

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024**Board Members Present:**

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

Board Members Absent:**Student Representatives:**

Tasiyah Ahmed
Saahas Koganti
Safa Zainab Syeda
Eric Vargas

Staff Present:

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Casey Waletich
Michael Schofield
Kerry Delf
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Alfonso Giardiello
Curtis Semana
Erica Marson
Janine Mobley
Todd Corsetti
Charity Ralls
Aaron Boyle
Elisa Schorr
Malinda Zimmer
Campbell Stewart
Monroy Espinoza
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Chief of Staff
Public Communications Officer
General Counsel
Executive Administrator for Equity & Inclusion
Executive Administrator for Talent Acquisition
Executive Administrator for Human Resources
Executive Administrator for Human Resources
Executive Administrator for Human Resources
Executive Administrator for High Schools
Administrator for Nutrition Services
Administrator for Facilities Development
Principal, Sunset High School
Assistant Principal, Sunset High School
Social Worker
Social Worker
Board Secretary & Executive Assistant

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

I. OPEN MEETING

Chair Karen Pérez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present with Justice Rajee joining virtually. All four student representatives were present. Board member Tammy Carpenter requested two contract authorizations be pulled from the consent agenda: Beaverton High School stadium lighting replacement and Mountainside High School batting cage construction.

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II. STUDENT PERFORMANCES & RECOGNITIONS

A. Stoller Middle School Choir

The choir from Stoller Middle School performed a winter song for the board.

B. Oregon Assistant Principal of the Year

Meadow Park Middle School assistant principal Grant Piros was honored for having been named the 2025 Oregon Assistant Principal of the Year by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators and the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators.

C. Lifesaving Action

Stephanie Marr, the attendance secretary at Mountainside High School, was recognized for her heroic actions performing CPR in a medical emergency, which may have saved a student's life.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Balderas mentioned that Governor Kotek's recommended budget had been released and that it includes \$11.36 billion for K–12 school funding. This is welcome news as it comes closer to accurately reflecting the cost of continuing the current service level for schools. The district is also advocating to increase supports for special education by fully funding the high-cost disability fund and raising the 11% cap on weighted funding for special education. Currently Oregon provides additional funding for students receiving special education services but caps it at 11% of students; the district is advocating to increase this cap to 15% and provide funding for the increase, which would benefit schools statewide and provide about \$6.5 million for BSD. Thanks to having financial reserves, the district has been able to invest \$12 million into special education staffing recently to support staff to meet students' needs, although not all districts have this opportunity. Dr. Balderas stressed the importance of continued advocacy for funding to support students with the highest needs. Dr. Balderas also noted the large increase in the Public Employees Retirement System rate which will have a significant budget impact for the district. Dr. Balderas noted that the district is currently spending more to provide services than it is receiving in revenue, and emphasized that while the district is fortunate to have reserves to allow this, deficit spending will deplete these reserves quickly. Lastly, Dr. Balderas thanked members of the board for recent meetings with elected officials, noted the ongoing efforts in mediation to resolve contract bargaining with BEA, and wished everyone to have a relaxing winter break.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA Vice President Katie Lukins and OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comment from 8 speakers. The board also received 8 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. School Spotlight: Sunset High School Behavioral Health CTE Pathway

Staff and students shared highlights of the Behavioral Health Career Technical Education Pathway at Sunset High School. The new CTE pathway provides students with learning experiences in high-demand, high-paying and high-interest fields of behavioral health including counseling, psychology, psychiatry, occupational therapy and more. Modeled after the BSD Health Careers program, the program offers academic classes and field experiences to prepare students to enter the workforce, start certification programs, pursue higher education options, and use their multilingual and multicultural assets to help close the gap in mental health services in our community.

B. Raleigh Hills Elementary Design Capacity Update

Construction of the new Raleigh Hills Elementary School is progressing on schedule and on budget. Last spring, community concerns were brought to staff and the board regarding the capacity at which the school will be built. Per the district's educational specifications, the building capacity for which the school was designed in collaboration with the Raleigh Hills community is larger than the school's current enrollment. Staff shared to the board about design options that have been reviewed for potential capacity modifications within the planned building footprint. The district will decide how to proceed in January.

C. Bond Program Update

Staff provided a report on the progress of the 2022 bond program, focused on a project overview and an update on the summer internship program. This is the second of three planned staff reports to the board on bond program progress for the 2024–25 school year.

The board took a short break from 8:39 to 8:44 p.m.

D. Nutrition Services Department Report

Staff provided a report on the nutrition services department including free meals for all students under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), meal participation increases, menu offerings, staffing, financial standing, and other aspects of the district's nutrition services, along with summaries of each separate program the department administers.

E. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The chair of the district's audit committee, Rob Drake, presented the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the 2023–24 fiscal year to the board. Oregon law requires the accounts and fiscal affairs of every governmental agency be audited and reviewed at least once every fiscal year. The board was slated to take action to accept the ACFR as part of the consent agenda.

F. Financial Update

Associate Superintendent Michael Schofield presented the monthly financial report, including general fund activity and forecast, a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrance, 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, November 12, 2024
- ii. School Board Work Session, November 12, 2024
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, November 12, 2024

C. Public Contracts

D. Accept Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted with the exception of the two contract authorization items that had been removed. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the contract authorization for Beaverton High School stadium lighting replacement. Justice Rajee seconded. After some discussion regarding athletic facility improvements and funding sources, the motion passed 6:1 with Tammy Carpenter voting no.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the contract authorization for Mountainside High School batting cage construction. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed 6:1 with Tammy Carpenter voting no.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Extend Budget Committee Selection Process

The district's budget committee has three open positions in which members' terms have expired, in Zones 3, 5 and 6. The school board will appoint community representatives to the open seats to serve three-year terms on the committee. No applications were received during the stated application period. It is recommended that the application period be extended and re-communicated.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the extension of the budget committee selection process, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

B. Bond Budget Update

BSD is approaching the halfway mark of the 2022 bond, and most of the major projects have been committed on budget. The bond program includes a program contingency fund that is meant to cover unforeseen costs and ensure the voter commitments can be met. The program contingency fund has increased to \$73.9 million with additions from bond premium, interest earnings, various energy reimbursements, and project savings. The board considered recommended budget adjustments, applying program contingency funds to increase the budgets for several bond projects and areas to allow them to be completed properly to meet voter commitments, including high school fields, outdoor learning spaces, security upgrades across all district schools, and nutrition services upgrades at Beaver Acres.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve allocation of the 2022 bond program contingency as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

C. OSBA 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. In 2024 the BSD board was asked to vote on OSBA board positions 15 and 20 and three proposed resolutions — to raise districts' membership dues, create an LGBTQ2SIA+ caucus, and adopt amendments to the OSBA bylaws.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support Kristy Kottkey for OSBA Board Position 15. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support Nancy Thomas for OSBA Board Position 20. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support OSBA Resolution 1, to amend the OSBA dues schedule. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support OSBA Resolution 2, to create the Oregon School Board Members PRIDE Caucus. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Susan Greenberg moved that the board support OSBA Resolution 3, to adopt amendments to the OSBA Bylaws. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

D. Board Policy Revisions

- a. EBBA – Student Health Services

- b. EBBB – Injury or Illness Reports
- c. JHCA – Immunization and High School Sports Participation

General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf had presented proposed policy updates in the previous meeting and were available for questions.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the policy revisions as submitted, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed 7:0.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Board Policy Revisions

- a. GBEB - Communicable Diseases in Schools (revise)
- b. JHCC & JHCC-AR - Communicable Diseases - Students (delete)
- c. GBEB - HIV, AIDS & HBV - Staff (delete)
- d. JHCCA - HIV, AIDS & HBV - Students (delete)

General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf presented and answered questions from the board on recommended revisions to board policies for consideration for approval at a future meeting.

B. Resolution Supporting All Students & Families

The board discussed a draft resolution to affirm the board's commitment to supporting all students and families, and direct the district to maintain and reemphasize its practices consistent with law and policy to safeguard the rights of all students, regardless of national origin, citizenship or immigration documentation status. The board will vote on approval of the resolution in its next meeting in January.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Student representatives spoke on a variety of topics including concerns shared by students in public comment, safe and inclusive spaces on campus and the cell phone policy. Board members commented about their support for inclusivity and the bias incident reporting form. Additional topics included a school attendance policy, positive feedback on CTE programs, visits by legislators, and winter break wishes to students, staff and fellow board members.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Chair Karen Pérez adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.