

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Hiatt
Will Cahill
Dale Chiono
Judy Springer
Sam Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager
Taylor Hileman, Administrative Assistant
Sammy Sharpe, Autism Consultant

PUBLIC PRESENT: Karen Patton, Frontier ESD Legislative Advocate

OPENING

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair Will Cahill in Lakeview, Oregon.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

An amended agenda was presented at the time of the meeting to include Report Item 3.5 Program Report from Sammy Sharpe. A unanimous vote to accept the amended agenda.

There being no changes or correction to the August 21, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, Sam Hall made a motion to approve the minutes. Judy Springer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD REPORT

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Sarensen explained that she was not able to provide the large financial breakdown due to the September payroll not being completed yet. Sara is hopeful to have a more accurate report at the next board meeting.

IG REPORT (MARK LOUIE)

Lane Stratton reported in place of Mark who was unable to attend the meeting. Mark is with ODE representatives who are in town this week visiting the districts regarding the Student Investment Account. Sheli Dumas, who has been a huge help to the ESD, is retiring from ODE. Lane, Mark and the other superintendents will be taking her to the Cowboy Dinner Tree. Mark visited Southern Oregon University to recruit student teachers. Mark also visited High Desert ESD for a Perkins meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- The 2024-25 MOUs have all been presented to the component school districts. Paisley will have to be redone at their October Board meeting.

- Lane is looking into the amendment process for the Local Service Plan. The ESD is providing services that are not listed in the LSP.
- Brittanie Sheridan, Speech language Pathologist, helped complete hearing and speech screens while out on maternity leave. Mike Benson, EI/ECSE Director, also assisted with this.
- Lane is working on rolling out a new feature that is included in Care Solace. This feature helps connect users to social services like food stamps and heating assistance for their house.
- Both Lane and Mark have initiated monthly meetings with Gail at North Lake and Paul at Paisley.
- The ESD staff participated in the first day of school at the component districts by welcoming students or assisting staff.
- Lane gave kudos to Taylor and Sara who created and implemented a new time card system for the staff.
- THE ESD hired the speech language pathologist para position as well as the ESD custodian.
- Adel is working on a STEM grant. The ESD has helped assist Adel this week with the head teacher being out for a family death.
- Paisley School District is receiving more than the typical amount of support for the abbreviated school day.
- EI/ECSE is supporting District 7's Honker Preschool.
- Lane is working with Michael Carter for the possible loss of funds with District 7 revoking Autism Consultation services from the Elementary schools.
- Lane gave a quick economic forecast, which is predicting an additional \$675 million in increased revenue.
- Lane has discovered the reasoning behind ODE staff continuing to work from home. ODE has a collective bargaining union and it's written in the union agreement for them to work from home. Lane has noticed that there is an increase in small in-person group meetings.
- There is a communication disconnect between ODE and the Federal government regarding state testing. The federal government requires state testing but the State offers an opt out option.
- Lane received good news regarding the High School Success grant. After budgets were adopted, ODE announced that they were cutting funds from the grant leaving some schools very short. ODE recently announced that an additional \$30 million will be dispersed in the grant before the end of the biennium.
- Lane informed the board that he is one credit short from having his administrators license. He will be finished in November.
- Lane also informed the board that there is a student residency issue between Plush and Adel and Lane has contacted legal reference over the matter.

PROGRAM REPORT (SAMMY SHARPE)

Sammy Sharpe, Autism Consultant and Special Education Teacher joined the meeting to give a program update to the board. Sammy gave a report on her position thus far in the year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FRONTIER ESD LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE

Karen Patton, the Frontier ESDs Legislative Advocate, joined the ESD board meeting. In the agreement between the Frontier ESDs and Karen, it was agreed to have Karen attend one in person board meeting at all the component ESDs. Karen opened up her conversation for questions or areas of concern for her to start working on. Cellular service became a big topic of discussion. Lake County is very rural and has limited cellular service which can be problematic to students trying to access internet for school.

OSBA LEGISLATIVE ROADSHOW

A reminder to the board that the OSBA Legislative Roadshow is October 16th at the Paisley Community Center. Dinner will be provided.

MOU UPDATE

Lane covered this in his board report.

DISTRICT MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

The ESD has not increased the mileage rate for programs since 2006. The current mileage rate is 30 cents per mile. Lane is proposing that the ESD increases the rate 15 cents this year and an additional 15 cents next year. The mileage reimbursement is to pay for car maintenance and purchasing a vehicle. The current rate does not allow for funds to accumulate to cover the purchase of an additional vehicle.

BOARD POLICIES - 2ND READING

EBBA – First Aid / Student Health Services

This policy will not be adopted.

EBBA (AR) – First Aid – Infections Control

This policy will not be adopted.

EBBAA (P) – Infection Control and Bloodborne

There were no further questions or comments.

EBBB (P) – Injury or Illness Reports

There were no further questions or comments.

EBC (P) – Emergency Procedures Plan and First Aid

There were no further questions or comments.

EBCA (P) – Safety Threats

There were no further questions or comments.

EBCB (P) – Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction

Lane recommended the board not adopt this policy.

GBEB (P) – Communicable Diseases in Schools

There were no further question or comments.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING

Director Hall made a motion to adopt board policies 2nd reading excluding policies EBCA, EBBA (AR) and EBBB. Jim Hiatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Director Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Springer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Will Cahill, Board Chair