



**Regular Board Meeting
Sisters School District Office
December 6, 2023 at 6:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board	Jenica Cogdill, Edie Jones, Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith, David Thorsett
Student Representative	Holly Davis
Superintendent	Curt Scholl
Administrators	Tim Roth, Steve Stancliff, Joan Warburg
Supervisors	(Sherry Joseph), Todd Pilch
Board Secretary	Amy Bionda

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Call to Order **David Thorsett** called the Regular Board Meeting to order at **6:06 pm**.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions / Amendment Add Resolution #23-24-01 as Action item under Business / Finance Reports. Add Integrated Grant as Action item under Board Business. Move Community Comments to end of the meeting.

Jeff moved and Asa seconded that the Board adopt the 2023-12-06 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above additions and amendment. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

GUEST PRESENTERS

5th Grade Presentation **Tiffany Tisdell, Tanya Young** and **Deb Riehle** presented an overview of the current 5th grade performance and the positive impacts observed by being located at the Middle School. They shared the academic excellence achieved by the students (well above state average), as well as the benefits of being integrated at the Middle School, such as hour-long classes and student systems already in place (ex. Canvas, lockers, binders/planners, etc.), leading to an easier transition to 6th grade. The goal of “belonging” (ex. mentorships, goal setting, “House” system assemblies, etc.) has also had a positive impact thanks to the interaction with older students.

Folk Festival **Brad Tisdell** shared that the Sisters Folk Festival has been partnering with the Sisters School District for the past 23 years with the goal of complimenting and supporting the district in the form of creativity, self-expression and community engagement. He mentioned several collaborations that have occurred over the years: Americana Project and Luthier Program at the high school, artist residency to decorate the Elementary School fence, Fiddle & Strings lessons and camps, GRO scholarships, professional development, purchasing a plethora of music equipment and digital story telling equipment for the schools, hiring visual arts teachers, and much more. He mentioned that a lot of this was possible due to the Oregon Community Foundation Grant, a five-year grant to create sustainable engagement in music and arts. However, thanks to the close collaboration with the School District, the programs created during the grant period have continued to thrive. As we look to the future, he hopes we can continue the remarkable connection and push innovation in these domains.

The presentation concluded with a performance led by Melissa Stolaz. Several students played Scandinavian music on fiddles, which was greatly appreciated by all.

TCCA Presentation

Several students from **Rima Givot's** first year biology class presented the results of their Trout Creek Conservation Area (TCCA) studies that were performed over the fall term. The students shared the history and detailed findings of 160 acres of Ponderosa Pine and Western Juniper forest. Over the course of the term, students studied and compared results of 42 different plots. Observations included: plants, animals, environment, habitat, human impact, etc. They concluded with a message of what they learned and what we can do to help support the forest.

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures

Sherry Joseph shared the [2023-12-06 General Fund Report](#) and the [2023-12-06 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report](#). Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

Resolution

Sherry Joseph presented [Resolution #23-24-01](#) to the board.

Jeff moved and Jenica seconded that the Board adopt [Resolution #23-24-01](#) as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Curt Scholl shared that enrollment is slightly up. The increase in high school numbers reflects continued Heart of Oregon student enrollment.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl shared that the new Elementary School construction was going well. The roof was nearly complete and siding was going up. He mentioned that it is still on target for a 95% completion by May 1st.

Workforce Housing Update

Curt Scholl shared that we have viable candidates. One unit is moving forward with a potential candidate, and the second unit is still processing. The interest rates are still very high, which is causing the most difficulty for the interested candidates.

BOARD BUSINESS

1st Reading Policies

The Board reviewed the proposed updates to the following policies:

- **AC-AR** - Discrimination Complaint Procedure
- **IGBHD** - Program Exemptions
- **JFCF-AR** - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, Cyberbullying, or Teen Dating Violence Reporting Procedures – Student
- **JGE** - Expulsion

Integrated Grant

Curt Scholl, Curt Scholl, representing Joe Hosang, presented the Student Investment Account Agreement between the State of Oregon Department of Education and Sisters SD6 as part of the Integrated Programs, highlighting the goals, which were not changed from the August Board Meeting in the current agreement. There was an opportunity for the board and public to speak. No additional comments were made.

Asa moved and Edie seconded that the Board adopt the Integrated Grant as previously presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ELP Adoption

Joan Warburg and **Melissa Smith** presented the steps that they followed for the English Language Proficiency (ELP) textbook adoption process, as well as the decisive factors for their choice (refer to document: [2023-2024 ELP Textbook Adoption](#)). After detailed research and interaction with ODE, they proposed to adopt English 3D by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for grades 4-12. They also proposed to postpone the adoption of the ELP textbooks for grade K-3 until fall 2024. Currently no program meets their level of expectations. Waiting until fall, will allow the opportunity to review and possibly align K-3 with the same English 3D program.

Asa moved and Jeff seconded that the Board adopt the ELP Textbooks as presented for grades 4-12. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Asa moved and Jenica seconded that the Board postpone the adoption of the ELP Textbooks for grades K-3 until fall 2024. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

OSBA Election

The Board reviewed the proposed OSBA candidates and the resolutions.

Edie moved and Asa seconded that the Board vote for Board Position 3 (Only Candidate - Laurie Danzuka), LPC Potion 3 (Only Candidate - Courtney Snead), Resolution 1 (Yes - Adopt) and Resolution 2 (Yes - Adopt) in the 2023 OSBA Election. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Steve Swisher
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Steve Swisher shared three comments. He felt that the Integrated Grant followed a good process. He suggested to add a place for the Student Representative to share comments on future agendas. He reminded the Board that they need to begin the recruiting process for the new Budget Committee members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes [2023-11-01 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

David moved and Edie seconded that the Board adopt the 2023-12-06 Consent Agenda as amended by Jeff (minor grammatical errors). Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
December 13, 2023	Board Work Session	6:00pm	DO
January 3, 2024	Regular Board Meeting	6:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **David Thorsett** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **8:10 pm**.

David Thorsett, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary