

**PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOLS**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
Thursday, April 21, 2022  
10:00 a.m. – TMS & Virtual via ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dawn Watson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board Members present: Directors Sara Crawford, Rick Nagel, Rebecca Weathers, and Nancy McKinnis. Absent: Vice Chair Michael Campbell & Polly Farrimond. Also present: Aaron Santi, Heather Lowe-Rogers, Toby Walker, Kent Vallier, Randy Waite, Dave Ehrhardt, Joe Zavala, Jon McCalip, Jessica Hamlin, Tiffanie Lambert, and Denise Skinner.

**ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE**

- **TMS Principal Kent Vallier** shared the following:
  - Mr. Vallier thanked Andrew Kemp, eighth grade Social Studies & Language Arts teacher. Andrew's students will be joining us soon to engage with the board and ask questions. Mr. Vallier appreciates Andrew for all of his time and hard work that he does with the students.
  - Mr. Vallier said that today TMS is the second track meet at PHS. Mr. Vallier thanked track coaches, Julie Ponder, Amber Jacobson, Britney Potts and Chris Richardson. Mr. Vallier also thanked Dave Ehrhardt, TMS Athletic Director Dave Johnson, John Cornet, Maria Thompson and the entire track team for their time, effort and support.
  - Mr. Vallier suggested that the if the Board has a chance to peek out back before they leave, the recent tree planting has really transformed our field area, it's a parklike setting. Mr. Vallier is grateful to the City of Talent and the Arbor Day Foundation for selecting our site and for all of the planning they did for this event.
  
- **PHS Principal Toby Walker** shared the following:
  - Last Thursday was our Eighth Grade Parent Night and we had over 105 people attend. We are looking forward to having the eighth graders join us next year and for the staff that helped with the event.
  - Mr. Walker thanked Michelle House, David Tovar, and Sonia Lemacks. Celia Rivera Neeley, who was the college advisor in the future planning center, took a position elsewhere and this group of three have helped continue the work on scholarships and the senior awards that are coming up.
  - We have a number of students interviewing this week for the Ford Family Scholarship as well as the Fairy God Mother's scholarship.
  - Pirate Care Day was on Saturday. We had forty volunteers that visited four residences and four of the schools in our district.
  - Mr. Walker thanked all the volunteers including students, staff, and Board member Polly Farrimond, who came out to help. The residents that we helped were extremely grateful.
  - Yesterday we had our first guest presentation in two or three years called Hang Up and Drive. A couple from New York spoke to the seniors about

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the dangers of cell phones and driving. It was a moving presentation and it hit home for many of our students.

- **TES Principal Heather Lowe-Rogers** shared the following:
  - Mrs. Lowe-Rogers said that last night was our Kinder Launch at the elementary schools and it was such a fun time. At least twenty-seven families that showed up at TES.
  - Mrs. Lowe-Rogers thanked all those who helped with the event and gave a special shout out to the Boys and Girls Club for our partnership. The Boys & Girls Club is providing a Kick Start to Kinder summer program for us with little to no cost for most families. Our amazing instructional assistant, Nuvia Pineda, will be the teacher in this program.
  - Our Family Fun Night is on May 4. We will have educational games, outdoor games, food and our book fair. Mrs. Lowe-Rogers thanked Kathleen Lemcke and the Family Engagement Team for organizing the evening.
  - Mrs. Lowe-Rogers thanked Brian McKinnis for helping to create our youth sports, JPAL. Brian will be taking some of our elementary students to the high school track meet this weekend. He is also organizing our end of the year track meet for elementary students.
  - Mrs. Lowe-Rogers and Shawna Schleif just had a good meeting with Rogue Valley Farm to School. They would like to give a presentation to the Board.
  - Mrs. Lowe-Rogers thanked Karin Emmons for her collaboration with one of her exploratory classes. On Wednesdays, Karin is bringing over a group of middle school students to be big buddies to our TES students.
  
