

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Cahill
Jim Hiatt
Clayton Sharp
Dale Chiono
Samantha Hall
Stefani Roseberry
Judy Springer

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Taylor Hileman, Administrative Assistant
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager
Mike Benson, EI/ECSE Director

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board Chair Will Cahill at the Lake County ESD in Lakeview, OR.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

With no amendments to the agenda, Director Hiatt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried.

Director Roseberry made a motion to approve the November 20, 2024 regular board meeting minutes with the correction to Director Chiono's name. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried.

PROGRAM REPORT

Mike Benson, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Director joined the board meeting to give a program report. Mike explained that Early Intervention serves birth to two years old and Early Childhood Special Education serves three to five years old. The EI/ECSE program follows the same guidelines and laws as regular K-21 special education. Mike performs home visits for the EI portion and uses the preschool setting for ECSE. Mike's caseload for the north part of the county is increasing significantly and will require an overnight stay to be able to complete his home visits each week starting in January.

BOARD REPORT

- Director Cahill reported that OAESD has given the legislative forecast and that he will have board secretary, Taylor Hileman forward the information via email. Director Cahill also reported on his AESA national convention that he attended in Florida on behalf of OAESD. Lastly, Director Cahill reported that he has visited four out of the five school districts this fall as Lake ESD Board Chair and has also promoted the rural caucus on his visits.
- Director Hiatt reported that Adel's Stem lab has been completed and the Adel Christmas Program is Wednesday evening.

FINANCIAL REPORT (SARA SARENSEN, BUSINESS MANAGER)

- Ms. Sarensen explained to the board that the ESD is projected to have an additional \$50,000 to spend on the 90% side. Ms. Sarensen also reported that the ESD has purchased a vehicle from Wilsonville Subaru.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR (MARK LOUIE)

- The special programs report was included in the packet but no verbal report was given.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- The ESD supported Lake County Mental Health with the distribution of \$15,000 in school supplies to all of Lake County School Districts.
- Lane hosted a superintendent only meeting.
- The Dec 1 special education child count was submitted by Taylor Hileman.
- A new association named Oregon Educational Collaborative has been formed. This is a collaborative of ESDs and school districts. If the ESD joins, the membership is \$3000.
- The ESD had the annual holiday dinner. P's Que cooked the food and it was held at the Alger Theater Annex.
- Frontier ESD legislative Advocate, Karon Patton, has created a document of priorities.
- The ESD was able to continue with a Christmas Bonus.
- Lane gave quick updates on the individual school districts.
- Lane touched briefly on the governor's projected educational budget.
- Lane is now a provisional board member of Oregon Educational Collaborative and Board Chair for Outback Strong, a new mental health service provider for Lake County.

INFORMATION ITEMS

BOARD POLICY DJ

Superintendent Stratton requested the board to review board policy DJ – District Purchasing. Lane is requesting the board to change the spending amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a single item purchase.

OREGON SMALL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Superintendent Stratton explained that Oregon Small Schools Association has sent out their membership dues. Lane explained to the board a few reasons why he is recommending that the board not renew the ESDs membership. Lane has felt that the association hasn't done anything that Lane feels has been beneficial to the ESD and that small ESDs like ours are not being fairly represented. There have also been negative comments from the director of OSSA in regards to Lake County ESD specifically.

Lane presented to the board a new association that he believes has priorities and goals that fairly represent ESDs and small schools. Lane suggests that the ESD become a member of Oregon Educational Collaborative. Their yearly membership fee is \$3000.

Conversation was had and questions regarding this new association were asked and answered by Lane.

LOCAL SERVICE PLAN 2025-26 UPDATES

Lane currently does not have any updates. The Local Service Plan will be presented at the budget meeting in January.

BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING

All policies reflect discussion and decisions made during the 1st reading. Director Roseberry requested that the clerical information be removed from the policies. There were no discrepancies regarding the actual information of the policies.

GBN/JBA (P) – SEXUAL HARASSMENT

GBNAB/JHFE (P) – SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A CHILD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

GBNAB/JHFE (AR1) – REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A CHILD

GBNAB/JHFE (AR2) – ABUSE OF A CHILD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED ON ESD PREMISES

GCDA/GDDA (P) – CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS AND FINGERPRINTING

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IGBAF (P) – SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

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BOARD POLICIES – 2ND READING CONTINUED

JBN/GBA (P) – SEXUAL HARASSMENT

JEA (P) – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

JEA (AR) – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

JGA (P) – CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(a)) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent at 7:02 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

The board returned to regular session at 7:25 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD POLICIES 2ND READING

Director Hall made a motion to approve the list of board policies 2nd reading with the clerical corrections to be made. Director Springer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY DJ

Director Sharp made a motion to approve the spending of \$10,000 of a singular item without prior board approval. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried.

OREGON SMALL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Director Hiatt made a motion to approve the Oregon Small Schools Association membership. The motioned failed to get a second. When Director Cahill asked who opposes, the board was unanimous.

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Director Hall made a motion to approve the request for extended leave through June 30, 2025 from Speech Language Pathologist, Brittanie Sheridan. Director Sharp seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, Director Roseberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Will Cahill, Chair