

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

July 7, 2017

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:

Eileen Nittler, Chair
Mary Walston
Alicia Hays
Anne Marie Levis
Jim Torrey
Judy Newman
Evangelina Sundgrenz

STAFF:

Dr. Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent of Schools
Brooke Wagner, Director of Elementary Education
Monica Brown, Director of Finance
Harlan Coats, Director of Facilities Management
Steve Menachemson, Director of Technology
Oscar Loureiro, Director of Research and Planning

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE

Board Chair Walston called the regular meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members:

Dr. Balderas welcomed the newly elected board members and administered the oath of office to re-elected board member, Ms. Anne Marie Levis, position #2, newly elected board member, Ms. Judy Newman, position #3 and newly elected board member Ms. Evangelina Sundgrenz, position #6. Ms. Levis, Ms. Newman and Ms. Sundgrenz will serve as members of the 4J Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021.

Ms. Walston thanked all for coming to the meeting and invited the audience to stay for a reception after the meeting adjournment.

**2. Organize the Board of Directors for the 2017-18 School Year
a. Elect Board Members**

MOTION: Ms. Levis, seconded by Mr. Torrey, moved to nominate Ms. Nittler as Chair and Ms. Hays as Vice Chair of the 4J School District Board of Directors.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

b. Authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to Sign for the District during the 2017-18 Fiscal Year

MOTION: Mr. Torrey, seconded by Ms. Levis, moved to authorize Chair Nittler and Vice Chair Hays to sign for the district during the 2017-18 school year.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS AND REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMEBERS

Mr. Torrey thanked Ms. Walston for her term served as Chair to the 4J School District School Board of Directors. He added that when the public sent emails to the board, the Chair was responsible to respond. This year there were many emails and Mr. Torrey thought Ms. Walston did an extraordinary job answering on behalf of the board.

Ms. Levis welcomed the new board members. She mentioned that she had worked with Ms. Sundgrenz in the past on the 4J Budget Committee and had known Ms. Newman for some time; she felt 4J was lucky to have both on the school board. She thanked them for running for office and for being willing to serve.

Ms. Walston thanked Ms. Geller, who was attending the meeting as a member of the audience, for her service as a board member and for coming to the meeting. She also thanked the staff for their hard work and said it had been an honor to serve as Chair for the past school year. She looked forward to working with the board in the coming school years; she was excited about the direction the district was headed. She thanked her fellow board members for their continued commitment and dedication to the future of the country, state, and community via the success of our children. Additionally, she reaffirmed her commitment to the federal and state constitution. Ms. Walston emphasized that local government was the heart of democracy and urged the public to continue to be involved and support their elected officials.

Dr. Balderas thanked Ms. Walston and Ms. Nittler for their leadership throughout the past school year. He additionally thanked and recognized the staff, human resources administrators, facilities department, and technology services for their work and dedication throughout the summer months and beyond. He added that the Arts and Technology Academy and River Road school building construction was almost completed. He looked forward to inviting the current and previous board members to visit the new school buildings in August. He also looked forward to the new board member orientation.

Ms. Nittler said the old River Road school building would be demolished July 7 and July 10, 2017. She added that the next 4J Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for August 2, 2017 and the board retreat will be on August 25, 2017.

IV. SUGGESTIONS BY THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS AT A FUTURE MEETING

Ms. Hays noted that she would not be able to attend the August 16, 2017 board meeting, as she would be out of town.

V. ADJOURN

Ms. Nittler adjourned the regular board meeting at 12:13 p.m.

(Recorded by Emily Mathis, LCOG)

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
District Clerk

Eileen Nittler
Board Chair