

## **Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order / Roll Check**

Chair Dyson called the meeting to order, and a roll check confirmed that the following members were present on Zoom: Vice Chair Franko, Director Ruby, Director Skuratowicz, Director Hatch, and Board Chair Dyson. Director Ruby joined the Zoom meeting late. All board members were in attendance.

### **2. Adoption or Adjustment of Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

- ❖ **Motion:** Vice Chair Franko moved, and Director Skuratowicz seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote of the five directors.

### **3. ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to Award a Contract Amendment 2 for \$2,342,372.58 to Outlier Construction Co. for the Science Building Seismic Rehabilitation Project at Ashland High School.**

Executive Director of Operations Steve Mitzel made a recommendation to award a contract amendment of \$2,342,372.58 to Outlier Construction Company for the seismic rehabilitation project of the science building at Ashland High School. To stay on track with the timeline, this item will be presented at the work session. However, Director Mitzel will review the details again during the regular monthly bond report at the April 10 regular session meeting.

Director Mitzel summarized the contract amendment process by reviewing the early work packages, the rigorous bid process, and the importance of securing materials and contractors in a timely fashion. The amendment of \$2,342,372.58 is the final amendment, bringing the total project grant not to exceed \$3,478,651.96. Any future award requests would require a change order and reallocation of bond funds.

Director Mitzel shared next steps for the project, which will include fencing off many sections of the quad for the remainder of the school year. There will be clear paths and instructions so that staff and students can safely navigate to their classrooms. They are working closely with an arborist to ensure the safety and survival of the redwood tree in the high school quad. The new design will include permeable pavers to allow water to reach the tree's roots. Many other improvements will be enjoyed, with added shade and seating. The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer break.

- ❖ **Motion:** Vice Chair Franko moved, and Director Hatch seconded to approve awarding Amendment 2, in the amount of \$2,342,372.58, to Outlier Construction Co. for the Science Building Seismic Rehabilitation Project at Ashland High School. Amendment 2 was approved by a unanimous vote of the five directors.

#### **4. ACTION ITEM: K-5 ELA Curriculum Adoption**

Principal Christine McCollom presented the ELA Curriculum Adoption Team's recommendations for ELA curriculum at the March 13 regular session. To allow ample opportunity for community input, the board requested that the curriculum adoption team provide an additional viewing, review, and feedback session, which took place at Bellview School on Tuesday, March 18. Ms. McCollom reported that feedback has been very positive.

The ELA curriculum committee is seeking board approval for the district to adopt EL Learning combined with 95% Group during the special session meeting because ordering the materials is time sensitive to get the supplies before the end of the school year, with an orientation to the new curriculum in August.

The team recommends a curriculum that combines elements from two publishers. EL Learning is the top choice for ELA core modules, and 95% Group's Core Phonics program offers a better explicit reading curriculum. The combined curriculum encompasses core texts, supplemental materials, and digital options, catering to the diverse needs of all teaching and learning styles. Ms. McCollom believes that these choices provide a solid foundation for new teachers.

Board members thanked the Curriculum Adoption Team for their work and mentioned the importance of having a consistent curriculum across the district.

- ❖ **Motion:** Director Skuratowicz moved, and Director Hatch seconded, to adopt EL Learning and 95% Group as the K-5 ELA Curriculum for Ashland School District, as recommended by the curriculum committee. The curriculum choice was approved by a unanimous vote of the five directors.

#### **5. Board Policy Review Process**

The board reviewed the process for presenting policies to the board for reading and discussion, as outlined in Policy BFC Adoption and Revision of Policies.

Unless a policy requires immediate adoption, the board will follow the following process:

1. Review policies during a work session
2. Do the research and answer questions
3. At the next regular session meeting, present policies with proposed edits as part of the consent agenda

4. Before the next regular session, public comment may be given to the board chair
5. At that time, the board could request more input as an order of business on the following meeting agenda
6. If no additional action is required, the second reading and call for adoption would take place at the following regular session meeting, as part of the consent agenda

The board directed Dr. Hattrick to outline who has the authority to deem a policy urgent and learn if there is an Oregon Statute that outlines why a policy would need to be urgently approved. If appropriate, add that language to Policy BFC.

## **6. Board Processes**

The board discussed best practices for communication strategies.

Superintendent Hattrick finds value in meeting with board members regularly. He is available for one-on-one meetings with board members at any time; board members do not have to wait for a Friday time slot. We have increased the Friday Superintendent/Board Member meeting time slot to weekly, and we will reserve that space for continuity and predictability. Reach out to Holly to schedule meetings as needed.

## **7. Other Items of Interest**

Vice Chair Franko announced that she has withdrawn her name from the candidate list and will not be running for school board.

Director Skuratowicz shared the tradition of having treats at the last board meeting for retiring board members.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Chair Dyson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

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Submitted by:  
Holly Rosser, Board Secretary

Dated for Board Approval: April 10, 2025