- **PES Principal Shawna Schleif** shared the following:
  - At last night's Kinder Launch, we had a photo booth that said Class of 2035. The kids and families were excited to be there and it was a wonderful feeling to have them in the school. Around twenty-five families attended.
  - Mrs. Schleif gave a shout out to the three kindergarten teachers. This has been their first year teaching school and they have created wonderful opportunities for learning experiences for our students. They are planning three field trips and they will be visiting the train park, Gus the Bus will come, and the fire department will come and teach some safety procedures.
  - Mrs. Schleif gave a shout out to Heidi Roberts who is the PE teacher. Heidi has been working with Mark Brown who is a former Lacrosse coach at SOU to bring a Lacrosse unit to our PE students to give them a different experience with sports.
  - Mrs. Schleif gave a shout out to Dave Ehrhardt for organizing student athletes to come to the elementary schools. Students love seeing older students on our campus and it is a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with one another.
  - Family Fun Night is Thursday, May 12. There will be fun activities and educational activities.
  - We are gearing up for outdoor school. Mrs. Schleif gave a shout out to the fifth grade team for providing an opportunity for students to be off

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campus. Mrs. Schleif gave a special shout out to Elia Gima and Dan Preskenis for finding ways to be inclusive and making sure that every student can participate.

- **PTRA Principal Aaron Santi** shared the following:
  - Mr. Santi shared that the fourth quarter electives have started and we have a new elective and a new partnership with Talent Maker City. Our Rise Up and Rebuild elective will be building beds that can be assembled and disassembled which will be donated to the community.
  - We are in the testing season now and Smarter Balance is happening around the district. Mr. Santi thanked the school testing coordinators for their work. In particular, Richard Byrd here at TMS, Sara Engstrom at OES, Sarah Byrd at TES, Shawn Spillane at PES, and Celine Farrimond at PHS. They have all been working overtime to make sure that testing will happen on time and go smoothly.
  
- **Asst. Principal & Athletic Director Dave Ehrhardt** shared the following:
  - This morning the final signage went up in the stadium. Mr. Ehrhardt thanked all of the donors with the bricks and signage.
  - Our facilities are open and are for rent. Last night we had the first of four straight days of track and field; we have a middle school meet tonight; and this weekend we have a big invitational.
  - Mr. Ehrhardt gave a shout out to John Cornet for all of his work in putting these events together.
  - We are in the final portions of our youth athletic league, JPAL; we have track and field club going on now, and we have a football camp going on.
  - Mr. Ehrhardt thanked all the volunteers especially Alan Vos and his son Robbie for laying about 100 bricks and Alan's brother, Jason, who put in new footings and set the new scoreboard, which Hunter Communications donated.
  
- **Amy Honts-Stark** from Sodexo said that many things are happening in food service towards the end of the year. May 5<sup>th</sup> is School Lunch Hero Day so we are looking forward to treating our employees. We have been doing a lot of work getting ready for summer school. Covid waivers are ending at the end of this school year. We are lucky enough, thanks to a lot of work from Debbie Rogers, to have two open sites for the community all summer long for hot food Monday–Thursday, for children 18 and under. Ms. Honts-Stark invited the board members to have lunch at the middle school.
  
- **Chair Dawn Watson** thanked all the parents who volunteer and help with the senior auction and the senior all night party. The auction for senior night is at Stone River Winery at 2:00 p.m. Preachers BBQ will be providing the food.
  
