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Board of Directors Board Minutes May 16, 2017

- Board Members** Carol Moorehead, Board Chair, Bob Moore, Vice-Chair, Directors Kathy Biles, John Lang, Mike McGowan and Scott Reynolds
- HDESD Staff** John Rexford, Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Deputy Superintendent, Kendra Coates, Director of PreK-3 Education, Greg Munn, Director of Fiscal Services, Rachel Wente-Chaney, Chief Information Officer and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant
- Guests** Dave Burke, Director of Secondary Education, Redmond School District
- Call to Order** Carol Moorehead called the May 16, 2017 meeting to order at 5:30 pm
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REPORTS

PREK-3 Initiative

Kendra Coates, Director of the PreK-3 Initiative, shared the PreK-3 Research and Investment. PreK-3 is recommended as a strategy to prevent high school dropouts. The PreK-3 approach covers children birth to third grade, and is aimed at improving child outcomes and preventing or closing opportunity/achievement gaps. It has shown to reduce the need for remedial and special education, and increased high school graduation rates with a 13% return on investment.

The four goals of the PreK-3 Initiative are: Building a Growth Mindset Early Learning Culture, Implementing a PreK-3rd Approach in target elementary catchment areas, implementing a Whole Child Approach, and increasing school readiness across the PreK-3rd continuum. Kendra invited the board members to look at schoolready.com for additional information on the initiative.

Kendra noted that over 1,500 educators have participated in professional learning opportunities focused on social emotional learning and growth mindset. Over 2,000 families have participated in the early learning fairs. Over 300 children have participated in PreK story time.

Future goals include: Professional learning to support the implementation of new kindergarten guidelines in approaches to learning; Social and emotional development; supporting kindergarten redesign; School Readiness workshop to be located at one of our community based organizations; and A birth to five year program and PreK/K.

Superintendent Rexford noted he really appreciates Kendra's work. It will continue to benefit children for many years.

Oregon Rising Presentation

Oregon Rising is a project supported by Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), Oregon Education Association (OEA) and Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). They have collected responses from over 10,000 Oregonians from across the state. Superintendent Rexford shared a video which focused on the responses regarding education in Oregon. Those who responded to the survey said emphasis should be placed on funding, class sizes, broad education opportunities and more time. Every district has been asked to share these survey results in a public meeting. There is additional information at oregonrising.org.

Fiscal/Facilities Report

- ✓ Total revenue is projected to be \$30,000 more than budgeted due to the State School Fund increase and an increase in interest earnings and property taxes.
- ✓ Greg will be presenting a reallocation of appropriations resolution for approval at the June meeting.
- ✓ Greg shared the responses from the budget committee survey. He received several positive comments.
- ✓ Carol complimented Greg on getting the budget out to the committee ahead of time, the informative program presentations and keeping it to one meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- **Bob Moore moved and Kathy Biles seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**
 - Personnel Changes – May 2017
 - Board Minutes – April 18, 2017

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Report

- ✓ Superintendent Rexford announced the May revenue forecast was released this morning. There is more money available to the state making the actual budget deficit 1.4M. It is likely the kicker will be triggered directing corporate kickers to public education. The kicker on personal income tax will be returned to taxpayers. There was discussion about what will happen if the kicker is not triggered. There have been a couple of efforts to reverse the kicker.
- ✓ SB182 and SB183 are intended to increase graduation equity. Dave referenced Gallop data on student engagement in schools. Students are highly engaged in elementary school, less engaged in middle school and it drops even more by 9th grade. We can predict what a student needs in the 5th grade. We need data systems that are broader to communicate with each other.
- ✓ There are two PERS reform bills that seem to have traction. SB559 Five year final average salary, SB560 includes \$100,000 cap on final salary and redirection of the employee's portion of PERS rate. OPSRP currently has a \$200,000 cap. This may be decided by mid-July. If it gets challenged, it may go to the ballot in November. We are budgeting on flat funding.
- ✓ Superintendent Rexford gave an update on bargaining status.
- ✓ Anna Higgins is looking into the possibility of creating an ESD Foundation. Having a Foundation, would help us open up the innovation process.
- ✓ Deputy Superintendent Paul Andrews mentioned Brian Malone's Adaptive Technology presentation in March. Brian shared a story of one student, Anabelle Wilson. He is sorry to report Anabelle passed away on May 10.
- ✓ Deputy Superintendent Paul Andrews reported there are several ongoing meetings to prepare for the Early Learning Hub transition beginning July 1.

- ✓ The Oregon Association of ESDs (OAESD) Conference is being held this week at Eagle Crest.
- ✓ Next Tuesday, May 23, we are sponsoring the first TED X Bend Youth. Tickets are available online.
- ✓ Deputy Superintendent Andrews distributed his proposed transition plan. He asked the board members to look it over and provide him with feedback. Bob asked how he plans to communicate with the staff during the transition. He mentioned he will share information about the transition during the all staff inservice in August. Superintendent Rexford mentioned they are implementing a transition communication plan.

Board Chair Report

- ✓ Bob Moore, Terry Rahmsdorff and Seana Barry met to review materials from South Coast ESD and finalized a plan. Shelley will work on this for distribution at the June board meeting. The recommendation is to have all board members go through the self-evaluation in September. Bob believes this will be a great opportunity for Paul in his new role to work with board members and to focus on the upcoming year. The evaluation is intended to be a good self-guidance tool.

Adjourn

The May 16, 2017, High Desert ESD Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Carol Moorehead, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant