



PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOLS

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Talent Elementary School
307 Wagner Creek Rd
Talent, OR 97540

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2024 6:00 PM Pacific

Michael Campbell:	Absent	Rick Nagel:	Absent
Nancy Castillo-McKinnis:	Present	Dawn Watson:	Absent
Sara Crawford:	Present	Rebecca Weathers:	Present
Polly Farrimond:	Present	Present: 4, Absent: 3 (Nancy joined via Zoom)	

A. Regular Session Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

B. Accentuate the Positive

TES Principal Heather Lowe shared the following:

- TES is kicking off a robust community outreach project that includes partnering with local businesses and agencies. On Tuesday, Casey Olmstead, Supt. Barry, Ms. Lowe and a few staff members met with families at Renaissance Flats. It was great to engage with the families in their own housing spaces and have trust-building conversations. Our hope is to get kids out in the community through some community service projects.
- Ms. Lowe gave a big thank you to our community care specialists, Nuvia Pineda and Katie McCormick, for all their efforts to support our families who need the most during the holidays.
- TES Winter Concert is next Tuesday, December 17th, at 6:00 pm in the TMS gym.
- Finally, a huge shout-out to our office staff, Cheryl Joseph, Alma Velazquez, and Kim Saurman, for all their work to keep things running smoothly at school.

PES Principal Shawna Schleif shared the following:

- Ms. Schleif recognized the special education department and the behavior team for being so responsive to students' and staff needs and for taking care of each other.
- We are grateful for our Wednesday professional development time. Yesterday we had our 3-5 grade team working on smarter balanced assessments and how that interfaces with our curriculum. Our two implementation coaches, Karin Calhoun and Jamar Boyd, helped lead that training.
- Ms. Schleif thanked behavior specialists Christian Sicairos, Richard Mauldin and Zach Boyd for leading our K-2 teachers in a calibration around our PBS system. Heather Lowe led our classified staff here at PES with that same PBS calibration.
- Our music program is next Thursday at PHS in the gym from 6-7 p.m.
- Next Friday is our traditional sing-a-long. We normally have it in the mornings. However, this year we are moving it to the afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

OHES Principal Kent Vallier shared the following:

- Mr. Vallier announced that Richard Mauldin who has worked at OHES for several years is now their new Social Emotional Learning and Behavior Specialist. Mr. Vallier thanked Arica Casarotti for being his mentor.
- Mr. Vallier stated that this is the time of year when some elementary kids have some high academic and behavioral needs. Mr. Vallier thanked Arica Casarotti, Mari Martinen, Carmen Edwards-Henry and Sarah Engstrom for always doing the right thing for our kids and helping them get through these next few weeks.

PTRA Principal Aaron Santi shared the following:

- Last Friday, PTRA had The Bug Guy come and present a dinosaur workshop. We had a great turnout, with every seat in our classroom filled with kindergarten to 7th grade students, parents, grandparents, and several siblings. Students were able to touch some real dinosaur fossils and dig in the dirt. It was a great family engagement experience. Mr. Santi thanked communications specialist, Joe Zavala, for creating a video and posting it to social media.
- It has been a busy week for PTRA in terms of getting six new students just this week in addition to the six others who've started with us since the beginning of the 2nd quarter. Our enrollment has increased from 21 at the beginning of the year to 34 currently, with more students anticipated in the next few weeks.

TMS Principal Casey Olmstead shared the following:

- Mr. Olmstead said that they have been partnering with TES to connect with new families in our district. As Heather said earlier, we visited some of our school families the other night at Renaissance Flats. It was powerful, impactful in all things, and we are so excited to build community there.
- Mr. Olmstead said that this time of the year can bring a lot of excitement and angst before the holidays for our students. Casey gave a shout-out to all of TMS staff and the other schools for showing up for the kids and a special shout-out to Misty Hutsell, Curran Wilson and Allison Haas, for all the work they do to support students and staff.
- Mr. Olmstead gave a shout-out to Phoenix Elementary School and the high school. He had an opportunity to observe teachers in their classrooms in different buildings and see some of the great things that were happening. The welcoming and positive environments were greatly appreciated.

