

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MINUTES
October 14, 2014
District Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, Oregon

Board Present:

Kim Strelchun, Chair
Wayne Clift, Vice Chair
Monte Akers
Adriana Cañas
Glenn Miller
Erik Seligman
Janeen Sollman

Others Present:

Sarah Seeborg
Michelle Kim
Anne Bafaro
Devin Hunter, HCU
Maureen Barnhart, HEA
Wendy Owen, The Oregonian

Staff Present:

Mike Scott, Superintendent
Debbie Ashley, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Steve Larson, Assistant Superintendent, School Performance
Adam Stewart, Chief Financial Officer
Travis Reiman, Executive Director, School Performance
Matt Smith, Executive Director, Secondary Education
Don Wolff, Chief Information Officer
Olga Acuña, Director, Federal Grants
Debra Giles, Manager, Technology Services
Brooke Nova, Coordinator, College and Career Pathways
Laurie Boyd, Assistant to the Superintendent
Val Bokma, Assistant to the Board

Work Session

Board Chair Kim Strelchun called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Naviance Presentation

Staff members provided an overview of Naviance, a web-based resource for middle and high school staff, students, and parents that encourages and supports career and college planning. The following information was shared:

- Naviance is one aspect of the District's College and Career Pathways (CCP) project, which also includes discussions with teachers and counselors, and career-related learning experiences
- Using Naviance encourages students and their parents to begin thinking earlier about students' post-high school options, provides information regarding resources and opportunities, and guides students through the necessary steps to engage in the post-secondary option they select
- The program includes planned lessons at each middle and high school grade level; every secondary school in the District offers similar lessons; a K-6 element of the program is under development
- The program includes a parent component, where parents can create their own accounts that connect with their students' accounts; as a result, meaningful conversations are taking place between parents, staff, and students
- Students are enthusiastic about Naviance
- The District's CCP steering committee and Career Learning Area (CLA) advisory committees include community partners, who provide input regarding career pathways and career needs within the local community

Board members asked clarifying questions about accessing Naviance, its features and capabilities, how the program lessons are scheduled, and the number of other school districts utilizing this tool. Staff members were commended for their work in implementing Naviance.

2. High School Technology Investment Proposal – Initial Considerations

District staff presented a draft plan for equipping high school students with digital devices by the 2018-19 school year, explaining that details of the plan have not yet been determined, and requesting the Board's input regarding moving forward. Staff members shared the following information:

- Access to technology provides the following benefits to students:
 - Opportunities to develop the skills they need to be competitive when they graduate—in a world where the role of technology is rapidly expanding
 - Access to instructional materials for English language learners, students with Individualized Education Programs, and students who are absent from school due to medical issues
 - The ability to share information with other students and staff
- Under the proposed plan, a digital device would be provided to every ninth grader in the 2015-16 school year and each year following, and the devices would remain with the students through the twelfth grade
- Ninth grade was selected as a starting point, based on several factors, including a review of the resources currently needed for students at different grade levels, and the importance of building a culture where students have access to technology
- Chromebooks were used to estimate the cost of the proposal, but a different device could be selected
- The funds have not yet been budgeted, pending Board feedback

Board members asked clarifying questions and suggested possible variations to the draft plan. They expressed an interest in receiving a detailed proposal from staff, and emphasized the need for a thorough implementation and communication plan.

3. Discuss Budget Committee Applications and Determine Selection Process

Five candidates applied for the two vacant Budget Committee positions. Board members determined that a subcommittee of three Board members will interview the applicants, and recommend candidates to the Board for appointment. Directors Akers, Miller, and Cañas volunteered to interview the candidates. Budget Committee appointments will be made on October 28.

4. Action Item – Approve Achievement Compact

Assistant Superintendent Larson presented the Achievement Compact for approval, explaining that the Oregon Education Investment Board has not yet proposed the next version of the Achievement Compact, and the timeline for this event is unknown. Board members discussed the compact and asked questions about student achievement. The Achievement Compact was presented for first reading on September 23.

Director Seligman MOVED, SECONDED by Director Miller, to approve the Achievement Compact. The MOTION CARRIED (6-0). Director Akers was not present during the vote.

5. Education Service District Update and Input

Superintendent Mike Scott and Chief Financial Officer Adam Stewart presented information relevant to determining the District's level of participation with Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESA) for the 2015-16 school year, and requested input from the Board. Superintendent Scott explained that a savings to the Hillsboro School District of approximately \$700,000 resulted from the decision last year to request that 65 percent of NWRESA State School Fund revenues received on behalf of the Hillsboro School District for the 2014-15 school year be distributed directly to the Hillsboro School District. He informed the Board that the Hillsboro School District can request up to 75 percent for the 2015-16 school year, and recommended this action. Board members asked questions about various aspects of the decision. The level of participation will be approved by the Board on October 28.

6. OSBA Conference Planning

Superintendent Scott and Board members discussed their plans for attending the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) annual convention. Board Chair Strelchun mentioned an OEIB bulletin that she receives with legislative updates, and offered to share the subscription link.

7. Board Discussion Time

Board members discussed the following:

- Endorsements for Board members who will be running for office in the upcoming election
- Endorsements for Hillsboro city council candidates in the recent election
- The importance of clarifying that Board members are acting as individuals, and not on behalf of the Board, when endorsing legislative issues or candidates

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Approved December 9, 2014