

# SANTIAM CANYON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129J

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Santiam Canyon School District Office

November 13, 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, Mary Richards, 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 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - 2.0 Approval and/or Changes to the Agenda: Add 6.8.15. Elvis Hicks, Assistant Boys Basketball
  - 3.0 Public Comment/Audience Inquires: Steve Winn presented a check to the school district.
  - 4.0 Oral Reports:
    - 4.1 Allison Galvin, Oregon Charter Academy - Allison Galvin shared that ORCA's doing great things. As of today, the enrollment is actually 2562. The state tests results are in, though embargoed. Student clubs have started, and we currently have a total of 51 serving 935 students in November. We are in the middle of construction in Wilsonville to add an office for administrative staff as well as providing additional space for student activities. We have also completed the RFP process for Virtual Charter Services including technical support, fulfillment and other support services. We're very excited for the State Report Cards coming up, they are currently embargoed, but will be available next week, and hoping to share results with the board next month.
    - 4.2 Blane Lazar, Jr./Sr. High School Principal - Blane shared the enrollment number is currently at 318. The Wolverine Employee Focus this month is dedicated to Mr. Rob Harris, band teacher. Mr. Harris is a phenomenal teacher and was nominated for the Oregon Teacher of the year in 2023. He has registered the band for OSAA competition and has also hosted a drum line at the varsity volleyball games this year. He is motivated and actively trying to create the best band program in the state. Last semester, 50% of our students have a 3.0 or better, 32.8% made honor roll, and 18.8% made honorable mention. We are planning the first semester incentive plan. This will be for students earning a C or better, attend more than 85% of the time and have no major referrals. They will go on a trip to Star Cinema on Feb. 6th. Our leadership kids attended the OSAC leadership conference and they loved it. They connected with 900 other leadership students. Next Thursday they will try out some of the things they learned at an assembly. We had our first conferences and we had about 20% attendance. Staff noticed a consistent stream of visitors. Homecoming week went very well with dress up days, an assembly and the king & queen being introduced during halftime at the volleyball game. We received a donation from Build Oregon, a company that is offers storage units, benches, chairs and lots of great stuff. We built one of the sheds to donate to last year's scholarship auction. Mr. Taylor is thrilled with all the items that can be utilized by his CTE class. Blane is working on pulling together a leadership team that will address:
      - What's our vision?
      - Who are we?
      - What do we want for our students?
      - What will make SJSHS better?
      - What data do we want to track?
- With regard to athletics, the cross country team was the largest they've had in years. The football team played 3 JV games in total and there will be a meeting with athletes to refine the program in the future. The volleyball team had a successful season, finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in state and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. They made it to the first round of the state tournament but lost to Heppner. Basketball & Wrestling are starting on Monday; we have hired a new boys basketball coach. The Alumni tournament is coming up this weekend.
- The board discussed boys' sports. Blane shared that it weighs heavy on his heart and is definitely a priority; he will be addressing improving boys programs. Lynda asked about the election. Blane & Jess shared that the mood was respectful from both students and staff.
- 4.3 Alisha Hansen, Santiam Elementary Principal – Alisha shared that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, Ms. Fernald, is very excited about her students growth in writing. Alisha shared some writing samples and described the improvements being made.

She shared that at the next in-service, the Leadership Committee will be working on where we are now and what our long term goals are. We are focused on words that are nailed down for each grade level and that progression through the grades. We're also focused on getting writing incorporated into some of the other subjects in order to build writing skills. We purchased UFLI, it is a tier 3 intervention; it is used for urgent intervention kids. The engagement aspect of UFLI is incredible, we're even thinking about incorporating it in regular reading programs. We are using STAR Renaissance for our assessment tool because it aligns better with state testing. Of the 24 new students (to our district), 9 are at level for reading and math. With regard to the new apartments, we have two new kids starting tomorrow. The PLC efforts are great at monitoring kids every 3 weeks. Our specialists are putting in a lot of effort.