PHS Asst. Principal James Joy shared the following:

- Mr. Joy gave a shout-out to all the students and staff for making the first quarter a success. For our first quarter honor roll, 258 students earned a GPA of at least 3.5 with 110 earning a 4.0.
- Mr. Joy shared a presentation with the board that was done in coordination with the OASC (Oregon Association of Student Councils) and highlighted the importance of community service and what that looks like at PHS.
- Mr. Joy gave a shout-out to the following people:
 - Maggie Taylor, concessions coordinator and Color Guard coach, for hosting a holiday fair this past weekend.

- Skylar Glines, who is supporting our leadership class in Lisa Robins' absence and coaching JV girls' basketball.
- Sabina Diaz, who's our long-term substitute for Spanish. She's been doing an excellent job connecting with kids and making that class viable for students.
- Mr. Joy gave a sports update on the following:
 - The wrestling team participated in a tournament on Saturday, and they had four students place, which means the top five at that tournament.
 - The swim team participated in a tournament on Saturday at Rogue X. They're really enjoying the opportunity to participate in practice there. The tournament on Saturday was hosted by St Mary's and included some Cascade Christian and Henley High School students, and they did a number of non-traditional swimming events.

Amy Honts of Sodexo Food Service shared the following:

- Ms. Honts thanked her high school team for stepping up and pitching in to help her run Phoenix High School this week while Susie, her manager, was out sick. Every single one of them pitched in and helped out, but a huge thanks goes to LaNeve Pearce, Steve Boveri & Cliff Brown. I know Susie's pozole is a district favorite, so I'm excited to hear what everyone thinks of mine.
- We are looking forward to collecting kids' feedback on the menus in January.
- Ms. Honts is happy to share that we have been working on identifying some new ways to present some of our favorite to-go boxes in elementary schools to help reduce the extra packaging & waste.
- Ms. Honts said they are continuing to work to find more local food items and while not all of our local purchases are able to go into the Farm to School grant, many are, and we will be requesting additional funds for this grant.

C. Student Representative Oath of Office and Report

Vice Chair Farrimond gave the Oath of Office to Rachel Pepin, Javier Quintana, and Aubrey Emry, for their new position as student representatives.

Javier Quintana shared the following:

Highlighted the cross-country team, stating that the boys' team attended the 4A state championship tournament held at Lane Community College, placing 7th overall in the state. Javi said that this was a big testament to John Cornet, who is an amazing coach and how well he is liked and takes care of us. Javier said that Aleah Polansky, who is on the girls' team, also made it to the state championship. The basketball team is 3-0, and they have a strong team with Troy McNichols leading the team. Our DECA chapter has participated in one competition so far this year. We have had a lot of new freshman join who are eager to learn about DECA. We have three groups of students who are working on written projects. They are either working on a plan for a local business or building a business plan for a start-up company that they created. Those written projects show how much we've grown as a DECA chapter, from only competing and having fewer members, to growing and being able to take on big challenges like these written projects that are really a community effort.

Aubrey Emry shared the following:

The Future Planning Center hosted a FASFA night. They served food, and they offered a lot of good support for those that needed help. Aubrey said that there is a Giving Tree that is in the office, and you can come and take an ornament and shop for a kid and help make their Christmas special.

Rachel Pepin shared the following:

Rachel said that they had a Sparrow assembly a few weeks ago. She is co-chair of the Sparrow committee along with Abby Corona. Getting to meet our new sparrow was really special. He is around two years old, and she is looking forward to the upcoming fund-raising events to help him. Rachel said that the Link Crew had planned a holiday movie party for the freshman class. The upperclassmen will help introduce the freshman to high school and help them get acquainted.

Edynn Latvala shared the following:

Edynn said that the high school now has a competition cheer team and they are looking forward to their first competition, which will be on January 12 and is being held at Rogue X. Students are participating in a lot of spirit activities, one of which is the holiday door decorating contest. It's a fun event which creates a lot of fun and brings happiness to all. Leadership has done a lot of preparation for our spirit assembly tomorrow.

