

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023**Board Members Present:**

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

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Michael Schofield
Kerry Delf
Susan Rodriguez
Camellia Osterink
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Casey Waletich
Dr. Josh Fritts
Robin Kobrowski
Aaron Boyle
Jason Guchereau
Rob Drake
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Human Resources Officer
General Counsel
Public Communications Officer
Chief Facilities Officer
Executive Administrator for Teaching & Learning
Executive Administrator for PK–8 Schools
Administrator for Facilities Development
Finance Manager
Audit Committee Chair
Board Secretary

The meeting was held virtually and was open to the public to attend via live stream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Board Chair Dr. Karen Pérez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were in attendance. The board reviewed the agenda and did not request any changes.

II. RECOGNITION

A. Student Performance: Coyote Choir, Kinnaman Elementary

B. Beat the Odds Scholarship Awardees

The board recognized two students who have both been awarded a Beat the Odds Scholarship from Stand with Children: Kiarah O’Hare-Pham, a senior at Sunset High School, and Tatum Wilson, a senior at

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Beaverton High School. The Beat the Odds Scholarship program emphasizes the critical role that education plays in helping students meet challenges on their paths to success. The award is renewable for up to four years for a total of \$20,000.

C. Oregon Kid Governor

Findley Elementary School fifth grader Zoya Shah was recognized for having been named the 2024 Oregon Kid Governor. Zoya spoke about her platform for creating mental health awareness in youth.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Gustavo Balderas commented that he had heard and acted on requests from teachers and staff for additional support for special needs and other needs in schools and had allocated over \$9 million dollars from reserves to add staffing midyear, including 37 Paraeducator I's and 45 Paraeducator II's. Dr. Balderas thanked the extraordinary efforts of the Human Resources Department and the partnership of OSEA on an agreement to address staffing needs short-term with temporary support.

Dr. Balderas recounted a recent meeting with Governor Kotek and reiterated that concerns about behavioral health and student behavior is not only a statewide concern, but nationwide. He said he was looking forward to working with union support that is sustainable and that supports our kids and staff, and he hoped winter break would be restful for all.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA President Lindsay Ray commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

There were no requests for public comment at the meeting. The board received two written comments.

III. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Audit Committee Chair Rob Drake and Finance Manager Jason Guchereau presented the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

B. Financial Update

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Mike Schofield presented the monthly financial update.

C. Bond Program Update

Chief Facilities Officer Casey Waletich presented updates on current and upcoming construction.

D. Department Report: Communications

Public Communications Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah presented a report on the Communications & Community Involvement Department.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Study Session, November 28, 2023
- ii. School Board Business Meeting, November 28, 2023

C. Public Contracts

D. Accept Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Board Member Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda and Board Member Sunita Garg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved 7:0.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Early Literacy Plan & Grant Application

Oregon's new Early Literacy Success Initiative provides targeted funding to help school districts improve early literacy. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the district's early literacy plan and grant application and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 7:0.

B. Budget Committee Member Selection

The board voted to appoint applicants to fill two vacant budget committee positions with terms ending June 30, 2026: Jessica McBride, Zone 1, and Brian Bean, Zone 2. Susan Greenberg moved to approve appointing the two budget committee members and Board Member Ugonna Enyinnaya seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 7:0.

C. Oregon School Boards Association Annual Election

Beaverton School District is a member of the Oregon School Boards Association. Member boards vote on candidates and resolutions during OSBA's annual election period in the fall.

i. OSBA Candidate Tristan Irvin

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support Tristan Irvin for OSBA Board Position 16. Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 7:0.

ii. OSBA Candidate Becky Tymchuk

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support Becky Tymchuk for OSBA Legislative Policy Committee Position 16. Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 7:0.

iii. OSBA Resolution 1 – Create Rural Caucus

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support OSBA Resolution 1, to create the Oregon Rural School Board Member Caucus and designate a seat on the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee. Sunita Garg seconded the motion.

- a. In Favor: Sunita Garg, Melissa Potter
- b. Oppose: Karen Pérez, Susan Greenberg, Justice Rajee, Tammy Carpenter
- c. Abstain: Ugonna Enyinnaya
- d. With a vote of 2:4:1, the motion to support OSBA Resolution 1 did not pass.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board oppose OSBA Resolution 1. Sunita Garg seconded the motion.

- a. In Favor: Karen Pérez, Susan Greenberg, Justice Rajee, Tammy Carpenter
- b. Oppose: Sunita Garg, Melissa Potter
- c. Abstain: Ugonna Enyinnaya
- d. With a vote of 4:2:1, the motion to oppose OSBA Resolution 1 passed.

iv. OSBA Resolution 2 – Amend Bylaws

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support OSBA Resolution 2, to amend the OSBA bylaws. Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The motion to support Resolution 2 did not pass, 6:0:1, with Karen Pérez, Susan Greenberg, Justice Rajee, Tammy Carpenter, Sunita Garg and Melissa Potter voting no and Ugonna Enyinnaya abstaining. Susan Greenberg then moved that the board abstain from voting on OSBA Resolution 2. Sunita Garg seconded the motion. The motion to abstain from voting on OSBA Resolution 2 was approved unanimously, 7:0.

D. Board Policy Revisions

- i. IGBHA Alternative Educational Programs
- ii. IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics and Activities
- iii. IK Academic Achievement

The board voted on revisions to three board policies. General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf had presented the proposed revisions in the previous meeting and were available for questions from board members. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the board policy revisions and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 7:0.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Board Policy Revisions

- i. BBF Board Standards of Conduct
- ii. BDDH Public Comment in Board Meetings
- iii. KBA Public Records

Ms. Osterink and Ms. Delf presented recommended revisions to three board policies for review and consideration for approval at a future meeting.

VII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members made individual comments and committee reports, including about immigration reform, the need for space to grow and learn without politics while also acknowledging the impact these have on our students, receiving 1,074 gift cards for students and families but also being aware of food scarcity during non-school days, and gratitude to those who have worked so diligently in our schools.

VIII. CLOSE MEETING

Dr. Pérez adjourned the business meeting at 9:33 p.m.