

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION,
AND SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

Date: June 23, 2021

The Board of Directors of School District No. 4J, Lane County, Eugene, Oregon, held an executive session at 5:30 p.m. and a special session at 6:00 p.m. through Zoom, and at the Education Center, 200 North Monroe Street in Eugene, Oregon. Notice of the meeting was mailed to the media and posted in the Education Center on June 18, 2021, and published in *The Register-Guard* on June 23, 2021.

NOTICE: In light of current public health concerns related to coronavirus COVID-19, the meeting of the Eugene School District Board of Directors was open to the public via Zoom Meeting, live radio broadcast on KRVM 1280-AM and via the Internet at www.4j.lane.edu/.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mary Walston, Chair, absent
Judy Newman, Vice Chair
Alicia Hays
Gordon Lafer
Anne Marie Levis, absent
Martina Shabram
Jim Torrey

STAFF:

Cydney Vandercar, Superintendent
Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff
Andy Dey, Director of Secondary Education
Christine Nesbit, General Counsel
Karen Hardin, Director of Human Resources
Oscar Loureiro, Director of Research and Planning
Lisa Fjordbeck, Executive Assistant / Board Secretary

MEDIA: KRVM

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The board convened in executive session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(e).

Executive Sessions are not open to the public. All matters discussed during executive sessions are confidential and shall not be disclosed by any representative of the news media without authorization by the school board.

Executive sessions involving deliberations with persons to carry on labor negotiations, or to

consider the expulsion of a student or matters pertaining to a student's confidential medical records, are not open to the news media.

II. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Judy Newman called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. Approve Agreement with EEA to Increase Compensation for Staff in Summer School Programs
Presenter: Karen Hardin, Director of Human Resources
- b. Approve Agreement with OSEA to Increase Compensation for Staff in Summer School Programs
Presenter: Karen Hardin, Director of Human Resources
- c. Authorize Increase in Compensation for Administrative Staff in Summer School Programs
Presenter: Karen Hardin, Director of Human Resources
- d. Approve Meeting Minutes for the following Board Meetings: May 5, 2021 and May 19, 2021
Presenter: Cydney Vandercar, Superintendent

Martina Shabram moved to approve the consent agenda. Jim Torrey seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5:0

V. ITEM FOR ACTION

- a. Approve Initiation of Land Use Decision Process
Presenters: Christine Nesbit, General Counsel and Kerry Delf, Chief of Staff

Ms. Delf referred to the June 16 meeting during which the board received information about the Future Build Program. This program will teach students skills in Career Technical Education (CTE) and home construction. Ms. Delf said that the district will need to acquire property on which to build the homes, and in order to begin that process the board is being asked to initiate the land use decision process. She continued that before the meeting on July 1, staff will work with a real property consultant to prepare findings of fact for the board. Because of the short timeline, details will be provided before the meeting, but may not be in their packet.

Additional next steps will be: notify neighbors of the initiation of the land use decision process; hold a public hearing on the acquisition of property; bring an item for action at a future meeting with a recommendation to purchase property.

Mr. Lafer asked whether the district will continue to buy property after the initial project and what kinds of homes students planned to build. Mr. Dey answered that they hope to build a home on a piece of purchased property and also to build tiny homes that can be moved. Students could start with the smaller homes and move to the larger project as their skills improved.

Mr. Torrey said that he was very pleased the district was initiating this program. He had visited the Salem project and is glad that 4J will follow suit. He added that the students earn credit in math and other topics while building the home in the Salem project and asked whether 4J students will receive the same opportunities. Mr. Dey answered that they will earn CTE credit and at the same time will be able to earn credit in individual subjects such as Math, Social Science and Language Arts. He added that this will be a rich opportunity and some students may also choose the focus in the area of Communications by documenting the process. Staff are using other programs as a model and hope to be able to accelerate the process. Mr. Torrey said that he hopes any profits made will be put back into the program. He added that parents have been asking the district to start a program like this. Mr. Dey said that any funds they receive through their community partners will be returned to the program. Superintendent Vandercar added that students could have jobs as they leave high school.

In response to questions from the board, Mr. Dey answered that they will have a certified teacher of record and they will contract with a General Contractor. When they are on site, students will work under the supervision of the teacher, but also with mentors in specific areas such as construction, electrical, plumbing, etc.

Ms. Hays prompted Mr. Torrey to make the motion in honor of the ongoing enthusiasm he has had to start a project such as this. Mr. Torrey moved approval of the request to move forward with land acquisition. Ms. Hays seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

The Board will meet on July 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to

- a. Swear in new board members
- b. Vote to affirm leadership of the board
- c. Receive findings of fact by staff members concerning the land acquisition process

VII. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Cydney Vandercar
District Clerk

Judy Newman
Board Chair

(Recorded by Eliza Drummond)