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School District 509J

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Jefferson County School District 509-J
Thursday, November 14, 2024
2024-2025 BOARD MEETING

Hybrid: In-person and Electronic via Zoom available for both meetings

MEETING LOCATION:

JCSD 509J – Warm Spring K-8 Academy (Library)
50 Chukar Road, Warm Springs, OR 97761



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2024-2025 Board of Directors:

Chair Courtney Snead, Vice-Chair Jacob Struck, Laurie Danzuka, Kevin Richards and Regina Mitchell

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE: Vice Chair Jacob Struck, Laurie Danzuka, Regina Mitchell and Kevin Richards

ABSENT: Chair Courtney Snead

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

In the absence of the board chair, Vice-Chair Jacob Struck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Secretary noted board member attendance for the record.

WELCOME CEREMONY/PRAYER/SONG - HONORING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Laurie Danzuka introduced Gavin Begay and Dasan Begay – they opened the meeting with a Native American prayer song and round dance song.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Laurie Danzuka made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0.**

INFORMATION / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS / COMMUNICATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **National Native American Heritage Month (Nov 2024) Proclamation & Land Acknowledgement**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen read the proclamation from page 34 of the board packet in honor of the National Native American Heritage Month.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck read the Land Acknowledgement from page 35 of the board packet; recognizing the land and paying respect to the elders past and present.

- **Warm Springs K-8 Report**

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson expressed that many people were thanking him following the work session this evening, but it is not him – he recognized the staff, the support staff from the district, students and families who have made the work possible. He introduced Robinique Hatlestad to speak from a parent’s perspective about the WSK8 AVID program.

Robinique Hatlestad shared with the board that she has two students enrolled in the AVID program, she never had AVID when she was in school and really didn’t know about AVID but she met with staff and learned that it is like a college 101 for middle-schoolers. She said it has done a lot of good for her girls, she has seen a big change – they are now almost always A-students and she doesn’t have to worry about them doing their school work.

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson welcome six students and asked that they introduce themselves and tell people what grade they are in. The following students introduced themselves before the board of directors: Aidan Jones (7th grade), Oviedo Bisland (8th grade), Jessi Hatlestad (6th grade), Shasta Tailfeathers (8th grade), Marisa Hatlestad (8th grade) and Meleseke Nua (8th grade).

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson explained that the students have to apply to be in AVID, and they have to go through a process. He asked the students, what AVID stands for, explain the process and what it means to them to be in AVID.

AVID stands for, Advancement Via Individual Determination, and each student explained the reason they are in AVID – they shared: to be more successful and organized; to not be tardy to classes; to learn how to work with other people and have a good education; to help find out what to be; to be a good student; and to prepare them for high school and college.

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson asked the students what they are learning. They each shared in more detail about what they are learning – some of the information they explained is: they are learning how to do tutorial; and they explained the Point of Confusion (POC) and the Tutorial Request Form (TRF).

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson asked the students how AVID helps them to be successful at Warm Springs K-8 Academy. They shared that it has helped them in their organizational skills; helps to keep them out of trouble; helps give them career ideas; helps in being on time/their attendance; being better at communicating and being patient with others.

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson asked the students what is their favorite part about AVID. The students shared some of their favorite things about AVID – the field trips, meeting people and learning about environments and career opportunities.

WSK8 Principal Lonnie Henderson said on field trips he hears from so many people about what great questions our students have, showing that they are very curious and engaged. He thanked the students for sharing this evening.

Board members thanked the students, parents and WSK8 staff for their work in this program; they also thanked them for the great work shop that was before the meeting this evening.

- **Student Representative Report**

MHS student Yashira Chavero gave a student report (provided as an independent handout to board members), sharing information about the girls soccer, volleyball, football; boys soccer, cross country; she said the winter sports start on Monday, November 18, 2024. She shared that the FFA hosted the Sadie Hawkins on November 9th at MHS and approximately 60 attended. In Key Club, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and Dr. Janelle Luis came and shared with the students. Youth Tribal consists of : President Kiahana Allen; President Arthur Miller; Vice-President Julia Wolf; Secretary Yamilei Adams; Treasurer Arema White and Communications Officer Trecee Graybeal.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck thanked Yashira for her impressive report, sharing that the board members are enjoying all the great pictures.