4.4 Todd Miller, Superintendent - Todd shared that there are people moving into the new apartments, but as Alisha shared only two students have enrolled so far. Alison mentioned that the report cards are out but they are embargoed until next week. He shared that the property that currently serves as our bus storage area, has been sold and the new owner will not continue the current rental rate. First Student (the bus company) is looking for a new place to park buses. Todd said that he anticipates union negotiations to start in December or January. He shared expectations of how negotiations will go based on previous good working relationships. He shared that Pacific Power is going to come out next week to bring a new pole and platform for the osprey that have been building nests every year on the football stadium lights. He highlighted our preschool program, and said that enrollment this year is low with only 18; but there are already 20 on the waiting list for next year. The program is fully funded by the Wipper Grant through Oregon Community Foundation. He shared that we are planning on big PERS rate increases. Todd explained the state's required instructional hours and compared that with the standards also allowing for unexpected days off (snow days, etc.). Josh asked about how a 4 day week impacts students. Todd said that we are only as good as the quality of our staff, and going back to a 5 day school week might negatively impact staffing. Lynda asked Todd to bring studies referencing 4 day school week to the December meeting. Next week we are doing a pre-bid walk through for Safe Routes to Schools grant. Todd will be sitting on that because he needs to know about the timing of the project.

4.5 Yvonne Hanna, Business Manager, shared the October 31, 2024 financials.

## 5.0 Consent Agenda:

- 5.1 Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.2 Minutes of the October 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting
- 5.3 September Expenditures Report
- 5.4 October Expenditures Report

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

## 6.0 Action Items:

- 6.1 Resolution 24.25.01, Resolution to Amend the OSBA Dues Schedule; Angie Fencl made a motion to support the resolution to amend the OSBA dues schedule, Mary Richards seconded, the motion passed 5-0.
- 6.2 Resolution 24.25.02, Resolution to Amend Oregon School Board Association's Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors.
- 6.3 Resolution 24.25.03, Resolution to Amend the OSBA 2023 Bylaws.

Angie Fencl made a motion to abstain from voting on Resolution 24.25.02 and Resolution 24.25.03, Lynda Harrington seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

- 6.4 OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee Position Ballot. Lynda Harrington made a motion to abstain from voting for the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy committee positions, Angie Fencl seconded; the motion passed 5-0.
- 6.5 Approve the Purchase of Micro Bird 14 Passenger Bus; Lynda Harrington made a motion to approve the purchase of the Micro Bird 14 passenger bus, Angie Fencl seconded; the motion passed 5-0.
- 6.6 Accept Recommendation to Hire Jenifer Crow, Life skills Aide, SES
- 6.7 Accept Recommendation to Hire Lia Davidson, Life skills Aide, SES

Lynda Harrington made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire Jenifer Crow and Lia Davidson as Life Skills Aides, Mary Richards seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

- 6.8 Accept Recommendation to Hire Winter Coaches
  - 6.8.1 Kerry Crowston, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach
  - 6.8.2 JJ Jensen, Asst. Wrestling Coach (Stipend Share or No Pay)
  - 6.8.3 James Nollen, Asst. Wrestling Coach (Stipend Share or No Pay)
  - 6.8.4 Hannah Thompson, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
  - 6.8.5 Greg Grenbemer, Asst. Girls Basketball Coach (Stipend Share w/J. Downey)

- 6.8.6 Jeremy Downey, Asst. Girls Basketball Coach (Stipend Share w/G. Grenbemer)
- 6.8.7 Amber Jungwirth, Head JV Girls Basketball Coach
- 6.8.8 Trevor Bodine, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- 6.8.9 Jamey Fawcett, Asst. Boys Basketball Coach
- 6.8.10 Clint Forste or TBD, Asst. Boys Basketball Coach
- 6.8.11 Kelsey Clark, MS Girls Basketball Coach & MS Boys Basketball Coach
- 6.8.12 Randall Klagge, MS Girls Basketball Coach & MS Boys Basketball Coach
- 6.8.13 Robert Young, MS Wrestling Coach
- 6.8.14 Kris Sims, MS Wrestling Coach
- 6.8.15 Elvis Hicks, Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

Angie Fencil made a motion to accept the recommendation to hire individuals listed in items 6.8.1 through 6.8.15, Lynda Harrington seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

7.0 Information Items

- 7.1 Division 22 Standards
- 7.2 SES Playground Inspection
- 7.3 SIA Annual Report
- 7.4 Oregon Community Foundation Grant Report

8.0 Items for the Next Meeting/s

- 8.1 Next Regular Meeting Date: December 11, 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 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary