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Board of Directors Board Minutes October 15, 2019

- Board Members** Scott Reynolds, Board Chair, Seana Barry, Vice-Chair, Directors: Kathy Biles, Gwen Carr, Peggy Kinkade, Matt McGowan and Bob Moore
- HDESD Staff** Paul Andrews, Superintendent, Rochelle Friend, Chief Financial Officer, Anna Higgins, Executive Director of Innovation, Amy Joynt, Executive Director of Special Programs, Kimberly Strong, Regional Capacity Builder for Attendance, Rachel Wentte-Chaney, Chief Information Officer and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant
- Guests** Jay Mathisen, Deputy Superintendent for BLP Schools, Gary Peterson, Executive Director of OAESD and Malina Peterson
- Call to Order** Scott Reynolds called the October 15, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 pm
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Changes to the Agenda

Resolution 63:19 Annual Procedural Business designates the Chief Financial Officer for 2019-2020 to Rochelle Friend. It is an action item on the agenda.

Public Comment

Jay Mathisen, BLP Deputy Superintendent, addressed the Board to say he truly appreciates the work Kimberly Strong has done around Chronic Absenteeism. She has worked with school and district leaders with competence and professionalism. Kimberly brings research, coaching and best practices to the districts. She understands that schools and districts are different and adjusts her communication strategies to match their culture.

REPORTS

Chronic Absenteeism

Kimberly Stong noted that Chronic Absenteeism is a recent data development over the last 7-8 years. Chronic Absenteeism (CA) includes unexcused, excused and disciplinary absences. Students that miss an average of 2 class days per month or over 17 days in a single school year are considered to be chronically absent. Students who are CA are less likely to be reading proficiently by the end of third grade. By the 9th grade, attendance is a more accurate indicator for graduation rates than 8th grade test scores. High needs students have made great strides in attendance.

Kimberly does not want CA to be a buzzword but something that continues to matter in the future. She has been providing professional development training in all of the districts she serves and has awarded 21 mini-grants to individual schools and some to entire districts. This program is helpful when schools admit they need it but she does not forcefully enter a district without an invitation. Kimberly believes there has been some progress over the past year and the statewide data will be available on October 17th. The progress may seem slow but reversing the trend is the greatest focus. Scott asked Kimberly to forward the data out when it becomes available.

Executive Director of OAESD

Gary Peterson, Executive Director of Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD), shared the history of Education Service Districts in the nation and primarily in Oregon. He covered the services provided, the funding structure and board of director organization.

The Student Success Act (SSA) approved by legislature will provide ESDs with \$24M. Expenditures can begin October 1, 2019, but reimbursement from ODE will not come until the spring of 2020. The SSA team will develop a regional plan based on district needs and targets. The plan will be adopted through the local service plan process. The ESD will then report to ODE exactly how the funds were spent.

Superintendent Andrews recognized the positive changes that have taken place under Gary's leadership.

Fiscal Report

Rochelle reviewed the October 2019 Fiscal Report with the Board including the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. We have received the first draft of the SSA agreement approving \$1.74M over the biennium. We are allowed to spend 44% this year. Rochelle reviewed the year to date expenditures and graphs explaining our revenues by source as well as our current cash balance.

Facilities Report

Superintendent Andrews highlighted a few of our facilities.

- ✓ New security system is being tested for functionality.
- ✓ Working with the Federal Government(USFS) to renew our lease at Skyliners Lodge.
- ✓ Better Together and the Early Learning Hub has moved to downtown Redmond behind Housing Works.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Goals and Metrics

Superintendent Andrews noted that last year the board members came up with ESD goals and suggested potential metrics for each goal. The Executive Team has been working on the metrics. Paul highlighted the four goals and proposed metrics. Superintendent Andrews asked the board members if these metrics were what they had in mind. Peggy asked for clarification of Student Safety. Matt questioned the workforce demographic metric. Scott mentioned that next month we will be looking at the ESD program outcomes. Superintendent Andrews would like the Board to consider using ESD goals and metrics as part of his evaluation.

Student Success Act (SSA)

Sandy Bishop, Assistant Superintendent, explained the SSA is a huge investment in education by the state of Oregon. The three funds for student success include:

- Student Investment Account – Provides 50% for our districts to focus on students' mental and behavioral health needs, increase academic achievement and reduce academic disparity. The money can be used in four categories of class size, well-rounded education, instructional time and health and safety.
- Statewide Education Initiatives Account – Provides 30% for initiatives that should be focused at a regional or state level. ESDs will receive their resources from this account.
- Early Learning Account receives at least 20% in July. Superintendent Andrews thanked Bob for all of his work to bring EI/ECSE funding to the forefront.

Sandy Bishop, Assistant Superintendent, shared the timeline for the SSA September through June. At the Confederation of School Administrators (COSA) Off the Record meeting with ODE, Superintendent Andrews was told HDESD would receive \$1.17M that can be spent beginning October 1st, but will not be reimbursed until the spring. Our districts want us to take a lead on this. Sandy Bishop, Assistant Superintendent, is our liaison between ODE on the SSA. Scott said it is imperative that the funds are being spent wisely.

Superintendent Report

- ✓ Educator Advancement Council (EAC) – We were awarded the sponsoring organization grant for our Regional Educator Network (REN). Catherine Halliwell-Templin is taking the lead on this.
- ✓ Organized a site visit with Representative Zika at the Redmond Early Learning Center.
- ✓ Will meet with Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson next week.
- ✓ Toured a few of our locations and programs with our newest board members, Peggy and Matt.
- ✓ Regional Superintendents have established regional goals: Culture of higher education, Early Childhood, Safety-STAS, Grow our own Workforce.
- ✓ PERS Incentive Fund will be a topic of discussion at the Finance Committee meeting on November 7.
- ✓ The OSBA Fall Regional meeting is 10/15. The OSBA/OAESD convention is November 14-17.

Board Chair Report

- ✓ OAESD Summit on 11/14 will be focused on the Student Success Act. There will also be hot topic conversations
- ✓ Finance Committee will get together on November 7th.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 63-19 Update

- **Bob Moore moved and Gwen Carr seconded a motion to approve the Updated Resolution 63:19 as presented. Peggy Kinkade noted Meghan Gassner's name should be removed from Legal Counsel, as she will not be working at the ESD after 11/1/19. She proposed a friendly amendment to the original motion. Those who made the original motion and second agreed to the friendly amendment. Matt McGowan abstained from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest. Motion carried 6-0**

Consent Agenda

- **Gwen Carr moved and Matt McGowan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**
 - Personnel Changes – October 2019
 - Board Minutes – September 17, 2019

The October 15, 2019, High Desert ESD Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Scott Reynolds, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant