

Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

February 13, 2024 | 4:30 pm | Virtual



EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the Executive Session to order at 4:32 pm

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

Staff: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Catherine Dalbey, Stuart Long, Valerie White

Legal Representation: John Stellwagen

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

AND

[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 Dougherty adjourned the Executive Session at 5:22 pm

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the general session to order at 5:32 pm

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Riley led the board in the pledge of allegiance and Director Stephens provided the land acknowledgement.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Goldman reviewed his board report on the status of Local Service Plan approvals from component districts, updated the board regarding the Oregon legislature short-session with regard to Early Learning funding as well as the status of our licensed bargaining process to date. Finally, he mentioned upcoming events offered by NWRESD listed in his report. Chair Dougherty offered his and other board member's support if an opportunity to address the state legislature arises in the future.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS

Kelsey Soltysiak, Communications Director, introduced and announced several members of our HR department's receipt of an award acknowledging diversity and inclusivity in hiring practices. CHRO Simons introduced her staff and lauded her team's hard work in garnering acknowledgement for their diversity and inclusion efforts. Superintendent Goldman bragged about the HR team's hard work to advance services to our staff as well as to the staff of component districts. Talent Acquisition & Retention Administrator, Yolanda Coleman, acknowledged momentum created, particularly with regard to DEP and GYO opportunities, by the HR team.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dougherty read the Public Participation in Board Meetings guidelines. Keri Esser introduced themselves, reported their home address and addressed the board for approximately 3.5 minutes. Katy Ettling introduced themselves, reported their home address and addressed the board for approximately 3 minutes. Vanessa Hernandez introduced themselves, reported their home address and addressed the board for nearly 4 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Inclusion in Early Learning - Executive Director of Early Learning, Stacy Rager, shared the early learning department's inclusion models and how the department serves students within our own early childhood sites and in coordination with our inclusive partners to provide adequate service levels in both early intervention and early childhood special education. Director Tymchuk thanked Stacy for the data she provided and asked about state standards with regard to adequate service levels for our students and if there were any standards the NWRESD must meet. ED Rager and Superintendent Goldman both detailed the differences between K12 and early learning funding and programming in the state of Oregon, noting that, essentially, EI/ECSE services are the responsibility of the state of Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and NWRESD acts as a subcontractor providing services.

Small District Instructional Support - Chief Academic Officer, Megan McCarter, presented information to the board about ways in which NWRESD is providing support to smaller districts in our region. Examples of this support include grant writing and reporting as well as covering substitute costs for district teachers to attend professional learning during their work day. CAO McCarter introduced Executive Director of Instruction, John Peplinski, who continued, discussing additional instructional service supports. Director Martinez asked for clarification of what would make a district a 'small district' and Superintendent Goldman and Chair Dougherty clarified that this would mean student enrollment of fewer than 1500 students.

Administrative Reports - Superintendent Goldman noted that these reports are very informative and was especially proud of information in the Early Learning report detailing how the NWRESD fills in the gaps for communities, noting, in particular, the Child Care Resource and Referral team and their efforts to ensure quality childcare for families, particularly in our more rural counties.

ACTION ITEMS

February Financial Report - Jordan Ely, CFO, reviewed the February Financial Report, noting that most information had not changed from the previous month's report. He did discuss ODE funding as well as where our audit stands with regard to state school fund payments. Superintendent Goldman shared with the board how other ESDs and districts in Oregon have had to cover costs due to delayed state funding and the need to address the funding model at the state legislative level. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the February Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk and approved unanimously.

Resolution 24-002 - Women's History Month - Inger McDowell-Hartye recited Resolution 24-002 - Women's History Month for the board and attendees. Chair Dougherty noted that he was surprised by the data that 81.9% of NWRESD employees are women. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept Resolution 24-002 - Women's History Month as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Martinez and approved unanimously.

Board Vacancy Declaration & Appointment Process - Board Secretary Valerie White, presented the process and timeline to replace our higher education appointed board position. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the higher education position appointment process as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Erickson and approved unanimously.

OAESD Officer's Council Chair-Elect Vote - Board Secretary Valerie White, presented the nominees for the OAESD Officer's Council Chair-Elect position and asked the board to vote for their selected nominee. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to elect Anna Ali to the presented position. The motion was seconded by Director Martinez and approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS Director Tymchuk noted her appreciation for the opportunity to join Superintendent Goldman at the Beaverton School District board meeting in late January to present the Local Service Plan to their board. She continued, thanking staff of NWRESD addressing the Beaverton school board as parents. Director Riley acknowledged that she appreciated the opportunity to meet her state legislators at our January 24th Washington County Legislative event.

ADJOURN Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.