

Welcome to this Public Meeting of the NWRESD Board of Directors

January 10, 2023 4 p.m.

Executive Session & General Session

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER - Chair Tomlin called the Executive Session to order at 4:01 pm.

<u>Board Attendees</u>: Karen Cunningham, Doug Dougherty, Tony Erickson, Yadira Martinez, Christine Riley, Ernest Stephens, Ross Tomlin, Diane Wilkinson, Maureen Wolf

Staff Attendees: Dan Goldman, Valerie White, David Williams, Sherry Ely, Debbie Simons

192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.

192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

ADJOURN - Chair Tomlin adjourned the Executive Session at 4:30 pm.

General Session

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - Chair Tomlin called the general session to order at 4:33 pm.

<u>Board Attendees</u>: Karen Cunningham, Doug Dougherty, Tony Erickson, Yadira Martinez, Christine Riley, Ernest Stephens, Ross Tomlin, Diane Wilkinson, Maureen Wolf

Staff Attendees: Dan Goldman, Valerie White, David Williams, Sherry Ely, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Kelsey Cardwell,

S. Liwaru, Megan McCarter, Stacy Rager, Holly Langan, Sarah Davis

Guest Attendees: Becky Tymchuk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Tomlin led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Martinez recited the Land Acknowledgement in Spanish.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION - None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Goldman wished the board a Happy New Year. He reflected on the past year and his pride in NWRESD staff as well as all educational staff in the region. Our staff have rallied and helped each other, even during a time when they have lost several medically fragile students. As January is Board Appreciation Month, Dan thanked the board for their service on the board and for assisting in presenting the LSP to districts. He updated the board on legislative matters and the need for additional dollars in the state school fund among other issues. He also invited the board to the Washington County Legislative Forum on February 4 at the Washington Service Center.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS

Kelsey Cardwell, Communications Director, highlighted Board Appreciation Month and featured the display in the WSC lobby thanking the board for their service. She then introduced the 2022 Oregon School Board Member of the Year, Becky Tymchuk, who spoke about the work she does with the Beaverton School District board and her years of service. Chair Tomlin and Director Wolf congratulated Becky on her award as well as gave kudos for the work she does to keep students on track.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve December Board Meeting Minutes

Approve December Personnel Reports

Adopt Policies: JHFE, GBNAB, GBLA

Astoria REN Change Idea Statement of Work

Forest Grove REN Change Idea Statement of Work

Chair Tomlin entertained a motion by Director Cunningham to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Wilkinson and approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Expansion of Regional Internet Connectivity - CIO Long presented on CTA's push for k-12 broadband coverage throughout our region. This issue has gone unaddressed due to staffing and mental health issues for all Oregon students. CTA is looking to get this issue back in the forefront in order to ensure students have the internet access needed to succeed. The board was introduced to the link www.fasterinternetoregon.org which reports actual availability and internet speeds as opposed to what providers tell consumers they are getting. CIO Long expressed his pride in the cybersecurity work that his team has done over the past 12-18 months. The tech department will present a Tabletop Ransomware exercise to regional superintendents. Finally, he discussed HB2049 and the second attempt to get some support for smaller districts in cybersecurity. Director Wolf inquired about the need to advocate for this bill. Superintendent Goldman encouraged Director Wolf to continue her advocacy for this bill as well as others impacting NWRESD students.

<u>First Read Policies:</u> <u>GBJ. JFCJ.</u> - CHRO Debbie Simons presented two policies for update with notes included. She discussed the changes that were made to bring our policies closer to OSBA's suggested policies regarding weapons in schools. Both policies were modified to ensure student and staff expectations are consistent. The board did not have any questions or comments.

<u>Administrative Reports</u> - Superintendent Goldman discussed the early learning LEAP preschool rollout and the hard work EL staff have done is paying off. Chair Tomlin thanked all departments for sharing what is happening with their students.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 23-001 - 2023 Black History Month - Director of Equity and Family Partnerships, S. Liwaru presented this resolution and discussed the history of this acknowledgement. He also encouraged everyone to educate themselves and take action to realize the iniquities suffered by Black and African American citizens. Chair Tomlin and Director Cunningham thanked S. Liwaru for the powerful, clear and complete resolution and resources. Director Stephens appreciated the action focus, growth orientation and plain, honest and straightforward nature of this resolution. Chair Tomlin entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept Resolution #23-001 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stephens and approved unanimously.

<u>Approve November 2022 Financial Report</u> - CFO Ely reviewed the November 2022 Financial Report, discussed our recently completed audit. Ending fund is over 10% and an improvement over last year. Chair Tomlin entertained a motion by Director Stephens to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Wilkinson and approved unanimously.

<u>Resolution No. 23-002 - Financing for Aloclek Property</u> - CFO Ely reviewed this resolution as well as the financing options that were discussed prior to selecting financing for the Aloclek property. Next steps are for an RFP for architecture services. Chair Tomlin entertained a motion by Director Wilkinson to accept Resolution #23-002 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Cunningham and approved unanimously.

<u>Approval of Sub Services Contract</u> - CHRO Debbie Simons reviewed her RFP process to select a Sub Services contractor. Chair Tomlin entertained a motion by Director Wolf to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously.

<u>OAESD Officer Council Nominations 2022-23</u> - Superintendent Dan Goldman clarified which positions board members can nominate for. He also reviewed the process for superintendent nominations. After some discussion, no nominations were made.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS None

ADJOURN Chair Tomlin adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm