

LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 6:00 PM

Santiam Travel Station

750 S. Third Street, Lebanon, OR 97355

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:
Mike Martin, Chair	Bo Yates, Superintendent via Zoom
Richard Borden, Vice Chair	Jennifer Meckley, Assistant Superintendent
Tom Oliver, Member	William Lewis, Business Director
Tammy Schilling, Member	Steve Woodcock, Special Education Director, via
	Zoom
	Bill Wittman, Curriculum Director

The meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Ruth Hopkins.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mike Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community member Jason Powell requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding the rumor of a student walkout regarding masks and negative comments from staff regarding the walkout. He feels that staff needs to support either all or none for political views. He also spoke regarding the proposed school bond and wanted to say that education and student safety needed to be a priority.

Community member Sabrina Mann requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding the February 8th town hall meeting for School Based Health Centers. She mentioned that there were more questions to be answered regarding the clinic and invited the Board to attend another town hall meeting in March. Her specific questions were in regard to whether or not homeless people would be able to access the clinic, if drugs such as antidepressants would be allowed to be prescribed to students, and the funding for the health center. She also asked if they district was going to move forward with the clinic, and if they will allow parents to opt out of their student having access to the clinic.

Community member Alisa Triglia requested the opportunity to address the Board. She is not in favor of the bond until students are unmasked. She mentioned the mask mandate and urged the Board to remove masks from students.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE

Superintendent Yates presented the COVID-19 update. He shared the latest update from the state, and that we will be able to unmask kids on March 31st, and that the case rates and modeling for COVID was encouraging at this point.

He shared an update from the transportation department, and explained that with the current staffing levels, if a driver goes out sick, there is not a driver to sub for them and the district has had to cancel routes to Hamilton Creek and Lacomb Schools because of these issues. It is not optimal and transportation tries not to do this, but they are also trying to get as many students to school as possible.

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION REPORT

Steve Woodcock, Director of Special Education, shared the special education restraint and seclusion data with the Board. He explained that the data was set up to be able to see a three-year period. He added that there was a number of staff members that were untrained because of COVID restrictions, due to the fact that part of the training requires close proximity to other staff members. So the data reflects the untrained staff that was involved in an incident.

The question was asked regarding untrained staff, and if they had never been untrained or just not trained this year. It was answered that it was just for this year. It was then asked if the 15 students were 15 different students. It was answered that it was the total number of incidents and that it was two students who were involved in the incidents.

There were no other questions.

5. K-8 FALL TO WINTER GROWTH REPORT

Curriculum and School Improvement Coordinator, Bill Wittman, shared the district STAR assessment data with the Board. He explained there was positive growth for all schools in both reading and math for the fall to winter assessments. Our district is currently outpacing peers across the country in annual and catch-up growth. This is being accomplished even with all of the absences due to COVID, and shortages with substitute teachers and classified staff members.

He added that he would be coming back in March with the language arts adoption information for grades K-5 and 9-12.

He then reviewed the three-year data, which showed the initial impact of COVID. There were no questions.

6. LBL ESD LOCAL SERVICE PLAN UPDATE 2022-23

Superintendent Yates presented the LBL ESD Local Service Plan update for 2022-23. He indicated that LBL ESD Superintendent Tonja Everest had reviewed this with the Board in December. He shared the Lebanon information that is included and is asking the Board to approve the service plan.

Upon motion made by Vice Chair Richard Borden, duly seconded by Member Tom Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the LBL ESD Local Service Plan update as presented.

7. ESSER I, II & III, SUMMER LEARNING GRANT FINANCIAL REPORTS

William Lewis presented the ESSER information. He explained that ESSER I is the least restrictive grant and ESSER III is the most restrictive grant. ESSER is grant funding from the federal government for COVID relief. There is also the GEER grant and the Summer Learning Grant. The money can only be spent on something that will help kids move forward in a COVID-19 environment.

ESSER I came at the start of COVID-19. Most of these funds went to building an online learning platform and additional staffing. The other big expense went to a freezer upgrade that would allow the Nutrition Department to accommodate bigger orders, and to allow them to serve more students and families. The funds in ESSER I have all been spent.

ESSER II monies were spent largely on staffing and benefits for contact tracers and additional staff, additional student technology needs, etc. There is also \$1.5 million of ESSER II that has been set aside for the Seven Oak 6th grade classroom expansion, and that is the only remaining money in ESSER II.

ESSER III is a three-year grant of \$8.3 million. As of the current expenditures, 40.9% of the monies have been spent for the startup of Santiam Academy. There were also portions of it spent on technology, other staffing, as well as \$2.5 million that has been set aside for the 6th grade classroom expansion at Seven Oak. We are still currently spending ESSER III. Future expenses are monies set aside that will be combined with bond money for building needs. ESSER III needs to be spent by September 2024.

The GEER Grant totaled \$136,000 and that was for computer software, computers, hardware, and professional services. This money has all been spent.

William Lewis added that we have been audited on all of this and with the all of the federal grants, it adds a huge amount to the auditing process. Funds were spent in the appropriate manner, based on the requirements for the grants.

The Summer Learning Program last year was an incredible program and an incredible amount of money. We received a total of \$1.5 million in April 2021 and it needed to be spent by summer. By comparison, the previous summer school budget was approximately \$50,000. There were three separate grants that were a part of this: K-8 Enrichment, 9-12 Credit Recovery and K-5 Child Care. 97.3% of the funding went into directly supporting our students and employees, including over \$161,000 that went to student fundraising efforts for those students who helped out with the various summer programs. These students were not able to do fundraising because of COVID restrictions, so this was used for fundraising for athletics and different programs in support of students.

(Whereupon, there was a discussion around items in the various funds.)

8. BOND INFORMATION AND RESOLUTION NO. 2122-4

Superintendent Yates presented the bond information. He shared that it started when he came from the high school to be the assistant superintendent and there was eight million dollars in deferred maintenance for the school roofs. He said there was a committee put together in 2018 to

look at our facilities and come up with a list of facility needs for each school. There was also a formal facility maintenance plan put together by Soderstrom Architects. The repairs listed are necessary repairs. This was a priority when he was hired and there have been several years of preparation to get to this point in the process. The district has recently surveyed the community and that showed there is strong community support for keeping our buildings safe and secure.

He has been working with the Aquatic District that runs the swimming pool, which the school district owns, and he has presented the information regarding the needed repairs for the pool at previous board meetings.

He is asking the Board to approve a \$20 million bond on the May election ballot, which will have a \$4.3 million matching grant from the State OSCIM Program, if the bond is passed by the voters. From the \$24.3 million total, \$10 million will be for the pool restoration and \$14.3 million will be for school repairs. He shared that he has been out in the community promoting the bond and has received positive feedback. He then reviewed the various needs at the different school sites.

Member Tom Oliver then explained what deferred maintenance is. He shared that the district does spend a significant amount of money on maintenance to keep things going. The bond would be for the system replacements, and that is not supported by the general fund. This is the reason behind the Board approving the construction excise tax, to have the new construction in the community help fund the system maintenance and replacements over time.

William Lewis then shared how the district arrived at the \$24.3 million for the bond. The goal is to have a flat rate of \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed value. There will be interest earnings on this as well. The hope is to be able to dovetail on the ESSER funds and try to combine with other funding sources to get the most for our money.

(Whereupon, there was an extensive discussion around the bond and what repairs are included.)

Upon motion made by Member Tom Oliver, duly seconded by Vice Chair Richard Borden, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Bond Resolution No. 2122-4 as presented and to present the general obligation bond on the May 17, 2022 election ballot.

9. CONSTRUCTION RESOLUTION NO. 2122-5

William Lewis presented the construction resolution that will approve the alternative contracting method Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Seven Oak project. Steve Earle from HMK, the project manager for Seven Oak, provided information regarding this process.

Upon motion made by Vice Chair Richard Borden, duly seconded by Member Tom Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to approve Construction Resolution No. 2122-5 as presented.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Tammy Schilling had some questions regarding the policy update process and requested that we table the policy updates until the March Board meeting.

(Whereupon, there was a discussion around the policy update process.)

Upon motion made by Member Tom Oliver, duly seconded by Member Tammy Schilling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 9, 2021 meeting minutes and January 13, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The policy updates were tabled until the March 10, 2022 meeting.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were no updates for the Operations Department, Human Resources Department and the Finance Department.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Board

Member Tom Oliver thanked everyone for the robust discussion on the bond issue.

Chair Mike Martin also shared that he visited three school-based health clinics and shared what he found at the different clinics and what is generally treated in them and what is not.

B. Superintendent

Nothing to report from the Superintendent.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No members of the audience requested the opportunity to address the Board.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Myul Mike Martin, Board Chair

Bo Yates, Superintendent

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LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

ESSER I, ESSER II, ESSER III, GEER Grant, and Summer Learning Grants Review

W1 W2

ESSER I Fund 234 Expenditures

- Online Learning Cascades (pre Santiam Academy) 32.8% Other Staffing 26%
- School Supplies 3.7%
- Computer Software 2.8%
- Freezer Upgrade and other FS Upgrades (Refrigerators and Milk Coolers) 26%
- Grant In Directs 4.3% Charter School 4.4%

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ESSER II Fund 902 Expenditures

- Staffing and Benefits 57.5%
- Technology (hardware, software, licenses, support, hot spots) 13.5%
- Charter School 5.8%, Grant In directs 3.1%, Summer Learning Grant shared portion 5.9%
- School supplies 4%, Modular classroom rental 3.3%
- Remaining \$1.5 million reserved for 7 Oak 6th grade classroom expansion project.

ESSER III Fund 903 Expenditures

- Santiam Acadamy-40.9% of YTD plus encumbered.
- Technology-9.8% YTD plus encumbered.
- Other Staffing-32.1% YTD plus encumbered.
- \$2.5 Million reserved for 7 Oak 6th grade classroom expansion.
- Future expenses- SA, Pandemic Relief Assets, Pandemic Relief Services, Coordination with Grants and Future Bonds.

GEER Grant Fund 901 Expenditures

- Computer Software 40.9%
- Computer Hardware 50.1%
- Professional Services and Supplies 9%

SUMMER LEARNING Grants Fund 904 Expenditures

- Three Separate Grants- K-8 Enrichment, 9-12 Credit Recovery, K-5 Child Care
- K-8 Enrichment and 9-12 Credit Recovery required a 25% district contribution. The district K-8 contribution came from ESSER II and SIA funds and the district 9-12 contribution came from HSS and SIA.
- 97.3 % of funding went into directly supporting our students and employees. Over \$161k went to student fundraising efforts who helped out with various programs.

Questions/Clarifications/Requests