



Board of Directors Meeting February 16, 2010

Board Members: Board Chair Scott Pillar, Vice-Chair Terry Rahmsdorff, Directors Jerry Crafton, Ron Gallinat, Cathy Miller, Robert Moore, Carol Moorehead and Scott Reynolds

HDES Staff: Dr. Dennis Dempsey, Superintendent, Kathy Emerson, Deputy Superintendent, Jim Golden, Director of Support Services, Jayel Hayden, Director of Human Resources, Catherine Kelly, Autism Specialist, Bob Martin, Facilities Manager, Greg Munn, Director of Fiscal Services and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

Call to Order: Board Chair Scott Pillar called the meeting to order with a quorum of seven at 5:32 pm.
Terry Rahmsdorff arrived at 5:45 pm.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

PBS in the HDES Presentation – Catherine Kelly, Regional PBS Coordinator

Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) is a systems approach for establishing the social culture and behavioral supports needed for a school to be an effective learning environment for all students. Catherine explained the continuum of school-wide PBS: 80% of students require primary prevention, 15% with at-risk behavior require secondary prevention and 5% with high-risk behavior require tertiary prevention. She reviewed the many components of PBS and the systems in place to access data quickly and make data based decisions. Catherine showed the growth in PBS since 2006 and shared the success each district is achieving. The first PBS conference in Central Oregon will be at the Expo Center on April 7, 2010. This location will make it more conducive for districts to send their staff.

Long Range Facilities Plan – Bob Martin, Facilities Manager

Bob Martin distributed a detailed copy of the Long Range Facilities Plan which focused on the Facilities Goal: Provide appropriate locations and work environments for HDES staff and programs. He addressed the current situation, status of facilities, challenges and potential solutions considered during the planning process. Bob reviewed potential events the ESD could be facing at Manzanita, Prineville Education Center, Tamarack Building and Redmond Education Center as well as options for managing each event.

Skyliner Proposal

Skyliner Lodge is available for lease from the US Forest Service. HDES decided not to apply to the original RFP and now the USFS has asked if we would be interested in submitting a proposal for a day use conservation education center. There is also a meeting place that could accommodate 60-75. The lease is \$7,600 and they have offered \$7,300 for lease offset. Dr. Dempsey said if the USFS accepts our proposal then the Board would consider it during the budget process. Several federal grants could be available to help with restoration and improvements. Scott Reynolds noted the USFS is willing to assist with writing the grants because they are very interested in providing an educational experience for students in the area. The board members were unanimous in their support of pursuing the proposal to get firm details on costs and possible partnerships.

Renewal, Non-renewals & Extensions of Contracts – Jayel Hayden

Scott Pillar asked if there was anyone up for a contract that is not being recommended for contract status. Jayel said that there were no non-renewals or recommendations for non-contracts this year. He gave an update on the number of employees who have left during the past 12 months.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Ron Gallinat seconded a motion to approve the renewal, non-renewals and extensions of contracts as presented. Motion carried 8-0**

Fiscal Report

Greg Munn presented the Finance Report as of January 2010

- ❑ Finance Report Included:
 - ✓ Review of the General Fund, Operations, Fund Balance/Reserves, Revenue and Expenditures
 - Revenue and expenditures compared to budget.

Grant Report – Kathy Emerson

There are three new grants to report:

- ❑ Data Project Implementation - \$49,743
- ❑ Data Project Sustainability - \$135,000
- ❑ Enhancing Education Through Technology - \$5,735

Update on Board Goals – Kathy Emerson

Kathy distributed the High Desert ESD Fiscal Goals and Results Summary Report to Board. This is a mid-year update on all programs and contains a great deal of data. She noted that the managers and directors are doing a phenomenal job writing and tracking measurable goals. Scott Reynolds commented on the new format which is easy to read and understand. Cathy Miller asked how this information is distributed to our component districts and if we would be able to present it to districts during an in-service. Kathy currently shares this information with the special education and curriculum directors. If it were to be distributed at an in-service, we would need to know by July and have at least an hour scheduled for the presentation. We will leave it up to the districts to decide if they are interested in a presentation.

First Reading board Policy BB – District Name, Composition and Classification

Brothers District #15 will be deleted from the second paragraph prior to the draft being presented for a second reading.

- **Scott Reynolds moved and Cathy Miller seconded a motion to approve first reading of Board Policy BB to be corrected and brought back for approval in March. Motion carried 8-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Declare Vacancies on Budget Committee

District superintendents have been asked to reappoint their board members. Ron Gallinat reported that Bend has reappointed their members. We have not heard from Crook County or Redmond. These appointees will need to be voted on at the March 16th board meeting.

- **Terry Rahmsdorff moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to declare the vacancies on the budget committee. Motion carried 8-0.**

Adopt Budget Calendar

- **Jerry Crafton moved and Scott Reynolds seconded a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried 8-0**

Resolution – 01:010 - Exception Board Contract Policy – Sole Source Vendor

According to board policy DJAR, the Board is required to act as the Contracting Board. In this case, Chalkboard Project has offered to provide us with \$15,000 toward a regional efficiency study and want to use ECONorthwest for the study. Dr. Dempsey asked the Board to act as the Contract Review Board and consider this resolution.

- **Terry Rahmsdorff moved and Ron Gallinat seconded a motion to approve the resolution. Cathy Miller proposed a friendly amendment to include number 01:10 and her amendment was accepted. Motion carried 8-0.**

Consent Agenda

Shelley corrected the 1/19/2010 motion regarding the Local Service Plan to readLocal Service Plan for 2010-2011.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Jerry Crafton seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and corrected. Motion carried 8-0.**

Superintendent Report

- ✓ Dr. Dempsey discussed Senate Bill 987 – If it is passed without an amendment we will have to advertise openings for all new members by March 9th in time for a May election. There is a friendly amendment being proposed which would allow us to stagger reelections.
- ✓ Online Virtual Education Center – There is support from the State Superintendent and around Oregon for one sustainable virtual education center run by a consortium of ESDs. Scott Pillar asked if other states run their virtual education this way. Dr. Dempsey noted that Florida has one statewide virtual school. Cathy Miller said she would like to see cost effective options for districts with accountability and quality curriculum. The legislative task force has agreed that virtual schools should be under their own set of rules instead of charter school rules.
- ✓ Commended Greg Munn for his work on a self-assessment after the release of the WESD audit. All ESDs are now being asked to do this and we are way ahead on our assessment. It will be shared with the Board as soon as it is available.
- ✓ After meeting with superintendents, board chairs and vice-chairs in Deschutes County there was an agreement that regionalization makes sense in many cases. ECONorthwest will look at information technology, purchasing and human resources in the efficiency study. Selecting a pilot project after the study seems like a logical place to start.
- ✓ Kathy Emerson distributed an RMC Research Evaluation Brief – High Desert American History Project: The findings were that over a 3-year period the High Desert American History Project demonstrated a measurable impact on teachers and students. The primary accomplishment of the project was improving the teachers' pedagogy.

Adjourn

The February 16, 2010, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Scott Pillar, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant