

SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

September 11, 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 Lynda Harrington.

- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Angie Fencl called the board meeting to order at 6:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: None
- 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: Clyde J. Rood, OSBA Board Candidate for Region 10
- 4.0 Oral Reports:
 - 4.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin shared that ORCA's enrollment is 2278, and growth is expected to be ongoing as with previous trends. The open house will be held at the Santiam Elementary school campus on Friday September 13th and we're expecting anywhere from 300-400 students and parents. We have a "meet and greet" with teachers, we also have a clothing closet open to our community. There will be regional event days at the end of September at 8-9 different locations. These happen throughout the year so that kids that live closer to one another can get together. We have two procurements going on, the Boone Building Project (Our Wilsonville Office), unfortunately we have not received any bids. The other one, involves the tech support, device management, shipping and receiving, web design, online marketing and search engine optimization, etc. coming up for renewal, when we established Oregon Charter Academy, (after leaving Connections Academy). Our attendance is high for the first of the year, were feeling good and off to a great start. We are also working out some kinks with the Santiam Jr./Sr. High for their CTE program. Lynda asked how ORCA monitors attendance. Allison explained the process and stats. Josh asked specifically about the kinks that need to be worked out. Some of it is the timing of in person students and another is a platform problem. Blane shared, "it's nice to be able to extend these opportunities to our students" and is confident the programs will go well after initial hiccups.
 - 4.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane introduced student, KT a Senior, he is in advanced classes, participating in the culinary food cart, baseball, basketball and is a sixth grade mentor. Blane thinks enrollment is around 322, but may be more. The Wolverine employee focus is Alicia Boyd this month. She is the culinary teacher and is also involved in coaching volleyball. She is passionate about all that she does. She is coming into her fourth year and she is a good teacher. Kids are actively involved in her class. Our registration days were Aug 13th and 14th. Jess (Vice Principal) shared that Wolverine Camp was Aug 24th - 25th, (6th grade orientation opportunity) and was her first chance to get her feet wet in the new job. We had all kinds of activities and the 6th graders proved to be very competitive, they were all over the campus, getting familiar with their new environment. There were activities that involved team building and it was fun. This gets them ready for school to start and gives them a bit of confidence. Jess was impressed with the leadership of the high school kids and said they were into it and engaged with the younger students. She shared that the parent night also went very well. Many parents were impressed with the new facilities and hopefully eased their minds with their kids coming over to the new school. The Santiam Learning Center is going well (2nd year), the students assigned to it have time to reflect and get caught up. We have three new teachers, M. Sisk, K. Gross, & K. Jones. All come with strong teaching strategies. Multiple teachers have shared that they felt the first week went well. We have 7 kids committed to ORCA pathways, which has the kids go into on-line courses, they get college credits and licensure thru ORCA. This is a pilot program, no other schools are doing it at this point, but if it goes well ORCA may roll out more opportunities in the future. We have the biggest cross country team we've ever had with 10 students participating. Football has about 16, we are playing a JV schedule, (No Varsity). When asked what may be causing this, Todd shared that some students want to specialize in one sport, so it impacts participation in others. There are other factors based on experience and inexperience. The volleyball team is ranked in the top 5. They have three teams. Josh asked about JV 2 and why games haven't been scheduled yet. Blane shared the biggest reason is because of the lack of referees. Upcoming Events - 6th Grade Outdoor School, Blood Drive and Conferences. Lynda asked about the counseling center, "Can they access mental health care?" Blane shared that though our counselors are not trained or specialize in mental health, we do triage and refer to the ESD/Linn County or Trillium (for Marion County) / Liaisons.
 - 4.3 Alisha Hansen, Santiam Elementary Principal – Alisha shared that SES enrollment is around 254. September is a month when we teach behavior upfront and share expectations. Be Safe Respectful and Responsible. The teachers organized a

“Passport” activity this year with each class having the opportunity to go to many areas of the school, completing the passport activity and receiving a treat. We also award with “Tiger Tickets”. Every Thursday they can put their ticket into a drawing to receive special treats if their ticket is drawn. The “Self Manager Badges” will be rolled out at the end of the month. We have tiger of the month (student of the month) and quarterly reward parties. We are dedicating 15-30 minutes in social and emotional learning (SEL) to promote more positive behavior. This year, we are inviting parents to be on campus if they would like. They need to complete a contract and a background check. With regard to professional development we are involved in “The Science of Reading”, it’s an online self-paced, 6 module course offered by Eastern Oregon University, we have 8 teachers signed up. We read that Governor Kotek will require this for the 25-26 school year. We are implementing Star Renaissance, it will replace Easy CBM as the assessment tool. We made this decision because the data will mirror the state testing better. Tomorrow is Open House from 6-7pm.

4.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared the new Santiam Canyon School District promo video and said “we’re hoping to get this out and that it will help with recruitment of staff and families considering a move to our community”. We hope it will give a lot more information and context in all that our district has to offer. Linn County has received a grant for several enclosed trailers that have 75 cots and emergency supplies, we have been asked to house one of the trailers in our shop, and since we are a Red Cross designated emergency shelter it just made sense. Josh asked who had access, Todd shared about 3 employees, but agreed we should designate more. Santiam Hospital approached the district and shared that there is a high need to have a pharmacy back in the Canyon. The only building suitable, would be the little house across from the gym (currently used as a “care closet” that hasn’t been maintained much). It is possible that we offer a two year lease initially, we’re looking into it, a lease that might not only improve our asset, but also bring in a little money, and serve our community. We seem to be having a lot of electrical damage from the ongoing power outages. We’ve notice potential issues with our computer backup systems, (because they beep when there is a surge or brown out) we also believe that the electronic door hardware, the HVAC system, fire and burglar alarm systems are being impacted as well. Todd talked to the regional representative from Pacific Power, he has asked for the district to send him documentation of the issues. We will look to see if we can protect our equipment. Pacific Power will be running some reports.

4.5 Yvonne Hanna, Business Manager, shared the 23/24 Year End Financial Statements as well as the beginning of the 24/25.

5.0 Consent Agenda:

- 5.1 Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.2 August Expenditures Report

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

6.0 Action Items:

- 6.1 Approve the Surplus of the John Deere Gator; Angie Fencl made a motion to approve the surplus of the John Deere gator, Lynda Harrington seconded, the motion passed 4-0.
- 6.2 Accept Recommendation to Hire Kindra Gross, Social Studies Teacher, SJSHS
- 6.3 Accept Recommendation to Hire McKenzie Dodge, Instructional Aide, SES
- 6.4 Accept Recommendation to Hire Ann Amundsen, Instructional Aide, SES
- 6.5 Accept Recommendation to Hire Crystal Johnson, Learning Center IA
- 6.6 Accept Recommendation to Hire Alecia Duckworth Hernandez, Resource Aide, SJSHS
- 6.7 Accept Recommendation to Hire Caitlin Mercer, Lifeskills Aide, SJSHS
- 6.8 Accept Recommendation to Hire Jacklyn Bain, Kitchen Aide, SJSHS
- 6.9 Accept Recommendation to Hire Fall Coaches, SJSHS
 - 6.9.1 Michelle Sisk, HS Cross Country
 - 6.9.2 Jason Saari, MS Volleyball
 - 6.9.3 McKenzie Dodge, MS Volleyball

Angie Fencl made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire individuals listed in items 6.2 through 6.9.3, Lynda Harrington seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

6.10 Appoint Board Chair and Vice Chair; Elizabeth Reeser made a motion to appoint Angie Fencl as the Board Chair and Lynda Harrington as the Vice Chair, Lynda Harrington seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

7.0 Information Items - None

8.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s

- 8.1 Update on the Pharmacy
- 8.2 Next Regular Meeting Date: October 9, 6:00 p.m. at Santiam Elementary

9.0 Motion to Adjourn

Angie Fencil made a motion to adjourn, Lynda Harrington seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary