafer and Ms. Moberg had fun by switching identities. We are at the end of the 3rd quarter and grades are heading out to families. We are in the 3rd session of extracurricular activities, we have 5 activities in four days. We had the K-3 awards party. Any kid that has no more than 3 minors in one area and no majors get to celebrate with a reward movie party. The 4th & 5th grade celebrated their good behavior by going to Northgate Bowl. There is a Tiger assembly tomorrow. Nearly 70% of our students are regular attenders.
- 5.5 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that the bid he put in for an adjacent property was not accepted. The board discussed the possibility of our student population growing. Todd shared that before the wildfires we were pushing enrollment of 600. Todd laid out several scenarios that could pose a problem in our districts ability to take on more students. The board agreed that we are currently okay with capacity at the moment. Todd shared that Band will be an OSAA activity next year. The program is popular and the kids enjoyed attending the competition and were shocked that they qualified. Todd shared that he will be getting new AED machines. He also said that decisions need to be made about the dead trees on the south side of SES. He will be researching how many dead trees will need to be removed. It's a possibility that we may need to take more out. With regard to the new district office, we are currently in a holding pattern waiting for power to the temporary trailer. We're hoping for this Friday. Monday the copy machine will move. The 24-25 budget is coming along, were about 90% there.
- 5.6 Yvonne Hanna, Business Manager, shared the March Financial Statements.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
6.2 March Expenditures Report

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Jamey Fawcett seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

7.0 Action Items:

- 7.1. First Reading of Policy
7.1.1. JHCD/JHCDA – Medications
7.1.2. JHCD/JHCDA – AR – Medications

With regard to these policies, Todd acknowledged that NARCAN is allowed, but on page 23, we may want to add language such as "may be stored" in an unlocked storage area. Lynda asked how soon the policy could be reworded and brought back for approval. Todd said, he would have it ready for next meeting.

- 7.2. Accept Recommendation to Hire Michelle Sisk, Temporary Science Teacher, SJSHS; Jamey Fawcett made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire Michelle Sisk as the Temporary Science Teacher at SJSHS, Angie seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

8.0 Information Items:

- 8.1. Angie shared what to expect at Mr. Moore Appreciation Event - Sunday, April 14, 2024, 1:00 pm at the SJSHS Gym

Angie Fencl adjourned the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:25 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.

Angie Fencl brought regular meeting back to order at 7:58 pm.

10.0 Next Regular Meeting Date: May 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary

11.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Angie Fencl moved to adjourn, Jamey Fawcett seconded; the motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary