

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2023**

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sammy Sharpe Kylie Hickey Brandi Harris
Alina Bradbury Jeanette Grant

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 presented agenda, Director Roseberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Director Springer made a motion to approve the March 8, 2023 regular board meeting minutes. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORT

- Director Hiatt reported that there were concerns with both Adel and Plush school boards regarding the special education teacher reconfiguration. The change in services went above the LSP in favor of District 7 resulting in Plush and Adel having a change to their services. At the same time the change was happening a child was referred for an evaluation for special education. It was felt that the child was refused services due to the change. Mr. Stratton explained that the child was not refused service due to the staffing change but that new evaluations are not generally accepted after April 1st due to the 60-day timeline.

FINANCIAL REPORT (SARA SARENSEN, BUSINESS MANAGER)

- Mrs. Sarensen explained that the ESD was going to be slightly under on the 90% spending, so Mrs. Sarensen has moved some salaries from grant funding into the general fund to meet the 90% requirement. The financial report shows that we the ESD have overspent some categories in the general fund due to the movement of salaries. Sara is expecting the ending fund balance to be around \$295,000 for cash carry over.

SPA (SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR) REPORT (MARK LOUIE)

- Mark Louie was not present at the meeting. His report was included in the packet. Mr. Stratton reported that all IG applications have been submitted. Lane has also delegated some conferences to Mr. Louie for him to attend. Mr. Louie will be attending Oregon Small School Association conference at Salishan this week as well as OAESD's conference in Sunriver in May.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- Oregon school board members will have to file an ethics form. This has been a debate throughout the state of Oregon with legislative bills trying to diminish the filing.
- There were 15 students who completed the home school state testing through the ESD.
- The ESD will be doing a “wing-fling-ding” the first Thursday and Friday of May. This will be a part of teacher appreciation week.
- During the March administrators meeting it was explained that no new referrals would be accepted after April 1st due to the 60-day timeline.
- Mr. Stratton is continuing to work on the truancy process with the county sheriff and SRO.
- Mr. Stratton worked with the local Lions Organization to get the students of Plush, Paisley and Adel’s vision tested. Thank you, Director Judy, for your help with this.
- The Youth Mentor Program is having their annual fundraiser, Hawaiian Extravaganza, this Saturday, April 22 at 5:30.
- Lane is continuing to finish up staff evaluations.
- Lane is working on configuring the SLP services for next year with budgeting for 2.5 FTE of SLPs.
- Mr. Stratton informed the board that Adel School district is considering becoming a charter school. Lane has learned a lot of information regarding charter schools through this process.
- Plush and Adel are working on a formal inter-district process for the open enrollment in the Warner Valley.
- Lane is going to have Amy be the Liaison for the early literacy that the legislation is pushing for.
- Lane and Sara are budgeting around a \$10.1 billion budget for next year. District 7 is budgeting for 10.3.
- Superintendent Stratton is continuing to work on licensure through TSPC.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SCUTA PRESENTATION

Behavior Specialists Kylie Hickey and Jeanette Grant and High School Counselor Brandi Harris were in attendance at the meeting to give a presentation on the SCUTA software program. Brandi explained that District 7 has been using SCUTA since the fall, which has alleviated a ton of work and streamlined processes for the entire counselor team. SCUTA helps bridge the gaps and is data driven. Brandi talked about how the program has helped them better service students and thanked the ESD board for purchasing the program.

CARE SOLACE

Along with the SCUTA presentation. Brandi Harris presented Care Solace, a teletherapy program. Brandi explained the amount of time and effort that Jeanette and Kylie have put towards getting kids connected with a therapist, insurance, follow-up appointments. etc. Care Solace is the middle man that would make all those connecting pieces for the counselor team. Once a referral is in place, Care Solace would deal with the insurance, connect the student with a therapist within 72 hours, and have an appointment scheduled within six days. This program is not only for the students but also for staff, board members and their families.

Director Roseberry questioned the ethics of children receiving therapy without the consent of parents. Kylie explained that they always try to have parents at the forefront of this, but children can do this without parental consent at the age of 14. Director Roseberry also questioned the safety and trust of putting children with an unknown therapist. Kylie explained that the therapists all go through a background check and are trained and licensed therapists. Kylie also expressed that parents have the option of meeting the therapist before the child starts sessions.

Throughout both presentations, Brandi Harris talked very highly of Kylie and Jeanette and the fantastic job that they have done at the high school.

After the presentations, Kylie, Jeanette and Brandi excused themselves from the meeting.

ESD DISTRICT SURVEY RESULTS

Annually the ESD sends out a survey to all the districts to gain feedback on the services we provide. The results were presented at the meeting. Overall, the results were in good standing. There were comments that expressed great gratitude to the staff of the ESD and only a few comments that expressed turmoil between the ESD and District 7.

It was discussed that the survey again could use more work, more specific questions and room for more comments. The survey is an ongoing work in progress.

2023-2026 OAESD NETWORK FOR ESDS

This is the Oregon ESD P-20 Network. The P-20 Network is for all Oregon ESDs whose boards have approved the membership.

Director Hiatt made a motion to move this as an action item. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OAESD SUPERINTENDENT COUNCIL

The OAESD superintendent council for nomination was presented to the board. Lane expressed a desire to not being a part of this. There was no further discussion.

BOARD POLICIES – 1ST READING

- a. **AC (AR)** – Discrimination Complaint Procedure
The current adopted AR and OSBA sample AR were presented for comparison due to the many differences. It was decided during discussion to keep the current AR with only a few changes that will be presented during the 2nd reading.
- b. **EHB (P)** – Cybersecurity
This is an optional policy. Lane has asked the board to table this policy until next meeting so we can give Josh Z time to look over this and explain the verbiage to Lane.
- c. **EHB (AR)** – Cybersecurity
This is an optional AR. Again, Lane asked the board to table the discussion on this until next meeting until he can talk to Josh.
- d. **GCBDF/GDBDF (P)** – Paid Family Leave Insurance – Version 1
This is a new highly recommended policy.
- e. **GCBDF/GDBDF (P)** – Paid Family Leave Insurance – Version 2
Lane suggests not adopting this policy.
- f. **GCBDF/GDBDF (AR)** – Paid Family Leave Insurance
Lane suggests adoption of this AR accordance with version 1 policy.
- g. **ICB (P)** – Religious and Cultural Holidays
Lane suggests non adoption.
- h. **IGBHD (P)** – Program Exemptions
Lane suggests non adoption.
- i. **JFCF (AR)** – Public Records Request
The new language from OSBA was to the point and there was no further discussion.
- j. **JGE (P)** – Expulsion
The board was in agreement with the recommended changes from OSBA.
- k. **KL (AR)** – Public Complaint Procedure
The current AR and OSBA's sample AR were presented for comparison between the two due to the vast differences. It was decided to keep the current AR with a few additions from OSBA's sample. The changes will be presented at the next meeting.

2023-24 LICENSED/NON - LICENSED STAFF COLA AND INSURANCE CAP

Presented to the board during the meeting was a proposal that was accrued from feedback from the staff. The staff are asking for a 3% cola and a \$50 insurance cap increase. This is contingent on a \$10.1 billion budget. Ms. Sarensen also provided comparisons of what the Lake County districts are doing. The board held a discussion and at the end was in agreement upon 3% cola and \$50 insurance cap with a possibility of an additional 1% cola increase if funding is available.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE THE 2023-24 STAFF COLA AND INSURANCE CAP

Director Chiono made a motion to approve the 2023-24 3% Cola and \$50 insurance cap increase.
Director Roseberry seconded the motioned and it carried unanimously.

OAESD P-20 NETWORK

With no further discussion Director Hall made a motion to approve the OAESD P-20 Network agreement. Director Hiatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Director Chiono made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Roseberry seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Will Cahill, Chair