



****2019-2020 Board Goals for the District****
Student Character & Well Being
Outstanding Environment
Foster Communication
Pride and Image

October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Rogue River School District Administration Office
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Rogue River School District #35 met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rogue River School District Administration Office.

Directors Present: Bruce Sund, Mysti Jacob, Addie Dabrowski, Erin Poston, Rob Hileman - 6:38 p.m. arrival

Directors Present by Teleconference: Rob Hileman

Administrator(s) Present: Patrick Lee - Superintendent; Don Sweeney - Business Manager; Morgan Cottle - SVA Principal; Jamie Wright - RRES Principal; Chris Carmiencke - RRJSHS Principal; Cecile Enright - REACH Director

Executive Session - 5:30 p.m. The Rogue River School Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (b), (f) and (h) to consider discipline of and to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer(s), staff member or agent, to receive confidential information exempt by law from public inspection, and to consult with the Districts legal counsel.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session. Open session began at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the Executive Session.

Part 1.0. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order and Flag Salute

Chairman Sund called the regular board meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., recessed the open session and convened the executive session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (b), (f) and (h) to consider complaints against personnel, and to review information or records exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with the Districts legal counsel. The meeting consisted of matters as referenced above.

Chairman Sund reminded members of the media in attendance that they are not allowed to report on anything discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Sund adjourned the Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. and reconvened the Open Session at 6:07 p.m., and asked the RRS D FFA to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Action from Executive Session

The Board moves to retain an attorney to respond to the October 7, 2019 formal complaint against the Board.

A motion by Director Poston, seconded by Director Dabrowski for the Board to retain an attorney to respond to the October 7, 2019 formal complaint against the Board. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.3 Special Guest/Presentations

A Rogue River FFA

Gabe Tambellini and Jonwyn Ayres of the Rogue River FFA thanked the Board, spoke about extemporaneous speaking, how they leave in two weeks for nationals, and that on the 27th the Floriculture team also has an event. Gabe spoke on his topic; the average age of the American farmer continuing to rise. He also spoke of the precision of Ag Technology changing the way farmers grow and that over 62% of ranchers and farmers are over the age of 65; it is important that we invest in them. He also noted how crucial financial stability is. Gabe goes on to say that the most important thing to get people to adopt technology is to develop key relationships with the technology industry.

1.4 Good of the Order (Opportunity for District Patrons to Address the Board on Agenda Items)

1.5 Approval - Consent Agenda - (Are matters of routine nature, however, from time to time, items may be moved out of the consent agenda and placed on the action agenda. All items on the consent agenda may be approved in a single motion).

A motion by Director Dabrowski, seconded by Director Poston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Part 2.0. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2.1 Education

A RRJSHS School Reports

Rogue River School District #35
October Board Report
10/15/2019

Rogue River Junior Senior High School

Student’s of the Month

Help me in congratulating the first Students of the Month for the 2019-2020 School Year!

Our September Students of the Month are:

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Payton Stillwagner	Jacob Kennedy	Katie Mack	Katelynd Pearson	Jada Starbuck	Nick Hammann

Attendance Update

We Set a new goal to have our overall attendance rate at 95% and our regular attender rate to be 85%. Currently we are just slightly behind on our goal. As of Monday our Average Daily Attendance was at 94.20%. Also, our regular attender rate is well below where it needs to be

at 76.58%. The good news is we are ready to deploy our attendance letters to students who are in the Chronic Absenteeism category (below 90%). We will also be working on the “Bring It Up” incentive system for our students who are struggling with attendance.

Academic Update:

We recently sent out progress reports and have much to be proud of as a school. The “A” list is many times greater than the “F” list. And behind every “A” is a success story.

Behavior Update

We are developing and refining a very valuable process called the SST Process (Student Services Team). A small team meets weekly to review data regarding student attendance, student behavior and student academics. We compile lists of the most critical students in each category and try to meet with those students to discuss our concerns in a process that we call an “Empathy Interview”. We will then share the students of concern and the results of the Empathy Interview with Teacher Teams to develop some interventions that will help these students make gains in the areas of concern.

Student Body Count

We currently have 363 actively enrolled students at RRJSHS, which is the same number of students that we had last month, which means that our enrollment is above where it was at this point last year.

