

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**Board Members Present:**

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

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Susan Rodriguez
Steven Langford
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Jill O’Neill
Dr. Perla Rodriguez
Veronica Galvan
Aaron Boyle
Carolina Cavedon
Josephina Magdalena
Sirenia Gonzalez
Jan Anderson
Jenny Sanchez
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Human Resources Officer
Chief Information Officer
Public Communications Officer
General Counsel
Executive Administrator for Equity & Inclusion
Executive Administrator for Teaching & Learning and Option Schools
Executive Administrator for PK–8 Schools
Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Administrator for Facilities Development
Principal, Hazeldale Elementary
Dual Language Kindergarten Teacher, Hazeldale Elementary
Pre-K Teacher, Migrant Education
American Indian/Alaska Native Teacher on Special Assignment
American Indian/Alaska Native Facilitator
Board Secretary & Executive Assistant

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

I. OPEN MEETING

Board Chair Dr. 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.

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

II. RECOGNITIONS

The Sunset High School Acapella Group led by Christopher Rust performed two songs.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Balderas began his report by sharing the success of both the middle school schedule change and the starting bell schedule change with a later start for high school students. He also spoke about the district's planned community conversation this fall to lead to a common district approach on cell phones and other personal digital devices in schools, the stop-gap measures being implemented in middle and high schools this year, and thanks for those involved in the creation and implementation of these measures for focusing on the mental health of students.

Superintendent Balderas thanked OSEA for the collaboration during bargaining and announced that a tentative agreement had been reached for compensation for classified employees.

Lastly, Dr. Balderas spoke about BSD's school nutrition services and the implementation of free breakfast and lunch for all students this year. He noted that since meals were made free for all students this fall, about 20% of students in Beaverton are now eating school breakfast and more than half of students are eating school lunch. Compared to previous years, this is an increase of thousands of breakfast and lunch meals served each day.

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 one speaker. The board also received 8 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. School Highlight: Hazeldale Dual Language Program

Executive Administrator Perla Rodriguez, Hazeldale Elementary School Principal Carolina Cavedon and kindergarten teacher Josefina Magdaleno talked about the Spanish-English dual language program Hazeldale Elementary has launched this year, starting with dual language pre-K and kindergarten classrooms and planned to expand to additional grades as students advance. Hazeldale will continue to offer both Spanish dual language and English-language education in all grades. Hazeldale Elementary parent Keren Mota spoke on the privilege she feels that her children can attend a bilingual school in BSD.

B. Program Report: Summer School

Members of the Teaching & Learning team presented information about learning opportunities that were available through multiple summer programs which focused on both academic and enrichment opportunities. BSD summer programs in 2024 served 6,624 students, from incoming kindergarteners through age 21.

C. Bond Program Update

Associate Superintendent Casey Waletich and Facilities Development Administrator Aaron Boyle recapped summer projects, including the construction of new buildings for Beaverton High School and Raleigh Hills Elementary School as well as other major projects at schools across the district including multiple HVAC system upgrades. Mr. Waletich also addressed future projects such as seismic upgrades, modernization projects and various building improvements.

D. Committee Assignments

Chair Pérez explained that as board chair she is responsible for assigning board members to committees and seats on associated bodies, and that this is done annually as well as assigning any ad hoc committees that are formed during the year. Assignments are made taking into account the preferences of board members, and Chair Pérez had polled her fellow board members and none requested a change. Chair Pérez shared the board's committees and board members' assignments, as listed in materials in the board agenda packet on BoardBook. Dr. Pérez also noted that Melissa Potter is continuing to serve on the Oregon School Boards Association's Legislative Policy Committee, with her term going through the end of next year.

E. Financial Update

Associate Superintendent Michael 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 as required by policy.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Work Session, August 13, 2024
- ii. School Board Executive Session, August 13, 2024
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, August 13, 2024
- iv. School Board Retreat, August 27, 2024

C. Public Contracts

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

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Budget Committee Selection Process

The district's budget committee has three open positions (Zones 3, 5 and 6) and the board will appoint these representatives following its established process. Susan Greenberg moved to declare the budget committee positions for Zones 3, 5 and 6 vacant and approve the selection process and timelines as outlined. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

C. NWRESD Board Election

The Northwest Regional Education Service District Board of Directors has a vacant position in Zone 4 to complete the final year of a four-year term, from October 9, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Susan Greenberg moved that the Beaverton School Board endorse candidate Michelle Graham to fill the ESD board vacancy for zone 4. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

D. 2025 Legislative Priorities

Chief of Staff Kerry Delf discussed that the board's legislative advocacy committee had developed recommended legislative priorities to inform and guide the district's advocacy to Oregon lawmakers in the 2025 legislative session, with the foremost priority being stable and sufficient funding for K-12 public education. The proposed legislative priorities were revised based on the board's discussion in August to add support for early learning. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the legislative priorities for the 2025 legislative session as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

E. Board Policy Revisions

- a. *EBC Emergency Plan and Preparation*
- b. *EBCA Safety Threats*
- c. *EBCB Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction*
- d. *GBN/JBA Sexual Harassment*

Ms. Delf and General Counsel Camellia Osterink presented school board policies EBC, EBCA, EBCB and GBN/JBA and the updates that were recommended, largely to align the policies with changes in state statutes and regulations. There was discussion regarding how and to whom notifications are sent when there is a safety threat action (such as a lockdown, secure or evacuation). Susan Greenberg moved to approve the policy revisions as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption

The district for many years has participated in a program coordinated through Washington County and the City of Beaverton to provide an affordable housing tax exemption for qualifying non-profit entities, and recently received a request to participate in a similar program with the City of Hillsboro. Associate Superintendent Mike Schofield presented information about the proposed exemption for review and consideration for approval at a future meeting.

B. Equity Committee Selection Process

Executive Administrator for Equity & Inclusion Dr. Shelly Reggiani spoke to the board about the open positions to fill on the district's equity advisory committee and the planned process and timeline to fill those openings. The superintendent will recommend committee members to be appointed by the board in November.

C. Board Policy Revisions

- a. *ACB - Every Student Belongs*
- b. *DBEA - Budget Committee*

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

Board members touched on diverse subjects including committee meetings, school visits, high school start times, personal experiences with YSOs, the Behavioral CTE Pathway, virtual superintendent's coffee chat, Beaverton Education Foundation fundraising events, reserve funds, OSEA tentative agreement, BEA bargaining, teacher salaries and gratitude for the hard work being done in Beaverton schools.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Dr. Pérez adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.