

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

Date: July 5, 2023

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The Board of Directors (BOD) of Eugene School District 4J, Lane County, Eugene, Oregon, held a regular BOD meeting at 7:00 p.m. in-person at the Education Center, 200 North Monroe Street in Eugene, Oregon, via live-stream and broadcast on KRVM. Notice of the meeting was emailed to the media and posted on the 4J website on June 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maya Rabasa, Chair
Jenny Jonak, Vice Chair
Tom Di Liberto
Rick Hamilton
Morgan Munro

STAFF:

Andy Dey, Superintendent
Art Hart
Collina Beard
Sebastian Bolden

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS:

Sabrina Gordon

MEDIA PRESENT:

KRVM

I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

II. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Rabasa called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She said the names of board members who were present. Superintendent Dey led the flag salute, and Chair Rabasa read the Land Acknowledgement.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dey thanked board members for their willingness to sacrifice their time and serve on the board.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

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

Presenter: Superintendent Dey

Tom Di Liberto – Position #1

Rick Hamilton – Position #4

Jenny Jonak – Position #5

Morgan Munro – Position #7

Superintendent Dey administered the Oath of Office to Tom Di Liberto, Rick Hamilton, Jenny Jonak, and Morgan Munro for the term July 1, 2023, thru June 30, 2027.

Chair Rabasa congratulated newly elected board members.

IV.2. Organize the Board of Director's for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

Presenter: Maya Rabasa

Chair Rabasa suggested that the board follow the Oregon School Board Association's (OSBA) recommendation for conducting an election, regarding electing the Eugene School District 4J Chair and Vice Chair. Each board member would get one vote. The nominee who received a quorum of votes would be elected to the position. For this meeting, a quorum was four votes.

There were no objections to Chair Rabasa's suggestion.

Chair Rabasa told board members that during the June 21, 2023, board meeting, the previous board voted to communicate a vote of confidence for appointing Jenny Jonak to the position of Vice Chair. Recognizing the need for the board to work diligently, and operate in a cohesive and collaborative style, both for the sake of improved functioning, as well as to further build the community's confidence in the board and the district, the board moved to share this vote of confidence based on Ms. Jonak's strong showing in the election, having received the highest number of votes in a 4J School Board election ever. For these reasons, Chair Rabasa nominated Jenny Jonak as Vice Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

There were no other nominations from board members.

Chair Rabasa called for a vote to elect Jenny Jonak as Vice Chair.

The vote passed unanimously (5:0:0).

Chair Rabasa, Rick Hamilton, Jenny Jonak, Tom Di Liberto, and Morgan Munro voted in favor of electing Jenny Jonak as Vice Chair of Eugene School District 4J for the 2023 – 2024 school year, which took effect immediately.

Chair Rabasa stated that at the June 21, 2023, meeting, previous board members approved the motion which stated that she would remain the board Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year. The motion stated that new board members could affirm or ratify this decision during the July 5, 2023, meeting. She added that Superintendent Dey had researched the topic and had information to share regarding the motion.

Superintendent Dey stated that there was not a subsequent affirmation or ratification process after the board voted on something. While he thought it was well intended to invite the newly elected board to ratify the decision made on June 21, 2023, it posed the question of which board decisions would require affirmation and which would not. There

was a lack of reference in board policy regarding affirmation and ratification. He noted that the board could discuss amending the policy in the future. If affirmation or ratification would take place regarding the approved motion made on June 21, 2023, there was rules that needed to be followed.

Chair Rabasa said the board would now decide whether to accept or decline the board's previous vote. She stated that the board could decide to not make any motion and leave the vote as it stood or make a motion to affirm or ratify.

Mr. Hamilton asked what the duration of each term was for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Chair Rabasa replied that the Chair and Vice Chair were elected annually and noted that a person could not serve more than four consecutive years as the Chair.

Mr. Di Liberto said he would like to make a motion to allow Chair Rabasa to continue as the board Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year but noted he would like the board to discuss how to proceed with the process of outgoing board members voting on board leadership for a new board before their term began.

Mr., Hamilton agreed and said it was uncomfortable that the old board decided on leadership for the new board.

