

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Cahill
Judy Springer
Clayton Sharp
Dale Chino
Samantha Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Taylor Hileman, Administrative Assistant
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair Will Cahill at the Lake County ESD in Lakeview, OR.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no additions to the November 15, 2023 agenda, Director Sharp moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Springer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Hall asked for a correction to be made on a spelling error. Director Sharp moved to approve the minutes with the suggested correction. Director Springer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORT

- Director Cahill reported on the OSBA convention that he attended this previous week in Portland. The big news from OSBA is that Executive Director Jim Green has resigned and is currently on paid administrative leave until a severance package can be agreed upon.
- Director Cahill will also be attending a meeting in Salem in December on this matter.

FINANCIAL REPORT (SARA SARENSEN, BUSINESS MANAGER)

- Mrs. Sarensen provided the board the new financial summary. It currently is showing that the ESD is not expected to meet the 90% by \$42,000. Part of the \$42,000 was unexpected from what was previously budgeted for.

SPA (REPORT SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR) REPORT (MARK LOUIE)

- Mark Louie was not present at the meeting to give his report but it was included in the board packet. Lane touched on a few points:
- Mark has supported all the districts when requested
- The ESDs have received no funding for early literacy but Mark is still offering help to the districts since this grant will eventually be tied into the IG grant reporting.
- Mark is continuing to work with the Eastern Oregon REN on the Grow Your Own Grant.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- ESD Staff received CPR/AED Training from Jackie Robinson
- Working on a solution for a backup internet during fiber outages.
 - Three options are on the table after talking to Evan Reece and Josh Zorbroski
 - Local wireless provider that's \$65/monthly with \$125/installation fee
 - Cellular option (hotspot) \$80/monthly with \$500/device

- Satellite option \$250/monthly and \$600-\$2500/installation fee.
- After talking to Evan and Josh it sounds like the affordable and best option would be the local wireless option from TNET. Lane will provide another update to the board at the next board meeting.
- RTAP – Lane is providing monthly trainings from ODE to the Districts.
- SMART Training – Supports schools during time of crisis. Had a turnout from all surrounding districts.
- SPED and Homeschool Update – The resident school district is responsible for holding annual IEP meetings and child finds for home school students but not for providing the actual services. Lane held a meeting with Mr. Carter and Mr. Hartley to have everyone on the same page.
- Sexual Response Training – Ryan Tague, Callie Dornbusch, and Brandi Harris from Lakeview will be attending in Baker City. This is for response on any sexual crime committed on or towards the students in the schools.
- School Safety Prevention Specialist – Kevin Pernel from Malheur ESD is trying to schedule a visit down to our area.
- Staff Update – The ESD will be fully staffed after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Threat Assessment – Ryan Tague provided a threat assessment for District 7.
- Para/Speech – A para has been assigned to help with transporting students from classroom to the virtual set up for speech and then back to the classroom. Lane wants to wait a few more weeks to work out any further issues before working up a 10 hour a week contract.
- COSA Conference – Lane attended the COSA conference at the Running Y in Klamath Falls with the Klamath Falls and Jackson County superintendents and principals.
- Legislative Updates:
 - EI/ECSE – Is looking for an additional \$22 million.
 - Summer Learning Program – There is liability issues with LBL-ESD. ESDs have made it clear to ODE that they do not want to be the grant holder for this.
- Oregon Revenue Forecast from Morgan Allen

INFORMATION ITEMS

OSBA ELECTIONS

Director Cahill recommended the adoption of both resolutions and to vote for both Steve Lowell and Doug Furr.

Director Hall made a motion to elect Steve Lowell to OSBA 2023 Board Position 4. Director Chiono seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Director Hall made a motion to elect Doug Furr to OSBA 2023 LPC Position 4. Director Springer seconded the motion and it carried.

Director Sharp made a motion to adopt OSBA Resolution 1 – Creates the Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus and designate a seat on the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee. Director Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Director Chiono made a motion to adopt OSBA Resolution 2 – Adopts the proposed amendments to the OSBA by laws. Director Sharp seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STAFF COLA

Superintendent Stratton is continuing to work through the additional \$30,000 funding that was not budgeted for. It has been previously discussed and proposed to offer the staff and additional 1% COLA. Director Cahill has asked for a written proposal. Superintendent Stratton is now proposing and asking the board for a possible bonus versus the 1%. The board verbally approved the idea of the bonus and asked Lane to seek answers and provide more information at the next board meeting.

BOARD POLICIES – 1ST READING BD/BDA (P) – BOARD MEETING

This is an optional policy that the ESD has previously adopted. Lane suggested adopting the new version from OSBA. The 2nd reading will have the chosen bracketed wording.

BDC (P) – EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

This is an optional policy. There were very minimal changes and a few brackets of language to choose from. The second reading will reflect those changes.

EFA (P) – LOCAL WELLNESS

This policy is not required because the Lake County ESD does not operate a school. This will be listed for a second reading policy next month, but will not be printed out.

GCBDA/GDBDA (P) – FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

This is a highly recommended policy. OSBA is asking that the current policy be deleted and the new policy adopted.

GCBDA/GDBDA (AR) – FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Highly Recommended AR. OSBA recommends to delete the current adopted AR and adopt the new release. Sara and Lane will be researching the leave period so that it can match Oregon Paid Leave. The 2nd reading will reflect those changes.

GCBDF/GDBDF (P) – PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE

This is a highly recommended policy. There were very minimal OSBA suggestions. There were no further concerns.

GCBDF/GDBDF (AR) – PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE

This is a highly recommended AR with minimal OSBA language updates. There were no further concerns.

GCPC/GDPC (P) – RETIREMENT OF STAFF

This is an optional policy not previously adopted by the ESD. Both Lane and Will recommended the adoption of this policy. The 2nd reading will have the suggested bracketed language.

It was discussed to look into OSBA online board policy binder. Lane will provide more information to the board at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Director Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Springer seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Will Cahill, Chair