

**Northwest Regional ESD
Board of Directors
- REGULAR MEETING MINUTES -
February 16, 2016**

Attendance

Board: Renée Bruce, Karen Cunningham, Earl Fisher, Dave Hollandsworth, Marilyn McGlasson, Lisa Poehlitz, and Christine Riley (Not in attendance: Ann Samuelson or Connie Green)

Staff: Rob Saxton, Robyn Bean, Janice Essenberg, Nancy Ford, Kerri Smith, Rick Wahlstrom, George Winterscheid, Theresa Gartner, Megan Stenberg, Stacy Rager, and Myronda Schiding.

Guest: Sarah Beck

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poehlitz called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. February 16, 2016.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Poehlitz led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Poehlitz entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director McGlasson moved to approve the consent agenda with the added items of 7a and 8a as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

To resume next month.

6. PROGRAM PRESENTATION

A. EI/ECSE: Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Nancy Ford introduced Stacy Rager, Principal of the Beaverton Early Childhood Center, thanking her, the staff, and the Board for making the new facility possible. Principal Rager shared a very broad overview of program services for Early Intervention and Early childhood Special Education. The center provides an array of supports including parent trainings and coaching. Principal Rager thanked the Board, especially for the building's new safety features, which provide to ability to perform lock downs. The center continues to grow and is increasing staff as quickly as possible to keep up with the demand this year.

Principal Rager then presented a [video](#) featuring a Beaverton Early Childhood Center Parent, Sarah Beck. At the conclusion of the [video](#), Principal Rager introduced Ms. Beck to the Board. Ms. Beck shared her experiences with and gratitude for the Beaverton Early Childhood Center. Her twin boys are now in mainstream kindergarten classrooms and are progressing well. Ms. Beck also shared her willingness to advocate for the program. The Board thanked Ms. Beck for her time and her amazing story, as well as Megan Stenberg for her efforts in creating the video. Director McGlasson thanked

Ms. Beck for her courage to share. Ms. Beck said she is happy to have the video shared to continue to advocate for these services.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Policy; 2nd Reading

Moved to the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Financial Report

Moved to the Consent Agenda.

B. NWRES D Strategic Plan Presentation

Superintendent Saxton gave an overview of the strategic plan goals and metrics with special focus on the goals pertaining to student success in the northwest region through early learning, high school graduation, post-secondary engagement, and STEM/CTE. He also provided further clarification on two definitions of “equity” as defined throughout the ESD to include “equitable services” delivered to small/rural versus large districts, as well as “equity” as it pertains to historically underserved populations. The Superintendent called out the demand for behavioral programs in the region and is working with staff to develop a plan to benefit all districts. Superintendent Saxton shared that department budgets are being finalized in the coming weeks, specifically focusing on “budgeting the plan, rather than planning the budget.” He also described how he, the executive team, and staff are setting their goals to align to the strategic plan.

Director Bruce suggested an adjustment to Goal 4, Objective 3 since this is a 2-year Strategic Plan. The goal is currently set at 10 years. Director Cunningham requested baseline data to provide a better understanding of what successful increases will look like. Director Hollandsworth shared that the ESD has experienced a lot of change over the last several years, and emphasized his appreciation for the time and energy put into this effort, as well as the inclusion of staff and stakeholders in its development. Director McGlasson also offered her appreciation.

Superintendent Saxton described the planning process which initiated with a large cross-sector of staff that volunteered or were asked to participate. The group’s recommendations were then presented to Cabinet where the work continued. Superintendent Saxton asked the Board to provide him with any forthcoming suggestions and informed the Board he will bring the updated strategic plan back in March.

C. CTE/STEM Update

Superintendent Saxton introduced Myronda Schiding who joined NWRES D in December 2015. Since she was hired, Ms. Schiding has been building relationships throughout the region, having visited 16 of 20 districts. She described her work assisting school districts as they search and apply for additional funding opportunities, as well as her efforts to establish a STEM Hub in the northwest region. Superintendent Saxton shared that, while the grant application for the NW Oregon Regional STEM Hub was not successful, he and Ms. Schiding are committed to furthering STEM and CTE efforts in our districts.

Director Fisher described a visit by Senator Wyden at the automotive shop in St Helens School District at which the Senator was very impressed by how much they were accomplishing with very few resources. He expressed his hope that NWRES D will engage leaders such as Congresswomen Bonamichi, who is very supportive of CTE/STEM, as we continue our efforts. Ms. Schiding agreed with his comments, describing how many programs she has visited have made huge strides in

STEM and CTE, even though their resources are limited. She expressed her commitment to advancing this important work and engaging more partners along the way.

D. Legislative Update

Superintendent Saxton provided a brief legislative update, referencing the report provided by Ozzie Rose.

E. NWRESD Budget Committee Member Vacancies

Lauren Slyh O'Driscoll will communicate with school districts in zones that have current vacancies, including at-large positions.

F. Policy Review 1st Reading

Please contact Assistant Superintendent Peterson with comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

No additional comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Saxton shared the Knappa School District is very pleased to have Assistant Superintendent Peterson serving as the Interim Superintendent. Additionally, 16 school districts have adopted and approved the local service plan for 2016-2017. Lastly, the NW Early Learning Hub, in conjunction with the Early Learning Washington County Hub, submitted their application for the Preschool Promise grant.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next meeting will be March 8, 2016.

Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Lisa Poehlitz, Chair

Rob Saxton, Superintendent