Chair Rabasa acknowledged that she understood how Mr. Di Liberto and Mr. Hamilton felt about this situation. She requested that Mr. Di Liberto make a formal motion and said discussion should be regarding the motion. She noted that a deeper discussion about end of term decision making could be done at the board retreat or during a future work session.

MOTION: Mr. Di Liberto moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jonak to appoint Maya Rabasa as the Eugene School District 4J Board Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Chair Rabasa asked if there was any discussion.

There was no discussion.

Chair Rabasa called for a vote.

The motion failed (3:2:0).

Chair Rabasa, Vice Chair Jonak, and Mr. Di Liberto voted in favor of appointing Maya Rabasa as the Eugene School District 4J Board Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Mr. Hamilton, and Ms. Munro voted against appointing Maya Rabasa as the Eugene School District 4J Board Chair for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

V. CONSENT GROUP

V.1. Approve the Board of Directors' Participation in the 2023 OSBA Summer Board Conference Held in Salem, Oregon from August 11, 2023 thru August 13, 2023.

MOTION: Ms. Munro moved, seconded by Vice Chair Jonak to approve the Consent Group.

Chair Rabasa asked if there was any discussion.

There was no discussion.

Chair Rabasa called for a vote.

The vote passed unanimously (5:0:0).

Chair Rabasa, Rick Hamilton, Jenny Jonak, Tom Di Liberto, and Morgan Munro voted in favor of approving the Consent Group.

VI. COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Di Liberto thanked those who voted to make him a board member, and noted it was an honor to serve on the 4J Board. He pledged to do his best to listen to families, staff, and students, and noted that was not limited to those going through traditional channels, but to everyone. He said school districts do not get to do what should be done to best educate students, due to limitations on resources, staff, and training. The talent and diverse perspectives of this board, and the hardworking administrative staff would positively impact the educational careers of 4J students.

Mr. Hamilton said a few of his priorities were to develop a relationship with the community and rebuild trust. He also hoped to build relationships with the superintendent, board members, the administrative staff, and teachers. Building these relationships would help conquer the challenges that lay ahead.

Ms. Munro thanked the community for the opportunity to be a member of the 4J Board, and listen to students, families, educators, and the community, to determine how to best serve students and staff. She looked forward to working with fellow board members, and noted the work of the 4J Board was important. Because the board's work affected children, the work had to be done collegially and effectively.

Vice Chair Jonak said she was honored and privileged to serve on this board and noted she had respect for each of her fellow board members. She acknowledged the enormity of the challenges that lay ahead. By working together and with the help of the community, those challenges could be addressed. She thanked each board member for their willingness to serve the community.

Chair Rabasa welcomed everyone to the board and noted it took a tremendous amount of time, attention, energy, and passion to serve on a school board. She was proud to serve along side each newly appointed board member, and grateful that they had the chance to serve a community that cared about young people. She noted public education was critically linked to the vitality of the community.

VII. BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTION FOR ITEMS AT A FUTURE MEETING

Chair Rabasa explained the process to suggest and add agenda items at a future meeting. When a board member suggested an agenda item, at least two other board members needed to affirm it, in order for the suggestion to be discussed at a leadership meeting, a bi-weekly meeting that included the Chair, Vice Chair, a rotating member of the board, the superintendent, and often, the chief of staff. The most appropriate place for the board to discuss the option, i.e., a public meeting or a work session, would be discovered during the leadership meeting.

Vice Chair Jonak proposed that the board revisit the working agreement as a whole, but also include discussing procedures for confirming leadership from year to year.

Chair Rabasa noted three other board members were in favor of this suggested agenda item.

Mr. Di Liberto said he would like an update on any progress or changes that had been made over the summer regarding the new school schedules that would take effect at the start of the new school year.

Chair Rabasa noted two other board members were in favor of this suggested agenda item.

Ms. Jonak suggested that an update on the co-location of Kelly Middle School and Yujin Gakuen be added to the next meeting agenda.

Chair Rabasa noted two other board members were in favor of this suggested agenda item, and said the next meeting was scheduled for August 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

There were no other suggestions made.

VIII. ADJOURN

Chair Rabasa adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Andy Dey
District Clerk



Maya Rabasa
Board Chair

(Recorded by Diana Tisdale, LCOG) Approved 08/16/23