

Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

March 12, 2024 | 4:30 pm | Virtual



EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the Executive Session to order at 4:31 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

Guests: Paul Jarrell, Mike Porter

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

AND

ORS [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 4:55 pm.

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the general session to order at 5:01 pm

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

Staff: Dan Goldman, Stuart Long, Valerie White

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Tymchuk led the board in the pledge of allegiance and Chair Dougherty provided the land acknowledgement.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION

Superintendent Goldman notified the board that Contract Renewals & Extensions 2024, included in Action Items, had been revised. The revised document has been included in the revised board packet.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Chair Dougherty welcomed Paul Jarrell, applicant for appointed board position A: Higher Education. Paul Jarrell introduced himself and shared a bit about his background. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to appoint Paul Jarrell to Position A: Higher Education. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk and approved unanimously by elected board directors for zones 1-5. Chair Dougherty administered the board oath to Paul Jarrell.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Goldman reviewed his March report included in the board packet. Subjects included the Classified Appreciation Week Resolution which we will hear later in this meeting, our finalized licensed collective bargaining agreement, results from Oregon's short legislative session and our funding concerns, passage of our Local Service Plan and Oregon Regional Teacher of the Year.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS

Tracey Goldner, Communications Manager, introduced the NWRESD Foundation Grant Selection Committee and detailed their work this year in funding a record number of grant requests. Foundation chair Karen Foley shared the joy which she, and the entire committee, feels in awarding grant funding to creative teachers and staff members who applied for funding for their students' unfilled needs. Director Tymchuk asked how funds are raised and how board members can support this fundraising effort to ensure all who apply can get the funding they need.

Foundation board director Joe Christy thanked the board and noted that the board is currently supporting the foundation and has for years. He continued, explaining that the upcoming foundation fundraiser in May would be another opportunity to meet foundation members and help with raising funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dougherty read the Public Participation in Board Meetings guidelines. Vanessa Hernandez introduced themselves, reported their home address and addressed the board for 3 minutes.

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

Strategic Plan Progress Report: Stocktake - Director of Research, Evaluation and Data Brian Bain reviewed slides included in the board packet, updating the work being done by NWRESA staff this year to meet strategic plan goals. Director Tymchuk acknowledged the hard work put into this plan and asked how collective commitment ratings are decided upon. Brian Bain responded that cabinet team members make their determinations and their discussions inform placement on the rating scale. Superintendent Goldman added that reviewing information about work in all districts and the preponderance of that evidence guides this progress placement as well. The final stocktake in June will illustrate whether the state data shows student achievement, engagement, performance and outcomes have improved.

NWRESA STEM Hub Update - Executive Director of Instruction, John Peplinski introduced Northwest STEM Hub Director, Christopher Hesselbein who reviewed slides included in the board packet for the board. He reviewed the 13 STEM Hubs throughout the state of Oregon as well as the districts which fall under the Northwest STEM Hub's umbrella. Upcoming STEM engagement opportunities for students and instructors were reviewed. STEM funding and grant structure was briefly discussed. Director Erickson asked how long the program had been in place and which past Oregon governor had approved it. Vice Chair Wolf asked for more information about student internships in the STEM program.

Administrative Reports - Superintendent Goldman encouraged the board to review the administrative reports included in the board packet.

ACTION ITEMS

2023-26 Licensed Collective Bargaining Agreement - CHRO Debbie Simons introduced this agreement which has been ratified by NWEA members. Chair Dougherty cited NWRESA Board Policy BBFA in recusing himself from voting on this agenda item due to a relative benefiting from the 2023-26 Licensed Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the 2023-26 Licensed Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wolf and approved unanimously by the remainder of the board, with the exception of Chair Dougherty.

March 2024 Financial Report - CFO Jordan Ely, reviewed the March 2024 Financial Report, noting that there have not been many changes to the report from the prior month, save for results from the Oregon legislative short session and the funding shortfall for EI/ECSE which will be further addressed in a future report to the board. Vice Chair Wolf noted her appreciation for the thoroughness in CFO Ely's financial reports. Director Tymchuk asked if there was a future plan to proactively address funding for the EI/ECSE programs in the state of Oregon. Superintendent Goldman stated that special interest groups are planning some initiatives and that he, along with others, are considering an attempt to get an eboard meeting set up with legislative staff in April. He further addressed the state contract delays which affected our budgets and stated that he is working to address these delays and encouraging a law be passed to improve the timing of these funds. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Erickson to accept the March 2024 Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Martinez and approved unanimously.

Resolution 24-003 - Classified Appreciation Week - HR Director Catherine Dalbey acknowledged the hard work of Classified staff and read Resolution 24-003 Classified Appreciation Week. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Erickson to adopt Resolution 24-003 Classified Appreciation Week as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk and approved unanimously.

Zone 1 & 3 Vacancy Declaration & Appointment Process - Board Secretary Valerie White introduced vacancies in board zones 1 and 3. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Vice Chair Wolf to accept the Zone 1 & 3 Vacancy Declaration and Appointment Process as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Erickson and approved unanimously.

2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar - Superintendent Goldman addressed the board noting changes to the 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Tymchuk to accept the 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Martinez and approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Wolf thanked Superintendent Goldman, CIO Stuart Long, CAO Megan McCarter and Board Secretary Valerie White for their presentation and assistance for Leadership Tigard earlier in the day. Chair Dougherty welcomed Paul Jarrell to the board and stated that he looks forward to seeing the board members in person at our April meeting at the Tillamook School District offices.

ADJOURN Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.