Athletics and Extra Curriculars

We are coming to the end of the Fall Sports Season. Many of the culminating events will be taking place in the next two weeks with Senior Nights (or morning for Girls Soccer) and Homecoming week finishing off with a great night of football (Friday) and a dance (Saturday). In addition, FFA is heading to National Convention in Iowa the week after homecoming.

Parent and Student Events

We have a very full list of upcoming events listed below:

Upcoming Events to Look For:

School Board Meeting: October 15th

PSAT/ SAT: October 16th

Grants Pass Career Fair: October 16th

SOU Raider on the Spot Day: October 17th

Pre-Homecoming Assembly: October 18th

Picture Retakes: October 18th

Hallway Decorating: October 19th & 20th

Homecoming Week: October 21st- October 26th

Oregon State University Visit: October 26th

Homecoming Bonfire: October 24th

Homecoming Game: October 25th

Homecoming Dance: October 26th
FFA National Convention: October 27th - November 4th
FAFSA and Fro-Yo Night: October 28th
Art Club Pumpkin Party: October 29th
Halloween Dress Up Day: October 31st
Last Day of Quarter 1: October 31st
Grade Prep Day/ No School for Students: Nov. 1st
1st Day of Quarter 2: November 4th
Academic Scavenger Hunt: November 5th-7th and 13th
Portland State University Visit: November 5th
National Honor Society Trip: November 9th - November 12th
Veteran's Day: No School: November 11th
Parent Teacher Conferences: No School: November 12th
Southern Oregon District Ag Sales CDE: November 13th
Fall Play: Up the Down Staircase: November 15th-16th and 22nd-23rd

B RRES School Report

Principal Wright of Rogue River Elementary School reported the following:

- 24 Day Plan-75% of the staff were able to get an adult tootle to all the students in the classroom.
- 100% of students were able to get a piece of positive feedback from someone in our school
- Ambassadors training kicked off in the last two days. 75 students will go into classrooms and train their classmates in positive character traits.
- Jog-a-thon Slime Update Any student who raises \$200 will be able to pour a cup of slime on Casey Olmstead's head. If we meet our goal of \$12,000 each class will be able to pour bucket of slime on Jamie's head.
- Kindergarten Regular Attender Rate is 95% in 2019: Last year's regular attender rate is 79%
- RRES received a grant from the Carpenter Foundation for \$2500 for musical flowers on the playground.

C REACH School Report

Director Enright of REACH reported the following:

- REACH had a great turnout on the ribbon cutting. The news and 78 adults that were not staff were in attendance. Grants Pass is receiving them very well.
- Average Daily Membership (ADM) report is at 193 with 98 percent attendance and 1 student with chronic absenteeism.
- They are participating in C4 college career success career fair, pumpkin patch, picture day on Monday, high school math games night and potluck and elementary math and music games.
- They do not do progress reports but October 31st ends the first report card period.
- Inquiries by email or phone will be tracked so they know interest. They've had 174 initial applications at the beginning of the school year, not all finished but that is seen as having a huge potential for growth.

D Special Programs Report

Dr. April Harrison - Special Education Director reported the following:

Student Investment Account (SIA) update: we have conducted six listening sessions (three community, two staff, one admin). In addition, the union held a listening session and they shared their meeting notes and ideas with me.

Next steps taking place in October:

- Email survey to go out Wednesday for all staff
- Email survey to go out Friday to all families
- Input session later this month with Rogue River Chamber of Commerce

- Input session later this month with Rogue River Kiwanis
- Email list serv is being created. Email updates to begin next month

All feedback is being gathered and is going to be the guidance used when developing our SIA plan. Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) update: our district-wide continuous improvement plan has been posted to the website and our application has been submitted to ODE. From this plan, each school will create their School Improvement Plan. Both the CIP and the SIP can, and will, be updated on a regular basis as we gather more data. The three areas of focus for the district, based on data, are:

- Increased Attendance
- Increased Graduation Rates
- Increased Academic Performance;
 - RRJSHS freshman on-track
 - SVA student course completion
 - REACH writing
 - RRES reading

Funding from SIA will support the goals set in our CIP. With this in mind priorities and goals may shift as we move through this process.