Laurie Danzuka asked Yashira how the open campus lunch is going – Yashira said it has been a win-win for everybody.

- **Impact Aid, Community/Family Engagement Night Recap – October 24, 2024 @WSK8**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen introduced HR Director Melinda Boyle to present on the family engagement night. Melinda Boyle directed board members to their board packet (pages 36-37) and shared that family engagement night was held on October 24, 2024 at Warm Springs K-8 Academy. There were 62 participants, 29 parents and community members, 22 students and 11 JCSD staff members. She explained the common themes that emerged (page 36) and the information in greater detail from the WS Community Engagement / Impact Aid Input Session (page 37).

HR Director Melinda Boyle explained that this information will go to the Indian Education Advisory Committee, they will use the data and various other data to update their three-year action plan; and it is also used in our district improvement meetings to bring about change in our district.

HR Director Melinda Boyle asked the board if they have any questions. There were none presented.

Board Vice-Chair Struck proceeded to the next agenda item.

- **OSBA Convention Recap (November 7-9, 2024)**

Laurie Danzuka shared about her experience at OSBA Convention this year. She is also on the OSBA Board so she was very busy. She attended several breakout sessions.

- **Proposed OSBA policy Update, EBBB – Injury or Illness Reports** - Action Item

Superintendent Jay Mathisen directed board members to pages 39-40 in their board packet and explained that this proposed policy update is of a policy that was recently reviewed, updated and adopted by our board (September 9, 2024) but OSBA had an additional update required (to delete a line and a foot note); we decided to bring it back to the board to adopt with the final change and rather than going through a first and second read we are requesting to adopt it this evening as one of the action items.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck asked if there are any questions. There were none presented.

- **OSBA Board Elections - Central Region, Position 3, Laurie Danzuka** - Action Item

Superintendent Jay Mathisen explained that later in the meeting they will have an opportunity to vote on the OSBA Board, Central Region, position 3 - Laurie Danzuka is running unopposed.

- **OSBA Resolution 1 – Amends the OSBA Dues Schedule** - Action Item

Superintendent Jay Mathisen directed board members to pages 46-47 in the board packet for the OSBA Resolution 1, that amends the OSBA dues.

Laurie Danzuka made a comment that the State has not updated the dues in over twenty years. This resolution reflects an increase annually until floor is reached, then and percentage increase through year five.

- **OSBA Resolution 2 – Amends Oregon School Boards Association’s Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors** - Action Item

Superintendent Jay Mathisen directed board members to pages 48-57 of the board packet and explained the OSBA Resolution 2 that is presented here will be providing a LGBTQ+ seat on the OSBA Board. He asked Laurie Danzuka if she has anything to add regarding the resolution.

Laurie Danzuka explained that this resolution is the same model as the other caucuses - it will add a voice and an advisory committee for this work; it will also give them an opportunity to speak on the state board and for the legislative policy. The OSBA board approved, but it will also need approval from boards across the state.

- **OSBA Resolution 3 – Adopts proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws** - Action Item

Superintendent Jay Mathisen directed board members to pages 58-74 in the board packet for OSBA Resolution 3 – which adopts proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws. He encouraged board members to read through it because there is too much to summarize.

The document shows underlined text that is being added and strikethrough text for text that will be deleted. He reminded board members they will have the opportunity to vote on the board position and the three proposed OSBA resolutions – they can vote yes, no, abstain or no action taken; the board secretary will enter the votes on their behalf.

Laurie Danzuka shared that this came about at the OSBA level because of some confusion and perceived lack of transparency about the board officer process and this resolution will give some clarity to the process.

Superintendent Jay Mathisen asked if there are any questions.

Kevin Richards asked if the amendment has to be ratified by the majority. Laurie Danzuka confirmed – that is correct.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck asked if these all have to be approved by all districts. Laurie Danzuka clarified that they have to vote on them, and a majority vote is entered.

With no additional questions or comments, Vice-Chair Jacob Struck proceeded to the next agenda item.

- **Student Investment Account (SIA) Annual Report**

Assistant Superintendent Shay Mikalson informed board members that there are slides in their packet (pages 75-87) but he will do his best to efficiently summarize the details with this presentation as a snapshot but also explain where we are headed.

The Student Investment Account (SIA) came into effect back in 2019 and it brought \$2 billion of increased revenue to K-12 schools. The goal around that were two-fold: 1) to meet the students mental and behavioral health needs and 2) increase the academic achievement of our students, especially those who have been farthest from opportunity. That work happened on the heels of COVID and those resources became really important for not just this district but all districts to navigate through those processes. Coming out of COVID the Department of Education combined, not only the Student Success Act, but brought six other initiatives – some with money (like the high school success), and others regulations and requirements, like us having a continuous improvement plans. That screen (page 76) reflects the integrated programs that came forth out of COVID, still focused on the two main themes of the Student Success Act (to meet the students mental and behavioral health needs and increase the academic achievement); this district did great work during that time; in the 2022-2023 school year our district went through a process where we were planning and engaging the community in developing the plan that we are now executing. Those six initiatives totaled about \$4.1 million annually to a district – two largest pockets of that money is the student investment - counselors, drug and alcohol counselors, instructional coaches, FAN advocates, money to reduce class sizes, expand after school learning, increase behavior specialists, music in elementary, health room assistance,

work that we do to help schools with facilitation of PLC and leadership structures, and ultimately the professional development that we do around AVID, PLCs, and those dual credit dues come out of this resource. That will be about \$3 million of that \$4 million.

He continued, the other larger bucket of resources is about \$800,000 is the high school success, currently funding four teachers related to current technical education, student success coordinator, future center at MHS, some costs associated with the district land lab; bringing supports around counseling software and data work we do in the district, and again professional development dollars. This is a snapshot reminder of what this plan brought to our district.

Assistant Superintendent Shay Mikalson explained where we are now, of this four-year plan, we are one year in execution of that and are where we report an annual report to the State of Oregon. The annual report does look at how we progress on these long-term metrics. It also asks us to look at progress markers, which is across our district – not student achievement outcomes but to give the board a perspective, we are reporting on adult behaviors, our policies, our practices and are those moving in the direction that we expect. We also submit a narrative response to this.

Assistant Superintendent Shay Mikalson informed the board that while we have a four-year plan and we are only one year into the plan, and about to execute year two of that plan, this cycle repeats quickly so every two years we are at the part of looking at the plan, re-engaging in it and always tasking forward at the four-year vision of that plan. We are not only at the point of application of the plan but also reporting. We think highly of the investments we are doing and ask you as a board to reflect on this work as we bring a budget to you for your approval.

Assistant Superintendent Shay Mikalson also provided the board with the JCSD Community Engagement Calendar for 2024-2025 as a digital packet with live hyperlinks for the board to continually be updated in one location – what we are listening to and what we are learning from. He informed the board that there will be an application process that goes forward that the board will review and ultimately will approve and then it will be submitted to the State of Oregon this spring.

With no questions or comments, Vice-Chair Struck proceeded to the next agenda item.

- **Enrollment Update**

Superintendent Mathisen directed board members to page 88 of the board packet and explained the enrollment update. He explained that this is the first enrollment report that we have more students than we did a year ago – that's a good note.

- **Facilities Update**

Operations and Safety Coordinator Simon White provided a Bond update, sharing that there was a very good showing, there were eight bids for pre-bid, and six bids for the second phase roofing project at JCMS.

The Intent to Award / Contract – Mission Building and Renovations, LLC is an action item this evening, presented for the Boards approval.

We are currently slightly under-budget on the Bond projects.

They had a mandatory pre-bid walk for the Madras Elementary Playground project and there were between four and six general contractors show up for that one. That bidding will take place mid-December. Work will be performed spring, summer and ready for beginning of next school year.

He informed the board that the Bridges High School / Westside building sign is up and it is very nice. There will be light fixtures installed this week.

The board thanked Simon for the good work.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT [2-OPTIONS]

OPTION 1: Each person wishing to speak will have signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized. The 509-J Board of Directors reserves this time for citizens to share comments or concerns. Because time is limited, as a standard practice, as a courtesy to others, and to maintain our meeting schedule, guests will be allotted three minutes to speak. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker. The Chair has authority to keep order and impose any reasonable restrictions necessary to conduct an efficient meeting. The Board reserves the right to delay discussion on any item presented until later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting. Objective criticism of operations and programs may be heard, but no complaints concerning specific personnel, the visitor will be directed to the appropriate means for filing complaints as necessary.

