

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025**Board Members Present:**

Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair
Justice Rajee, Vice Chair
Susan Greenberg
Dr. Melissa Potter
Sunita Garg
Ugonna Enyinnaya (virtually)
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
Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Steve Langford
Susan Rodriguez
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Alfonso Giardiello
Curtis Semana
Erica Marson
Janine Mobley
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Information Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
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
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 7:04 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present with Ugonna Enyinnaya joining virtually. All four student representatives were present.

Dr. Pérez noted that the board has traditionally shared a land acknowledgement at this time; however, they are now working on a different approach to acknowledging the Kalapuya lands that the Beaverton community rests on. The board would work with the American Indian/Alaska Native education program and plan for future acknowledgements to be made starting at the beginning of the next school year, focused on specific actions that will help our American Indian/Alaska Native students and families belong, believe and achieve in our district.

Belong. Believe. Achieve.

Use the following links to access board meeting information:

Video Livestream: youtube.com/BeavertonSchools • Meeting Materials: beavertonsd.org/boardmeetings

The board reviewed the agenda and did not request any changes.

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. Beaverton Education Foundation Leadership

The board honored Kristine Baggett as she retires from her role as Executive Director of the Beaverton Education Foundation after 19 years of leadership.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Balderas started his remarks by noting that January was School Board Appreciation Month and thanking the school board for their volunteer work and leadership. Dr. Balderas spoke about the governor's recommended budget that included \$11.36 billion for the State School Fund, which is closer to what is needed to maintain current service levels. Beaverton is still operating at a deficit and facing the need to make budget cuts, although stewardship by the school board and district leadership in past years have provided the safety net of financial reserves that will prevent a funding cliff and allow those cuts to be made over time. Financial reserves also have allowed the district to recently invest \$12 million in special programs and special education supports, although this investment may not be sustainable long-term. Dr. Balderas expressed concerns about potential federal policy changes including federal vouchers, cuts to Medicaid and Title funds, and the elimination of birthright citizenship and sanctuary status for schools. Dr. Balderas reiterated that schools are the safest place for children. Lastly, Dr. Balderas commented on progress in union negotiations and support for California fire victims.

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 comment from 3 speakers. The board also received 11 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Department Report: Communications

The Communications & Community Involvement team lists among its accomplishments during the past school year the "Belonging Begins Here" attendance campaign and the "Escape the Vape" educational campaign in addition to its social media and video storytelling. CCI facilitated the re-registration of 15,000 volunteers this year and has seen an increase in volunteerism with the expanded use of ParentSquare for volunteer management. CCI secured more than \$1.1 million in donated goods and services, including increased giving to the Clothes for Kids program which served a record number of students. Initiatives for the remaining school year include community engagement around the district's cell phone policy, the Aloha High School mascot change and long-range facility planning. In cooperation with Human Resources, CCI is also launching a new employee recognition program.

B. 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, December 10, 2024
- ii. School Board Work Session, December 10, 2024

iii. School Board Business Meeting, December 10, 2024

C. Public Contracts

D. Bond Sale Resolution

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

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. JHCC - HIV, AIDS & HBV - Students (delete)

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.

C. Resolution Supporting All Students & Families

The board considered a resolution affirming the board's commitment to supporting all students and families regardless of national origin, citizenship or immigration documentation status and directing 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.

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

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. NWRESD Local Service Plan

Education service districts provide services to school districts in their local area. Oregon requires its 19 education service districts to submit a local service plan each year, which must be approved by its component districts. By state law, ESD local service plans must address special education services, technology support, school improvement services, and administrative services.

NWRESD Superintendent Dan Goldman presented and answered questions about Northwest Regional ESD's local service plan for 2025–26, the framework for how the ESD serves its 20 partner school districts in Washington, Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties, including Beaverton. The plan has been approved by the NWRESD board and must be approved by March 1 by the boards of at least two-thirds of the ESD's component districts, representing a majority of the total number of students enrolled in the service area. The local service plan will come before the board for approval at its next meeting.

B. Board Policy Revisions

- a. EFA - Local Wellness Program
- b. JHCCF - Pediculosis
- c. JHCD/JHCDA & JHCD-AR - Medications

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.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Student representatives shared comments on Early College, the kindness campaign, the importance of school clubs (including those outside of school hours) and the challenge of funding and transportation, and lastly how the relationship with the Chamber of Commerce benefits Beaverton students.

Board members commented on a variety of items including advocacy in Washington D.C., wildfires and preparedness, the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Beaverton Education Fund, safety in schools, after-school clubs and programs, legislative outreach and the importance of staying connected and responsive.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Chair Karen Pérez adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.