- **Student Representative Cedahlia Gorman** shared that the band just participated in our first Pear Blossom Parade in years; it was Cedahlia's first parade and everyone did fantastic. Some sixth graders joined the drum line. The Azalea parade is next month. We will have our senior send off for the band members and will be staying overnight in Azalea. The all district concert is on June 3. The high school symphonic band, the high school jazz band,

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and the middle school band will all participate. Several weeks ago, Link Crew visited TMS to talk to the eighth graders about what high school is all about. We talked about the electives offered and answered the questions they had.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Chair Watson asked if there were any citizens joining us virtually or in person who would like to make a comment and there were none.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Asst. Supt. Tiffanie Lambert spoke on Supt. Barry's behalf. Mrs. Lambert thanked the IT department for the new microphones and equipment so that we can take the board meetings on the road again and still be able to stream. Mrs. Lambert thanked Allan Quiros, Thomas Lycett, and Chris Plouhar for setting things up and making it happen.
- Asst. Supt. Lambert shared that we have had to make a slight modification to the Budget Committee Calendar. We originally had scheduled the Budget Committee Meeting Notices to for publication on April 26 and May 3; however, Rose Media does not publish on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Saturdays so we pushed up the notice dates to April 22 and April 29. The dates for publication will still be within the periods required by state law for notification.
- Denise added the notice we received from City of Talent for the Urban Reserve Conceptual Planning meeting in your blue folders, which is the 28th. Mr. Barry spoke about this during his last Supt. Report, as well as the Colver Road property UGB Stakeholders Meeting today, and the tentative Planning Commission/City Council Work Session will be May 17, 2022.
- This Monday, Supt. Barry, Lucy Brossard, and I drove five students to the McKenzie School District and Santiam Canyon School District to deliver the Manzanita branch sculptures. It was a very special moment to not only give to the other districts who experienced the fires in 2020, but for our students who were impacted by the fire to be around other students who also shared the same or similar experiences. Asst. Supt. Lambert thanked the school districts for being so hospitable.
- Asst. Supt. Lambert thanked the elementary schools for hosting Kinder Launch yesterday. We have not had this event for a few years due to the pandemic, and it is great to see our families in our buildings and to be able to welcome our new students in person. Our online registration is open for all students for the 2022-23 school year.
- Asst. Supt. Lambert said that we are preparing for our summer school. Asst. Supt. Lambert gave special thanks to Maria Lee with help from Heather Lowe-Rogers to start that planning process. We did receive a grant from the ODE; however, it was quite a bit less than last year so our program will be scaled down a bit but it will still be great. We are partnering again with Talent Maker City and Camp Invention. The largest group, K-8, will be held during the month of July. We are consolidating all three elementary schools into one building. Last year we had such a big waiting list that we want to make sure the students who need summer school the most are served; we will be doing invitation only. We will be prioritizing students who participate in migrant education, students with disabilities, and students identified as talented and gifted. Returning this year is our guest teacher program. We will have three

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teachers from Mexico who will help teach summer school and teach dance, art, and culture.

- The next meeting, on May 5, we will have a program report on migrant education and our extraordinary graduation rate. Maria Lee, our migrant and Title III (ELD) coordinator will join us. (After the meeting, the date was changed to May 19).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from 4/07/22
- Personnel Report
- Board Policy Sections E & F

- Chair Dawn Watson presented the Consent Agenda for review which included the following:
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes of 4/07/22 Regular Board Meeting
  - Personnel Report
  - Board Policy Sections E & F

On motion by Director Sara Crawford, seconded by Director Nancy McKinnis, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**COAL MINE ROAD OFFER**

- Chair Dawn Watson referred to the offer received from Subdivisions Northwest LLC and asked if there were any comments.
- On motion by Director Rick Nagel, seconded by Director Rebecca Weathers to accept the counter offer from Subdivisions Northwest LLC. for \$1,700,000 for the Coal Mine Road property as presented, was approved as per the following vote:

Ayes: Weathers, McKinnis, Nagel, Crawford, Watson  
Noes: None  
Absent: Farrimond, Campbell  
Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION 21-11 SALE OF COAL MINE ROAD**

- Chair Watson referred to Resolution 21-11, which gives Supt. Barry signing authority to all things relative to the sale of Coal Mine Road and asked for comments.
- On motion by Director Rick Nagel seconded by Director Sara Crawford, to adopt Resolution 21-11 approving the sale of real property and designating Supt. Barry in his capacity as Superintendent of the District, to complete the sale as presented, was approved as per the following vote:

Ayes: Weathers, McKinnis, Crawford, Nagel, Watson  
Noes: None  
Absent: Farrimond, Campbell  
Abstain: None

**FACILITIES/BOND UPDATE**

- Jon McCalip said that the event management/reservation system is close to going live at the schools. We will be doing training with the office managers and principals. Once staff is trained, and it goes live in the schools, we will be live on the website.