Attendance:

Overall:

Overall attendance rate: 95.55%

Regular attender rate: 83.71%

Chronic Absenteeism rate: 16.29%

State Accountability rate: 84.79% (level 2)

E SVA Report

Principal Cottle of South Valley Academy reported the following:

- Currently SVA has 64 students, 23 in grades 3-8 and 41 in grades 9-12.
- The attendance rate is 96.3%, and our regular attender rate is 81%. We have identified our seniors and super-seniors as being the most in need of attention with a rate of 61 percent.
- Two upcoming field trips;
 - The first is to the Baffled Escape Room in Medford for grades 6-9. Students will work on team building and problem solving.
 - The next trip is to Scienceworks for grades 3-8. This will be on 10/24. This includes their newest exhibit on sports science.
- Their secretary Brandi, who has a background in archery, will be attending the National Archery in the School Program training on October 26th. This will provide Brandi with the training necessary for SVA to have their own archery program, including at least 10 hours of archery instruction during the school year, as well as participate in competitions. We are supplied with over \$3000 worth of equipment.
- Leila Walch from the 9th grade is SVA's Student of the Month. Great job Leila!

2.2 Reports

A Superintendent's Report

Safety:

- Mr. Lee contacted the Sheriff's office regarding the incident on September 27, 2019. Lt. Walden said they did not need to contact the school because they knew there was no threat to us.
- Mr. Lee met with Deputy Crisp to review our safety plans. He has a master plan document for our district that he will share with Mr. Lee to review. Mr. Lee wants to make sure our administration team is familiar with the plan. Deputy Crisp said that the Sheriff's office would take the lead on any large scale crisis. He noted that the county already has the plans in place for what an evacuation or reunification event would look like.

Communication:

- The management team continues to work on improving the amount of communication and to devise more streamlined ways to give out information for district patrons.

- Mr. Lee and Mr. Bigboy will be attending a two day workshop on Public Relations and Communication at the end of this month.
- Mr. Lee submitted an article to the RR Press highlighting some of the positive things he has learned about the district in his short time here.
- The Administration will be trained on the new Blackboard Messenger system in the next few weeks at which point we can improve the quantity and quality of our communication coverage.

Kudos:

- Mr. Lee shared the wonderful news about a First Student Bus Driver, Desmond, who accepted a rough route. Desmond has used his student management skills and military training to turn the route around into a pleasant ride.

B Board Report

- Director Dabrowski has been enjoying visiting the schools, she is super proud to be working for this school district as a board member. Her son has been on the football team so she has had the opportunity to see a shift in behavior. She thanks those involved for a job well done. She also appreciates how Mr. Sweeney has extensively gone over the food program.
- Vice-chair Jacob attended a couple of Dr. Harrison's listening sessions for the purpose of hearing what the community wanted and to gain a better understanding.

2.3 Business/Fiscal Services

A Monthly Financial Update

Mr. Sweeney reported on the following:

- We will be over 100 percent in salary due to the hire of a new teacher.
- Our new bus contract is being followed based on a tour done by Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Lee with Tanya Kerr. All the busses are 2014 or newer. The activity bus and back up busses are older but are on order. The cost for home to school transportation is \$829,000. The First View App should be coming out soon to track students. Mr. Sweeney is unaware of the exact limitation of it. Hopefully it is up and running before December 2019. The bus contract is being complied with exactly as planned.
- Patrick Elementary would like two board members to visit their food service program. We just need to give them two weeks notice.
- Lanette is working on a farm to school grant.

2.4 Board/Administration

A First Reading - Revised Board Policies

A motion by Vice-chair Jacob, seconded by Director Poston to waive the first reading of the revised board policies JHFE - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child and JHFF - Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students. The motion carried by unanimous roll call.

Part 3.0. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Education

A National Honor Society - Field Trip Request

A motion by Director Hileman, seconded by Director Poston to approve the National Honor Society's request to travel to northern Oregon and Washington for a College Tour on November 9-12, 2019. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B Wrestling Tournament - Field Trip Request

A motion by Director Poston, seconded by Director Hileman to approve the Rogue River Junior Senior High School Wrestling team request to travel to Crescent City, California for a Wrestling Tournament on December 4, 2019. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3.2 Business/Fiscal Services

3.3 Board/Administration

A Third Reading - Policy GCDA/GDDA

The Board and Mr. Lee discussed the optional language and its impact on volunteers due to costs and wait times.

A motion by Director Dabrowski seconded by Director Hileman to adopt revised board policy GCDA/GDDA as amended. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Part 4.0. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sund adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved by: _____
Bruce Sund - Board Chair Patrick Lee - Superintendent

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary Board Approval Date

Part 5.0. FOOTNOTE