

# SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

May 8, 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 5:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Remove 7.4 “Accept Bid for SES Classroom Carpet”
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Santiam Spotlight: None
- 5.0 Oral Reports:
  - 5.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin shared that enrollment as of today is 2671. Allison, said, since ORCA is a school of choice, we survey parents on their “plan to return”, currently over 72% of students intend to return next year. Our audit went very well, a lot of good information. Our budget has been approved, we are still operating conservatively and planning for ADM of 2350 next school year. We are increasing staffing with enrollment growth. We are also increasing a step increase for our staff. We are working on the contract now, so we are ready for the July 2025 renewal. We talked about doing a 7 year contract, and articulated more flexibility around Santiam students taking ORCA courses when needed. Todd Miller shared that there isn’t significant changes to the ORCA contract, he’s spoken to our attorneys and feels good about it.
  - 5.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane introduced a 12<sup>th</sup> grader HD who shared that he has participated in music and participated for the first time in football his senior year. He has appreciated having teachers around to help him. He came back to “in-person” school after COVID and being homeschooled. He shared that he enjoys the social aspects of attending school and has a great time with friends he has met here. He enjoys music class and plays multiple instruments. He’s thinking about joining the Marines.

Blane shared that enrollment is staying steady. He shared that Nancy Cole is in his Wolverine Employee Focus. The North Santiam Chamber of Commerce gave Blane the opportunity to present our music teacher, Rob Harris, the Young Adult Citizen of the Year Award. Our senior PF received the Student of the Year award. Our D&D club recently took a trip to Salem to get out and have a good time. Incentive trips are scheduled.

Blane shared three of his biggest challenges; the first, which is also a nationwide problem, is Attendance. Staff shortages continue to be a problem. Student apathy is the third. We are seeing students struggle and we’re trying to teach “effort and endurance”.

Boys baseball is ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> in the state. Girls softball is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the state and are undefeated in league. Upcoming events include MS Dance - May 14<sup>th</sup>, Wolverine Election Day - May 16<sup>th</sup>, Spring Band Concert - May 21<sup>st</sup>, Spring Awards Night - May 28<sup>th</sup> and Graduation - June 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5.3 Corrine McGinnis, Santiam Elementary Principal - In addition to her written report, Corrine shared that enrollment is 259. This week we have been focused on appreciating our Teachers. We are OSAS testing this week and trying to incentivize the students to encourage them to stay on task and complete the testing. We are in week two for swimming lessons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We have an assembly tomorrow. The Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled tomorrow at 6pm, it’s a fun event. There is a 90% attendance party next week, 168 students will get to attend. We have a Kindergarten field trip to the Gilbert House coming up. We start testing and benchmarking for the end of the year. We are screening curriculum for science adoption
  - 5.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent – Todd shared that last week we invited some folks from ODE to tour our school and learn more about our schools. It was a great time to share the things that are working well. They could see that Santiam’s general feel & culture is notable and that the adults really cared about the kids. They had the opportunity to visit the

music room and were impressed with Rob and the music class. We picked up 4 new life skills students in the last 4 days. We are planning to add a Special Education Teacher for SES next year. We continue to need more subs to cover shortages. Todd shared that “opt out” for state testing continues to be a challenge. The district office is finally moving and we should have the modular delivered on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Todd shared that cyber security is a problem and that K-12 schools seems to be a new target. Ransomware continues to be a problem and schools in Oregon have been impacted. Our insurance company is driving changes in operations statewide. Luckily, Sam our IT Director, moved us to operate on a cloud based system several years back. Todd asked the board if they would like to utilize Santiam e-mail addresses. The board agreed to have e-mail addresses assigned to them. Next week we’ll be meeting to go over the 24-25 budget. Mary asked about if there is a lobbying group to deal with the “Opt Out” issues in the state. Todd explained that the legislators said that families should be able to decide. He shared that the kids know that it doesn’t matter, it doesn’t impact graduation. Todd says there is a focal group examining the tests and should be coming back with a recommendation.

5.5 Yvonne Hanna, Business Manager, shared the April Financial Statements.

6.0 Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Minutes of the April 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- 6.2 April Expenditures Report
- 6.3 Second Reading of Policy
  - 6.3.1. JHCD/JHCDA – Medications
  - 6.3.2. JHCD/JHCDA – AR – Medications

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

7.0 Action Items:

- 7.1 Accept the Resignation of Jamey Fawcett Board Member; Angie Fencl made a motion to accept Jamey Fawcett’s resignation as a board member, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 3-0.
- 7.2 Approve District Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year; Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the District Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 3-0.
- 7.3 Accept ORCA Annual Report; Angie Fencl made a motion to accept ORCA’s Annual Report, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 3-0
- 7.4 ~~Aaccept Bid for SES Classroom Carpet~~
- 7.5 Accept Bid for SJSHS Gym Hallway Asbestos Removal; Todd Miller presented three bids that came in for the asbestos removal project. Angie Fencl made a motion to contract with Rose City Contracting, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

8.0 Information Items:

- 8.1 Budget Calendar

Angie Fencl adjourned the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:02 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.
- 9.2 To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. (ORS 192.660(2)(d))

Angie Fencl brought regular meeting back to order at 7:34 pm

Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the Admin and Confidential contracts for the school year 2024-2025, Elizabeth Reeser seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

10.0 Next Regular Meeting Date: June 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Santiam Elementary.

11.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Angie Fencl moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary