



Welcome to this Public Meeting of the
NWRESD Board of Directors

November 14, 2023

Executive Session & General Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the Executive Session to order at 4:35 pm.

Board: Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Ernest Stephens, Maureen Wolf, Miriam Meneses-Rios, Ross Tomlin, Tony Erickson, Yadira Martinez

Staff: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Jordan Ely, Valerie White

[ORS 192.660\(2\)\(d\)](#) *To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.*

ADJOURN - Chair Dougherty adjourned the Executive Session at 5:20 pm

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the general session to order at 5:28 pm

Board: Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Ernest Stephens, Maureen Wolf, Miriam Meneses-Rios, Ross Tomlin, Tony Erickson, Yadira Martinez

Staff: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Jordan Ely, Cathy Jensen, Lynne Griffin, Valerie White

Guests: Craig Hoppes, Astoria Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Erickson led the board in the pledge of allegiance and Director Martinez provided the land acknowledgement.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION

An updated personnel report has been submitted to the board via email and posted to the NWRESD website. One of our recognition and good news recipients is no longer available to attend. This recognition will be moved to our December general session.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Goldman reflected on a staff member who we lost in late October, Robin Lindsey, and asked for a moment of silence in her honor. He then continued in his report to discuss our Local Service Plan's unanimous approval by component districts and their plans to present them to their respective boards. Superintendent Goldman discussed some of the options which districts requested to be included or were glad to see in the LSP for 2024-25, to include the REN (Regional Educator Network), wraparound therapeutic support for students who need extra behavioral or SEL for rural counties as well as co-designing programs with district job-alike groups. Superintendent Goldman offered the board an update on our legislative discussions regarding a correction to funding for the upcoming short session, noting that data used to fund education in the last session was flawed and that the \$22 million will stem bleeding, but not solve the EI/ECSE funding issue. Discussing our new facility planning, we are currently value engineering our design to ensure that funding is spent on the most important features of this build. The board also heard an update about the Oregon senate seeking to use a Statewide Salary Schedule Task Force to discuss compensation for teachers in the state, including one each of our staff and board members. Superintendent Goldman lauded the Junior Achievement program which has now opened in the Hillsboro Civic Center and its ability to serve our three outer counties with the new Hillsboro location. Finally, the board received an update on the licensed contract negotiations and thanked them for their commitment to ensuring our students and staff are supported.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS

Tracey Goldner, Communications Manager, introduced Craig Hoppes, Astoria School District Superintendent, and spoke about his assistance in getting our Clatsop Service Center relocated to the Astoria School District building. Superintendent Goldman spoke about Superintendent Hoppes and his contributions to his own district as well as his contributions to the region as a whole. Superintendent Hoppes spoke about welcoming the NWRES D Clatsop service center to their location and his goal in ensuring all students 3-4 years old have access to a preschool program. Chair Dougherty thanked Mr. Hoppes for his dedication to Astoria school district students as well as to the coastal region as a whole.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Vice Chair Wolf to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

[Enterprise Resource Planning \(ERP\) Services](#) - Stuart Long, CIO, introduced School ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Pro (formerly Infinite Visions) @ NWRES D. Jordan Ely, CFO, continued explaining that we use Tyler, as well as host approximately 30 districts in the state of Oregon in their use of Tyler. These are paid with service credits by our districts. Tyler is requiring a change to their service model and the NWRES D will need to make a phased change to cost and migrate all districts to this new model over the next few years. Tyler would like to add this as a contract extension, however, our tech and fiscal staff are unsure if that is the best route. NWRES D fiscal staff is now engaging with all involved districts to discuss these changes and their respective needs and is standing up a project management team to do so. Vice Chair Wolf noted that the City of Tigard is going through this change process now. Director Tymchuk asked if this would be taken into consideration for the fiscal budget for next year. CFO Ely noted that this implementation would not be in effect until 2025-26. Director Tymchuk asked when there might be an update to this project and CIO Long noted that job alike groups would be discussing prior to creating a project management team and that the next board update may not be until next fall. Superintendent Goldman noted that some of the reticence of making a change like this is due to focus being taken off of students.

[Contracted Special Education Services](#) - Cathy Jensen, Exec Director of K12 SpEd, introduced this presentation about contracted services which districts purchase, mostly with service credits, from the NWRES D. Damon Lorenz, Nursing Coordinator, expanded upon the nursing program staff and where and how they serve students. Currently, 11 nurses serve 7 districts as well as our SEL programs, supporting students who have medical needs as well as the staff who support them at our sites. Some current news for this department is the purchase of a Spot Vision Screener which has the capability of screening approximately 20 students in 10 minutes, speeding up and increasing services to students. Vaccine clinics are also in the works for NWRES D staff, students and families. In addition, NWRES D nursing staff have been working with districts to identify students / families who struggle with required student vaccines and ensure support to these groups prior to Oregon's vaccine exclusion date in mid to late February. Finally, RN Jerilyn Wernet discussed that some nursing tasks can be delegated to other, non-licensed, staff in programs to ensure students are supported in their schools, such as medication administration, feeding tubes, etc. Coordinator Lorenz showed a slide visual which illustrated how many tasks nurses complete for school districts. Finally, he shared a video of a few of NWRES D's nursing staff discussing their roles and the impact that they have in our districts. Director Tymchuk commented that she did not know how districts got through Covid without their nurses and that she was able to shadow a nurse in BSD and was amazed at how much they do, the territory they cover and the number of students for whom they are another adult who cares. Chair Dougherty noted that his prior district was lucky to have nurses who help to hold impacted families together and serve their schools.

[2024-25 Local Service Plan Review](#) - Superintendent Goldman updated the board on the Local Service Plan which was unanimously approved by our regional superintendents at their November retreat about 10 days prior. He first covered the timeline for the 2024-25 LSP, including the board's vote at their December meeting. The next slide shared illustrated how the LSP is divided into core services, menu services and technical assistance plan. Funding of the LSP was shared with the board with several funding slides. An increase to base funding for counties was unanimously approved, by all counties in our core, for all districts to receive more base funding. Finally, additions to the 2024-25 LSP service menu were discussed. Chair Dougherty commented that in 2001-02, when the LSP process was designed, was and is a powerful and unique approach. Superintendent Goldman noted that these discussions are occurring in job-alikes throughout the year.

[First Reading of Policy: EFA - Local Wellness Policy](#) - CHRO Debbie Simons presented policy EFA - Local Wellness Policy for update with notes included. This year's update adds an additional requirement to publish assessment results for meeting student and staff nutrition and wellness policies. This update also gives a bit more flexibility for meals (i.e. pizza parties) which do not meet the usual nutrition requirements. The board did not have any questions or comments.

[Administrative Reports](#) - Superintendent Goldman reviewed some updates contained in our department administrative reports. Early literacy got some special attention as Superintendent Goldman noted that this subject is discussed at nearly every meeting, conference and discussion between educators and also noted his pride in the staff of NWRESD for their focus on early literacy goals.

ACTION ITEMS

[November 2023 Financial Report](#) - CFO Ely reviewed the November 2023 Financial Report, noting that not a lot has changed since the October report and that year-to-date actuals have changed slightly, but nothing that would change projections. CFO Ely clarified his comments at a previous board meeting with regard to cash flow. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Tomlin to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Erickson and approved unanimously.

[2023 OSBA Election](#) - Superintendent Goldman noted the OSBA Board and LPC unopposed nominees for open positions. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tomlin and approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Director Tymchuk commented on her attendance of the OSBA Annual Conference - at that conference, she noted that NWRESD regional districts were in attendance in force, they were able to meet together in county cohorts and a lot of discussion was taking place regarding getting ready for the upcoming legislative short session in Salem, in order for the NWRESD to adequately meet the needs of our students.

ADJOURN Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.