D. PTEA & OSEA Associations Representative Report - No report

E. Citizen Comments – None

F. Superintendent Report

- Supt. Barry spoke about last month's economic forecast, which looked favorable in general, with revenue forecasting being up. Right after that, the governor released the budget for the next biennium, and Supt Barry remains positive but cautiously optimistic. There are a lot of competing priorities in our state, but I'm really happy to see that the state school fund number is over 11.3 billion, which is a good starting point.
- Our PERS rates are going up, and we need to plan for that. Supt. Barry and Yazmin have been meeting for several weeks to prepare for the next few biennia. After that, it will be even more important that we have a plan in place to anticipate even higher rates.
- Supt. Barry told the board that we would have a sales agreement for a partition of our Colver Road property for our January meeting. As you know, we previously approved a letter of intent, and our council is putting together a sales agreement that should be ready in January, and a contingency for that will be the MOU that we will need to work through to make sure that we're all on the same page. That's in conjunction with our land consultants really partitioning that piece of land out on Colver Road.
- Supt. Barry shared the state report cards were released last month. We will talk more about them in depth at the JAB meeting in January. ODE has highlighted Phoenix-Talent School District based on our on-track to graduate numbers in their media reporting and at our statewide board meeting.

- We had our second Safe Schools Safety Meeting yesterday, and it was very well attended. Supt. Barry appreciates the staff and all of our partners coming to collaborate and share information.
- Director Weathers said that we had great attendance at the meeting, probably the best we've ever had. She is grateful that so many come to talk about our student safety. Schools are asking for more cameras, so we're hoping to put that in the budget. Ms. Weathers is looking forward to receiving Ernie Whitman's report on campus security and safety. TMS did not get the grant for the sidewalk change at Wagner and Christian, so we are hoping to collaborate with the city of Talent for that project.
- Supt. Barry said that the Safe Routes to School grant was not successful, so we plan to work with the City of Talent. We want to move the crosswalk that goes from the elementary to the middle school, just north of Christian Avenue. We have a meeting scheduled for next week with the city.

G. Consent Agenda

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Sara Crawford and seconded by Rebecca Weathers, Carried.

Michael Campbell: Absent, Rick Nagel: Absent, Dawn Watson: Absent, Nancy Castillo-McKinnis: Yea, Sara Crawford: Yea, Polly Farrimond: Yea, Rebecca Weathers: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

G.1. Approval of Revised Agenda

G.2. Approval of Minutes from 11/14/24 & 11/21/24

G.3. Personnel Report

H. Information and Discussion

H.1. Legislative / OSBA Update

- Director Crawford reminded everyone of the OSBA Southern Region Legislator's Reception will be Monday, January 6, 2025, at PHS, from 6:30–8:00PM. Director Crawford invited the student representatives to attend.
- Director Crawford emphasized the need for the board to know our district's information (data, %'s, \$'s needed etc.) when speaking to the legislators, so that we can be concise and consistent with what we need.
- Supt. Barry said that Rep. Marsh is drafting a bill to extend the ADM security for those districts that were impacted by the fires. We know and realize that four years for recovery is just not enough.
- Supt. Barry appreciates Rep. Marsh for always being a champion for our district and community.

H.2. Committee Updates

School Safety Interagency Committee: Supt. Barry and Director Weathers shared information about this committee during the superintendent's report. Student Rep Aubrey Emry spoke about school safety at PHS and said that she feels better informed after hearing about what was shared earlier. Aubrey is glad that they showed a safety video at the beginning of the year and there is signage in the classrooms in English and Spanish and the fire drills have been revised to make things go faster.

Colver Road Committee: Supt Barry said that the DEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program application process has been a little bit of a hiccup. Apparently, when we submitted our paper application it was during their conversion to an electronic submission program and our paperwork got lost in the process. They said they would backdate our electronic submission to match the date of when we submitted our original paperwork.

EDI Committee: Supt. Barry said that the last meeting was Monday. They have two co-Chairs, Peter Edwards and Jen Brinson, and there were four students in attendance in addition to others. They are doing a book study this year titled Unconscious Bias in Schools. They will focus on item #7 of board policy JBB-AR-District Equity Policy, which focuses on a comprehensive curriculum that reflects a diverse population. We have a great curriculum adoption process so it will be good for the EDI Committee to see that process.

H.3. RFP for Food Service

Supt. Barry said that we discussed this during our work session last month. We have decided to go out for an RFP for food service and the board has a timeline. Supt. Barry asked if there were any board members who would like to participate in the RFP process for scoring and Vice Chair Farrimond volunteered. Supt. Barry appreciates Yazmin working on the timeline and information needed for the RFP. We should have it out in January and the tentative date for the scoring committee is March 10.

H.4. Board Policy BHB - Board Member Development

Vice Chair Farrimond said that we spoke about putting this policy in place for fairness to all members who wish to attend workshops and conventions. There was discussion about changing verbiage regarding the OSBA Conferences. This policy will be an action item at the next meeting.

H.5. Board Policy IIA – Instructional Materials

H.6. Board Policy IIA-AR(1) – Instructional Materials

This AR will replace our current one.

H.7. Board Policy IIA-AR(2) - Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials

H.8. Board Policy IIA-AR(3) - Reconsideration of School or Classroom Materials

H.9. Board Policy IIA-AR(4) - Request for Reconsideration of Instructional or Library Materials Form

H.10. Board Policy IIA-AR(5) - Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials

H.11. Board Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements

Vice Chair Farrimond mentioned that changes to this policy were a result of Senate Bill (SB) 992 (2023) (SB) 3 (2023).

H.12. Board Policy IKFB - Graduation Exercises

H.13. Board Policy IKJ - Artificial Intelligence

Vice Chair Farrimond is happy to see this policy as AI is a great tool to be used, but parameters are necessary. This will be an ever-changing policy, no doubt.

H.14. Board Policy JECA - Admission of Resident Students

H.15. Board Policy JHCD - Medications (replaces policy JHCD/JHCDA)

This new policy will replace current policy JHCD/JHCDA. There was discussion about having narcan available at the schools and the training available to staff and students.

H.16. Board Policy JHCD-AR - Medications (replaces policy JHCD/JHCDA-AR)

I. Recess - 7:16 p.m. to 7:26

J. Action Items

J.1. TMS Solar Contract

I move to approve the TMS Solar Contract as presented. This motion, made by Rebecca Weathers and seconded by Sara Crawford, Carried.

Michael Campbell: Absent, Rick Nagel: Absent, Dawn Watson: Absent, Nancy Castillo-McKinnis: Yea, Sara Crawford: Yea, Polly Farrimond: Yea, Rebecca Weathers: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Jon McCalip said that this is the solar grant that we received, and we will be doing roof mounts and will have battery backup. In the future, the size of the array should save us at least \$20,000 per year and possibly more. There was discussion about the reporting requirements for this grant and about what we do now with what is already in place.

J.2. Resolution 24-10 - Approval of the CREP Performance Agreement

I move to adopt Resolution 24-10 - approving the Performance Agreement for the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program as presented. This motion, made by Sara Crawford and seconded by Nancy Castillo-McKinnis, Carried.

Michael Campbell: Absent, Rick Nagel: Absent, Dawn Watson: Absent, Nancy Castillo-McKinnis: Yea, Sara Crawford: Yea, Polly Farrimond: Yea, Rebecca Weathers: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

J.3. TES CREP Performance Agreement

I move to approve the Oregon Department of Energy Performance Agreement for TES as presented. This motion, made by Sara Crawford and seconded by Rebecca Weathers, Carried.

Michael Campbell: Absent, Rick Nagel: Absent, Dawn Watson: Absent, Nancy Castillo-McKinnis: Yea, Sara Crawford: Yea, Polly Farrimond: Yea, Rebecca Weathers: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

K. Review of the Next Meeting Agenda

Supt. Barry said that we will have a special presentation and we will be honoring Craig Prewitt for his service on the board.

L. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Michael Campbell, Chair

Brent Barry, Superintendent