

## SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Reynolds called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 12, 2015 in the District Office Conference Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Board Members in Attendance

Mike Reynolds, Jason Redick, Nick Augsburger, Jenny Daniels, Angela Clegg, Debra Brown, Carol Babcock; Chanz Keeney and Jason Van Eck were absent.

Board Attendance

### Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent Keith Winslow; Administrators: Kevin Strong, Luke Augsburger, Colleen Henry, Josh Dargis, Terry Augustadt, Ralph Brown, Todd Barrett, Cathy Hurowitz, Courtney Murphy, Mark Looney and Steve Brown; Certified: Chris Hiaasen, Deborah Rehart, Elizabeth Beckett, Lisa Canaday; Classified: Velma Canfield Darel Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary Julie Emmert.

Staff Attendance

### Other Attendance

Jennifer Moody, representing the *Albany Democrat Herald*, and Sean Morgan, representing the *New Era*.

Other Attendance

ESPY Awards

### 2. ESPY Awards

Every month two students are selected from each school and presented with an ESPY Award at the Board Meeting. The award is presented to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies. Selections for the month of October are: Foster School – Christopher Kurtz, Brooklyn Goodwin; Hawthorne School – Faith Scott, Luke Rosa; Holley School – Alex Kisselburg, Tapanga Campbell; Oak Heights School – Nathaniel Coleman, Valerie Gingerich; SH Jr. High School – Gavin Nichols, Treyson Smith; and SH High School – Matt Davis, Maria Daniels. Congratulations to all of this month's ESPY Award winners!

Staff Recognition Awards

### 3. Staff Recognition

Superintendent Winslow reported October's Staff Recognition Award winner: Chris Hiaasen was recognized for her many years and many talents as a teacher and team player.

Approve Agenda

### 4. Agenda Approval/Changes

Chairman Reynolds called for changes and/or approval of the agenda. One late item was added to the agenda

**Motion No. 15-55:** Board Member Nick Augsburger moved to approve the agenda with the addition of late item 7B Consent Agenda. Board Member Carol Babcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

### 5. Public Comments - None

### 6. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

SHHS Student Report

#### A. High School Student Representative Report

Esther Gunselman reported on Homecoming. Both the Powder Puff and He-man Volleyball games were a great success and students would like to do this again. Food baskets for thanksgiving will be the main November event.

Jason Redick expressed his appreciation to the kids at Sweet Home High School for wearing Roseburg colors at the homecoming game.

#### B. Administrator/Staff Reports

##### 1) Administrators

Cathy Hurowitz gave a presentation on Math instruction. In June the elementary principals put together a fall schedule for grade level collaborations that will be

Administrator Reports  
Staff Reports

held in November, February, April and June. Ms. Hurowitz gave a presentation on number talks which is a short daily tool to improve math skills in students. This is not a replacement curriculum but just another tool. Oak Heights was honored as a leader in the Moby Mac web based software program and has been a head liner in many articles. Ms. Murphy said that Tim Swanson has spear headed the incentive side of the program and has received 10 tablets for his classroom plus over \$1,500 dollars for incentives.

- C. Certified and Classified Representatives: Classified Velma Canfield shared that they reached their goal of 20,000 books. They will now need to find a place big enough to put these books when they arrive so that they can separate and distribute them.

**Certified Report  
Classified Report**

D. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Summer Maintenance Projects: (6D1 is a partial list of summer maintenance projects and Kevin will go in to more detail later)
- 2. Enrollment: Mr. Winslow shared that we did get assistant time in the larger classrooms adding 3 and 4 hours to all of them. Carol Babcock asked for clarity on how to read the enrollment sheet and asked what the ACT class was. Mr. Winslow shared with her and the board how to read the information and explained that the ACT class is for 5<sup>th</sup> year students. The 286 senior class enrollment includes the ACT students. ACT stands for Accessing College Today.

**Superintendent  
Report**

**7. Consent Agenda**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved minutes from September 14, 2015 School Board Meeting and September 9, 2015 Board Special Work Session Meeting
- B. Approved/appropriated \$3,488 from ODE IDEA SPRI&I (System Performance, Review, and Improvement) Grant 2015-16. This grant will be used for required trainings and completion of all state and federal components of the SPR&I System.

**Motion No. 15-56:** Board Member Jason Redick moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Jenny Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Consent  
Agenda**

**8. Information/Discussion**

**Information Items**

- A. Budget/Maintenance Spending/Turf & Track Project/Homelessness/Safety Information  
Budget: Business Manager Strong reported that YTD general fund spending is less than last year primarily due to lower PERS rates during the 2015-17 biennium and a decrease in charter school enrollment.

**Budget Update**

Carol Babcock asked about the substitute pay line; Mr. Strong explained that a bill was passed for 4-day school districts that included a 12.5% increase in certified substitute pay. The increase in Classified substitute pay was due to maintenance in the summer, transportation and food services expenses. We have had more needs in the district and have been filling more classified positions.

Maintenance Spending: Mr. Strong reported on the list of summer maintenance projects in the packet that were completed. All things came out of long term maintenance and if we have available money from the general fund later we will then transfer money to help offset. Ms. Babcock asked about the boilers and the heating systems in the school. Mr. Strong explained that most facilities use natural gas and that boilers were removed for safety and storage purposes.

**Maintenance  
Spending**

Turf & Track:

**Turf & Track**

Mr. Strong reported that we have received \$563,624 in contributions and donations and have spent \$587,351. Fundraising continues to help pay for the remaining maintenance equipment, sound system and other project costs.

**Homelessness**

Homelessness: State released 2014/15homeless information, the Oregon State Fund will distribute approximately \$175 million to school districts this year based on the number of students in ELL programs and \$0 to school districts based on homelessness.

**Safety Update**

Safety: Mr. Strong reported that there were no recordable incidents in the month of September.

**Drug Testing**

**B. Drug Testing Policy, OSBA Guidelines**

Mr. Winslow shared information given to him by Spencer Lewis, OSBA. Mr. Lewis wanted us to pay special attention to a couple of things that came up in other school districts: Be able to identify the need, let the community know of the plan and make sure that the procedures are in place and are clear. Mr. Winslow will make a brief survey for the High School Students. Recommended policy is attached; it is very simple and straight forward. The only concern Mr. Winslow has is who would do the drug testing. He feels we should handle these ourselves and do not need a laboratory taking care of it. Mr. Winslow will make changes to these policies and bring it back when it is complete. There was more discussion about our current code of conduct and what will happen to those students who refuse to be tested.

**Superintendents  
Timeline**

**C. Superintendent's Timeline/Application**

Superintendent Winslow shared information on the application packet. It is a combination of several districts and our own ideas. In November we will meet with as a screening committee to talk about questions and scoring scale for hire. It was decided to meet on November 17, at 5:30 p.m. and a screening committee was selected.

**Action Items**

**9. Action Items - none**

**Board Comments**

**10. Board Comments – Walk to school went well at Oak Heights**

**Late Items**

**11. Late Items - none**

**12. Future Agenda Items**

**Future Agenda  
Items**

- A. Board Officer Meeting November 2, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at District Office
- B. Next Board Meeting, November 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in DO Board Room
- C. OSBA Annual Convention, November 12-15, 2015 in Portland

**Adjournment**

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 7:33 at p.m.

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*Signature, Board Chairman*

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary 101215mind