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UPDATE** (cont.)

- Mr. McCalip said that we ordered the equipment for polishing concrete at TMS this summer and it is scheduled to arrive in May.
- We are working on a design for enhancing the playground at TES. I hope to have it on the next agenda to get board approval as we plan to use ESSER funds for this project.
- We are currently taking proposals for demolition of the old maintenance facility.
- There was an exchange of comments and questions regarding: the playground at TES if we were planning to replace the bark on the playground; how are we planning to have access for students with accessibility issues; and the process for the demolition of the facility on Colver Road.

**PROGRAM  
REPORT: TMS  
STUDENT  
QUESTIONS**

- Chair Dawn Watson welcomed the students from Andrew Kemp's social studies class stating that this is one of our favorite meetings of the Board.

The students asked the board members the following questions and the board responded with their answers.

- *What does it take to become a school board member, and what is your most memorable moment as a member and why?*
- *After the Covid and Fire Relief monies are finished, how will our district cope with budget needs?*
- *How do you believe our schools should be involved in helping the community?*
- *What is the most successful decision that the school board has made, and why?*

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- 11:12 – 11:22

**FINANCIAL  
UPDATE**

- Asst. Supt. Lambert said that Yazmin is very busy on preparing the budget, so if anyone has any questions to please feel free to reach out to Yazmin. Asst. Supt. Lambert referenced the changes noted at the bottom of the report.

**LEGISLATIVE /  
OSBA UPDATE**

- Chair Watson said that OSBA is having the Summer Conference in Bend in July. This will be the last year that the conference will be in Bend due to rising costs so they will be looking at other venues.
- LPC meeting is this weekend and Sara Crawford will be joining me.
- Chair Watson attended PACE Days and shared information from the meeting.
- Director Sara Crawford said that OSBA Board has added an equity call to action. There is a preamble to the Legislatives Priorities and Policies document that will be part of the conversation this weekend.

**ALMEDA FIRE  
UPDATE**

- Chair Watson asked if anyone had any updates and there were none.

**CURRICULUM  
UPDATE**

- Asst. Supt. Tiffanie Lambert referred to several documents that were included in the blue folders including the draft iReady Success Spotlight, ELA Adoption Criteria, and the Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecard.
- Asst. Supt. Lambert said we were honored that iReady selected our District for their Success Spotlight. Asst. Supt. Lambert commended the two teachers showcased, McKenzie Stewart and Miguel Gutierrez, 1st grade teachers who are both in their first year of teaching at Talent Elementary School.
- Asst. Supt. Lambert spoke in depth about the process, selection criteria and requirements, timeline, and what we look for in regards to cultural accuracy and student engagement when selecting curriculum. We know that selecting a new curriculum is a huge purchase and investment and we want to make sure that our Committee recommends the best curriculum to the Board for adoption. We plan to bring our recommendations to the Board at the May meetings so that we can order them and receive them before the end of the fiscal year. If you would like to see what we are currently reviewing, the materials are in the Board Room at the District Office.

**OUT OF STATE  
STUDENT  
ACTIVITY TRIPS**

- Chair Watson said that there has been a trip added for May 2, 2022 for the Boys and Girls Golf teams to attend a meet at the Lake Shasta Golf Course in Weed, CA.

**REVIEW OF NEXT  
MEETING**

- Chair Dawn Watson reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Based on Mr. McCalip and Mrs. Lamberts reports to the board, there will be a couple of additional items added to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Brent Barry, Clerk of the Board

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Dawn Watson, Board Chair

Recording Secretary: Denise Skinner  
Board Secretary/Executive Assistant