

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

August 14, 2024, 6:00 pm

District Office

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, Josh Childress, and Mary Richards.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Added 7.1.2 Elizabeth Reeser to share OSBA Conference information, remove 6.1.6, reschedule for Sept. meeting, remove 8.0 no need for Executive Session.
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: None
- 4.0 Oral Reports:
 - 4.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin did not attend. Todd shared that ORCA received Best Charter School through the Mid-Valley “Best Of” awards, additionally they won the award for “Best Overall Leadership”, “Best Place to Work” and “Best Employer”. They also received the honor of 2024 NASET Exceptional Charter School in Special Education. ORCA will hold their annual open house on Friday Sept 13th at Santiam Elementary.
 - 4.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane shared that enrollment estimates are difficult right now, they may be a little inflated. He does know that the 6th grade class boosted the overall numbers. They have been receiving more homeschooled kids for a few classes, and others who took a couple classes last year, are in now enrolling full time this year. Summer school was a huge success, we had 16 students (11 last summer), 18.5 credits earned (9 last summer) 2 and diplomas earned before the cut off, so they will be counted. A big thanks to Abbie & Megan. Credit recovery in the summer makes such a difference. Jon Hart our Health Occupations teacher applied and received a grant from Siletz Tribe to purchase CPR dummies. He has also become trained to administer the CPR and First Aid classes to our staff. Our new Assistant Principal, Jess Rist was hired from Salem Keizer, she has experience in both rural and large school districts. Unfortunately, we received a resignation from Jeff Benjamin, Jr./Sr. High School teacher, late in the summer, so we have recruited for his position and will be interviewing applicants soon. We just received approval to add a CTE Music Program, this will be funded through MWEC. This will provide a \$15K funding stream every year to help support the program. Fall sports are starting. Football participation seems to be a challenge. Volleyball turn out is great, the most we’ve seen in years. Next week we will have 6th grade summer camp as well as a 6th grade parent night to help alleviate fears for students and parents.
 - 4.3 Alisha Hansen, Santiam Elementary Principal - Alisha thanked everyone for the support as she finished her Admin License. She shared they have hired a new 4th grade teacher, Ann Robinson, coming from Salem Academy. We also have hired two Instructional Assistants, Ann Amundsen, who staffed Coffin Mountain at the Forest Service and McKenzie Dodge, a former student. We have 3 student teachers, Kayla Budlong, Breanna Ash, and Randall Klagge. With regard to facilities, there is new carpet in the classrooms, new sink mats, the East side of building has been painted as well as the common spaces. Unfortunately, we have a leak upstairs on the East side of the building. We are hopeful that it will be fixed this week. We are making some classroom changes, we will need to be staffing five special education students as of today. There will also be some changes in the Lifeskills area to help with space. Alisha is working to see if she can also find more space for Jill Saari. We have professional development trainings coming up, CPI, PBIS, Writing (an approach not curriculum) and the new Science curriculum, Twig. Alisha shared that she is also focused on doing some team building, behavior tracking and response.
 - 4.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that we are almost fully staffed, except for the Social Studies position at the Jr./Sr. High School, the interviews are happening tomorrow. Michelle Sisk, former truancy officer, has been hired on as a High School Science teacher. We will not be hiring for a truancy officer, mainly due to the changes in the law which will impact the effectiveness of the position. We will be handling attendance in house. ORCA will not be hiring a truancy officer either. There is a lot of prep going on in the buildings to be ready for the first day of school. The asbestos tile in the gym is now gone and our maintenance staff laid the new epoxy floors. We are waiting for the trophy

cases and track records to be installed in the concession area of the main gym. All elementary classrooms have been re-carpeted. We've started replacing lights with LED, and will update classroom lighting later on in the year. Our 23/24 budget looks good, we are close to what we estimated for our ending fund balance. We won't know for sure about our 24/25 budget, until we get our enrollment numbers. We are working on the wildfire enrollment stability funds. This year coming up would have been the last year of receiving that funding, but we're hoping that the Legislature will approve extending funding for another 4 years. It will be interesting to see what happens with the new apartments, they will most likely bring kids in to our community, just unsure how many. Todd met with the city about the "Safe Routes to School" project. They met to discuss plans, and identify issues with the project planners. Todd shared some of the improvements and details of the plans, including that there will be a nice visible beacon crosswalk in front of city hall at that intersection. We hope to get the planning done, so we can start construction next spring and running into the summer.

4.5 Yvonne Hanna, Business Manager, shared the June Year End Financial Statements.

5.0 Consent Agenda:

- 5.1 Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.2 June & July Expenditures Report
- 5.3 Second Reading of Policies
 - 5.3.1 AC – Nondiscrimination
 - 5.3.2 CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent
 - 5.3.3 CCG – Licensed Evaluation – Administrators
 - 5.3.4 DJC – Bidding Requirements
 - 5.3.5 DJC-AR – Exemptions from Competitive Bidding and Special Procurements
 - 5.3.6 IGBAF – Special Education – Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - 5.3.7 IGBAG – Special Education – Procedural Safeguards

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

6.0 Action Items:

- 6.1 Approve the Purchase of new AED Machines; Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the purchase of AED machines, Elizabeth Reeser seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.2 Approve the Contract for Updated LED Lighting in SES; Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the contract to update to LED lighting, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.3 Accept Resignation of Chase Howard, Instructional Aide, SES
- 6.4 Accept Resignation of Chad Ferschweiler, Instructional Aide, SES
- 6.5 Accept Resignation of Samantha Nicot, Special Education Aide, SES
- 6.6 Accept Resignation of Jeffrey Benjamin, Social Studies/German Teacher, SJSHS
- 6.7 Accept Resignation of Corrine McGinnis, Principal, SES

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the resignation of employees listed from 6.3 through 6.7, Elizabeth Reeser seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

- 6.8 Accept Recommendation to Hire Alisha Hansen, Principal, SES
- 6.9 Accept Recommendation to Hire Ann Robinson-Glenn, 4th Grade Teacher, SES
- 6.10 Accept Recommendation to Hire Emma Stearns, Lifeskills Teacher, SES
- 6.11 Accept Recommendation to Hire Jessica Rist, Assistant Principal, SJSHS
- 6.12 Accept Recommendation to Hire Michelle Sisk, Science Teacher, SJSHS
- 6.13 Accept Recommendation to Hire Tabitha Crowell, Shop Assistant, SJSHS
- 6.14 Accept Recommendation to Hire TBD, Santiam Learning Center IA, SJSHS

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire individuals listed 6.8 through 6.14, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0.

- 6.15 Accept Recommendation to Hire Fall Coaches, SJSHS
 - 6.15.1 Alicia Boyd – HS Head Volleyball Coach
 - 6.15.2 Dan Cunderman – HS Asst. Volleyball
 - 6.15.3 Brenda Peterson – HS Asst. Volleyball
 - 6.15.4 Amber Jungwirth – HS Asst. Volleyball
 - 6.15.5 Jordan Young – HS Cross Country
 - 6.15.6 Greg Grenbember - HS Cross Country
 - 6.15.7 Clint Forste – HS Cross Country

- 6.15.8 Lyle Schroeder – HS Head Football
- 6.15.9 Randall Klagge – HS Asst. Football
- 6.15.10 Tyson Childress – HS Asst. Football
- 6.15.11 Kerry Crowston – MS Football
- 6.15.12 Robert Young - MS

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire fall coaches listed 6.15.1 through 6.15.12, Elizabeth Reeser seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Information Items:

7.1 English Learners Legislative Report Presentation. Todd shared the report.

7.2 Elizabeth Reeser shared that she attended the OSBA conference this summer. The general message is that it's all about the kids. She shared some highlights that AI is here to stay and many schools are implementing cell phone bans.

8.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s:

8.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Santiam Elementary

9.0 Motion to Adjourn:

Angie Fencl moved to adjourn, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary