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## Board of Directors Board Minutes August 18, 2020

<b>Board Members</b>	Vice Chair Peggy Kinkade, Directors Gwen Carr, John Lang, Matt McGowan, Bob Moore and Carol Moorehead
<b>HDES Staff</b>	Paul Andrews, Superintendent; Rochelle Friend, Chief Financial Officer; Anna Higgins, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer; Amy Joynt, Special Programs Executive Director; Shay Mikalson, Chief Student Success Officer; Diane Tipton, EI/ECSE Executive Director; Rachel Wenten-Chaney, Chief Information Officer and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant
<b>Call to Order</b>	Board Vice Chair Peggy Kinkade called the August 18, 2020 meeting to order at 5:34 pm
<b>Guests</b>	City of Redmond Staff: Meghan Gassner, Jason Neff, Mike Caccavano and Jeff Puller

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### PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS

#### South Redmond Urban Renewal Area Proposal

Superintendent Andrews introduced Meghan Gassner with the City of Redmond. Meghan and her colleagues reviewed the proposed South Redmond US 97 Urban Renewal District. They covered the project status and the feasibility study. The District purpose is to address safety, transportation improvements and industrial land development. Expectations/future conversations to be complete before November 1.

The new urban renewal district's proposed boundary encompasses 1,330 acres in southern Redmond which will be designated as large lot industrial. These industrial businesses will result in job growth. Increased job opportunities will increase enrollment numbers and future tax revenues. South Hwy 97 Corridor traffic count has increased significantly, averaging 43 crashes per year. Adding a fire station on the south end of town will allow for faster response times to residents on the south end of town. Meghan reviewed the financial impact this will have on the district levy rates. The timeline is critical to fit within Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) schedule.

The next step is to request a Letter of Support for the implementation of this renewal district from the HDES board of directors. Bob Moore asked if other districts have concerns about the impact on their budgets and cautioned the importance of being sensitive to our component districts. Superintendent Andrews said he would talk to the Redmond School District to get their perspective. He proposed presenting a letter of support as an action item on the September board agenda. Any questions can be directed to Meghan and the team.

#### Fiscal Report

Reports from the Special Session indicate the ESD portion of the Student Success Act will be cut by 17% this year, which is better than the 25% - 37% we have worried about. Regional Promise Grant has been eliminated for 2021. Additionally, CTE/STEM and Chronic Absenteeism all received cuts in the last session.

The PERS IAP redirect and the annual salary cap sparked litigation regarding a change to the pension benefit. The court has determined that both provisions are lawful under the rules of the system and will remain in place as adopted. No changes were made to the original bill.

There is a Presidential Executive Order in place to suspend social security tax payments on earnings. It is important to note that this tax is not forgiven but deferred and will become due in January 2021 unless permanent cuts are put into place. Rochelle said she had heard that this suspension is optional – she will look into it more and if it is optional, we will choose not to suspend payments.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Superintendent Report

- ✓ We are going to err on the side of working virtually as much as possible. Because we are a regional entity we have employees who travel to many districts. We asking them to do what they can virtually.
- ✓ Fiscal Impact
  - ECSE is fully funded
  - Regional Programs – No budget reductions
  - Student Success Act funds slated for ESDs took a \$4M cut to the \$24M original budget
  - Chronic Absenteeism and Regional Promise Grant have been eliminated.
  - Healthy Families of the High Desert and Early Learning Hub experienced some cuts
- ✓ PACE has informed us there is no insurance for communicable diseases starting July 1. We have waivers and contract amendments in place to address this.
- ✓ Waiting for guidance on EI/ECSE concerning whether it will open under comprehensive distance learning (CDL). The guidance is expected on 8/24.
- ✓ Most districts are focused on CDL but there is limited in person instruction.
  - Cohort Details under limited in person instruction:
    - Staff can't be in more than 3 cohorts a day nor 5 per week.
- ✓ Shay confirmed that Deschutes/Jefferson are far away from meeting the metrics.
- ✓ With CDL, the region expects to have a school age childcare crisis. HDESD and Better Together have contracted with Becca Tatum to help address the crisis.
- ✓ Would like to include the facilities report in the packet for their review on their own.
- ✓ Stephanie Beamer has been hired as the Better Together Executive Director and will start on August 31.
- ✓ Looking at ways to keep communication avenues open with staff.
- ✓ Weeks of Welcome – August 17-September 3, culminating with 1.5 hour zoom meeting on 9/3
- ✓ Exec Team retreat tomorrow – working on immediate needs and strategically planning topics that have been put on hold
- ✓ Peggy complimented the Superintendent Andrews and the ESD staff for their work great work.

### Board Chair Report

- ✓ At Large position has been reopened until 8/28.
- ✓ Suggesting an ad-hoc committee to be more strategic about board recruitment, especially with five seats re-opening in June of 2021. We will discuss how to move forward with the ad-hoc committee at our next meeting.

### Adjourn

The August 18, 2020, High Desert ESD Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Peggy Kinkade, Vice Chair

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Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant