

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 30, 2024**Board Members Present:**

Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair
Sunita Garg, Vice Chair (virtual)
Susan Greenberg
Dr. Melissa Potter
Ugonna Enyinnaya
Justice Rajee (virtual)
Dr. Tammy Carpenter

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Dr. Carl Mead
Michael Schofield
Kerry Delf
Casey Waletich
Susan Rodriguez
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Marissa Ching
Veronica Galvan
Emma Graves
Dr. Perla Rodriguez
Robin Kobrowski
Chrissy Lawrence
Dr. Toshiko Maurizio
Marcela Ullibarry-Cabrera
Angela Vargas
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Deputy Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Facilities Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
Public Communications Officer
General Counsel
Teacher on Special Assignment
Administrator, K-12 Instruction
Teacher on Special Assignment
Executive Administrator, K-8
Executive Administrator, K-8
Teacher on Special Assignment
Administrator, Multilingual Program
Teacher on Special Assignment
Teacher on Special Assignment
Board Secretary & Executive Assistant

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via live stream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Board Chair Dr. Karen Pérez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She acknowledged that all board members were present, with five attending in-person and board members Justice Rajee and Sunita Garg attending virtually. The board reviewed the agenda and board member Tammy Carpenter requested that two contract authorization items regarding turf fields be pulled from the consent agenda.

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II. RECOGNITION

A. Student Performance: Cantores Acapella Choir, Westside High School

B. National Theatre Education Hall of Fame Award

Southridge High School Theatre teacher, Jim Fewer, was recognized for having received the Theatre Education Hall of Fame Award from the National Education Theatre Association (EdTA).

C. Verna Bailey Be the Change Awards

Four middle school students were recognized as winners of the 2024 Verna Bailey Be the Change Award: Awesome Ukwenya, Jane Loyuk and Perside Maglo from Five Oaks Middle School and Jada Kirk from Cedar Park Middle School.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gustavo Balderas mentioned the difficult budget situations faced by other school districts in Oregon, where large staff reductions are being made because of severely impacted budgets. He reiterated his appreciation and the importance of Beaverton School District's financial reserves that have provided for hiring additional staff at the building level to support students and classrooms, and allowed the district to maintain staffing and service levels for next year before making thoughtful reductions that would keep impacts as much as possible away from classrooms and class sizes, like the ~\$10 million in cuts from the central office implemented last year. He shared that the district has a structural budget deficit of about \$17 million for 2024–25 and will need to look at the sustainability of its budget over time. The district is not reducing staffing for budget reasons at this time, but beginning with the following year's budget will need to make reductions. Dr. Balderas also spoke about the funding mechanism for schools in Oregon and Governor Kotek having tasked a review of the state school funding model. He emphasized the importance of continuing to advocate at the state level to make substantial changes to better support schools to provide the services students and families need. He expressed his appreciation for the district's supportive community, including their support for operating levies and construction bonds. He shared he was proud of the district's faculty, staff and students, and expressed appreciation for the students who had performed and been recognized at the beginning of the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA President Lindsay Ray and OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comments from 10 speakers, 8 in-person and 2 virtually. The board also received 10 written public comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Program Report: Early Learning

Dr. Heather Cordie, Dr. Perla Rodriguez, Angela Vargas, Emma Graves and Marissa Ching, along with Talissa Timms from the Children's Institute, presented a report and answered board members' questions about the district's early learning programs. The district began opening pre-K programs beginning in 2017–18, focusing on Title I schools, and has continued to add schools each year. With an additional program opening in fall 2024, the district will have pre-K programs at 14 out of 15 Title I schools.

The board recessed for a break at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

B. Financial Report

Mike Schofield presented the monthly financial update, including the general fund activity and forecast; a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrances for all other funds; a report on classroom teacher staffing by school; and information on investment activity.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Executive Session, March 19, 2024
- ii. School Board Business Meeting, March 19, 2024

C. Public Contracts

D. Legal Settlement

E. Budget Transfer Resolution

F. Instructional Time Weather Waiver

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the two contract authorization items that were removed. Sunita Garg seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. School Support Fee

Mike Schofield and Bill Berg from the City of Beaverton answered board members' questions about the new "school support fee" established by the 2023 Oregon Legislature. School districts that contain identified enterprise zones must establish a school support fee rate for businesses that are granted property tax exemptions in the enterprise zone. The rate must be set between 15% and 30% of the amount the qualifying business would have otherwise paid in property taxes in the years the fee applies to. After discussion with Beaverton and Hillsboro city officials, district staff recommended establishing the fee at 15%. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the school support fee and resolutions as recommended and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion passed 6:1, with Tammy Carpenter voting no.

B. Board Policy Revisions

- i. DN Disposal of District Property
- ii. JEA Compulsory Attendance

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the board policy revisions as submitted and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

C. Contract Authorization: Design Services for Synthetic Turf for Aloha High School Softball and Baseball Fields (pulled from consent agenda)

Dr. Carl Mead provided additional information and answered questions from board members. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the public contract authorization for design of the synthetic turf softball and baseball fields at Aloha High School, and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion passed 6:1, with Tammy Carpenter voting no.

D. Contract Authorization: Improvements for Stadium Field and Track at Westview High School (pulled from consent agenda)

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the public contract authorization for replacement of the synthetic turf stadium field and resurfacing of the track at Westview High School, and Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:1, with Tammy Carpenter voting no.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Language Arts & English Language Proficiency Curriculum Adoption

The K–5 Language Arts / English Language Proficiency Adoption Committee worked during the 2023–24 school year to develop a recommendation for instructional materials for language arts and English language proficiency for elementary grades, following the district’s adoption process. The committee recommended to district administration adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading and ¡Arriba la Lectura! Dr. Heather Cordie, Robin Kobrowski, Dr. Toshiko Maurizio, Veronica Galvan, Chrissy Lawrence and Marcela Ullibarry-Cabrera presented information and answered questions from board members about the adoption process and the recommended curriculum. The district administration recommended adoption of the curriculum identified by the adoption committee at a future meeting.

B. School Board Meeting Calendar for 2024–25

Kerry Delf presented a proposed school board meeting calendar for 2024–25 for review and consideration for approval at a future meeting. As proposed, the board would continue to meet on selected Tuesday evenings, with monthly business meetings beginning at 7 p.m. and additional sessions as needed at 5:45 p.m. before business meetings and on selected additional days. The proposed calendar avoids scheduling board meetings during selected major holidays and school breaks.

C. Budget Calendar for 2025–26 Budget

Mike Schofield presented a proposed budget calendar for development of the 2025–26 budget for the board’s review and consideration for approval at a future meeting. The proposed calendar is coordinated with the proposed school board meeting calendar.

D. Board Policy Revisions

- i. BBF Board Member Standards of Conduct
- ii. BBAA Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibility
- iii. BCB Board Officers
- iv. BD/BDA Board Meetings
- v. DG Depository of Funds
- vi. DGA Authorized Signatures
- vii. IJ School Counseling Program

Camellia Osterink and Kerry Delf presented recommended revisions to seven board policies for review and consideration for approval at a future meeting. Board members asked questions about the proposed policy revisions and discussed the timing of board officer elections addressed in policy BCB.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members made individual comments and committee reports, including about appreciation and admiration for Verna Bailey and the continued focus on eliminating racial bias, the Bond Accountability Committee, recent visits to schools, and the recent groundbreaking for the new Beaverton High School. It was shared that Justice Rajee and Sunita Garg would be the board members participating in the district’s bargaining team for contract negotiations with OSEA.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Dr. Pérez adjourned the business meeting at 10:29 p.m.