OPTION 2: Jefferson County School District 509-J will accept public comment in writing prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received online (via the comment link on the agenda) by **1:00 pm** [the date of the board meeting] and may be read during the public comment section of the meeting. Comments or complaints regarding specific people or personnel WILL NOT be accepted, please refer to the district complaint policy.

Rosetta Herkshan signed up to speak.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck called on Rosetta Herkshan to speak before the board.

Rosetta Herkshan introduced herself as a parent and advocate for the community. She informed the board of NIEA Hill week and encouraged leadership to attend. She said it is a good example to set a precedence to represent our district, especially with a new administration – it is an important opportunity to advocate for our district and partner with others to advocate for our students and fight for continued funding. She said NIEA will put the date out soon, it is usually in February.

Vice-Chair Jacob Struck thanked Rosetta Herkshan for the invitation and bringing it to their attention, proceeded to the action items and called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Board Minutes of October 14, 2024
2. Personnel Action
3. Resolution #25-05, Misc. Grants & Donations (\$5,609)
4. Financial Report

Laurie Danzuka made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0**.

Proposed OSBA policy Update, EBBB – Injury or Illness Reports

Kevin Richards made a motion to adopt OSBA policy update, EBBB – Injury or Illness Reports; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0**.

OSBA Board Elections Official Ballot, Central Region, Position 3, Laurie Danzuka

Kevin Richards motioned to vote for Laurie Danzuka for OSBA Board, Central Region, Position 3; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0**.

OSBA Resolution 1 – Amends the OSBA dues Schedule

Regina Mitchell made a motion to adopt OSBA Resolution 1 – Amends the OSBA dues Schedule as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0**.

OSBA Resolution 2 – Amends Oregon School Boards Association’s Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors and

OSBA Resolution 3 - Adopts proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws

Kevin Richards made a motion to approve **both** the OSBA Resolution 2 – Amends Oregon School Boards Association’s Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors **and** OSBA Resolution 3 - Adopts proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws as presented. Both were approved based on a majority vote – **APPROVED 3/1** (*Jacob Struck opposed*).

Intent to Award / Contract - Mission Building and Renovations, LLC

Laurie Danzuka made a motion to approve the Intent to Award / Contract - Mission Building and Renovations, LLC as presented; motion passed unanimously – **APPROVED 4/0.**

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Tribal Council Elections at MHS – impressed by the students for the preparedness, confidence and public speaking.
- Family Engagement.
- JCMS sports teams – a lot of positive conversations about the athletes.
- NIEA Convention in October and the OSBA Annual Convention.
- Tonight’s work session highlighting ‘Better Every Day.’
- Sports / Cross Country – incredible positive coaches.
- High School Presentation on the dual credits – awesome opportunity for our students.
- The Student Representative presentation was great.
- Key Club work – the visit from Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum Dr. Janelle Luis – shout out to Kim Schmidt and Tony Summers for all the work and fantastic opportunities for our students.
- Students this evening and how they presented AVID.
- The Cultural Assembly yesterday at MHS – kids celebrating who they are; great to see community involvement – virtually as well (community huddle) – very special.

REMINDERS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- JCSD 509J Thanksgiving Break – **November 25 – 29, 2024.**
- JCSD 509J Board Leadership – **December 3, 2024, 9am** (Courtney & Jacob)
- Next JCSD 509J Board Work Session & Meeting – **Monday, December 9, 2024 @5:30pm**, JCSD 509J Board Room

***Important Note:** Dates, times and locations of the events listed are subject to change with little or no notice, please check the JCSD 509J website for school board, individual school and performing arts center information on the various events scheduled throughout our district: <https://www.jcsd.k12.or.us/>*

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business Vice-Chair Jacob Struck adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

**Draft to Board for approval at next meeting,
Monday, December 9, 2024**

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Board Chair Courtney Snead

Superintendent Jay Mathisen

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