

# Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

April 9, 2024 | 4:30 pm | Tillamook School District Offices



## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the Executive Session to order at 4:30 pm.

**Board:** IN PERSON Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Maureen Wolf.

VIRTUAL Ernest Stephens, Miriam Meneses-Rios, Tony Erickson.

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

**Guests:** Brett Mersereau, legal counsel

[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.*

[192.660\(2\)\(i\)](#) *To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.*

ADJOURN - Chair Dougherty adjourned the Executive Session at 5:00 pm.

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## **GENERAL SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Dougherty called the general session to order at 5:18 pm (late start due to tech difficulties)

**Board:** IN PERSON Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Doug Dougherty, Maureen Wolf.

VIRTUAL Tony Erickson, Yadira Martinez, Ernest Stephens, Miriam Meneses-Rios

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

[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

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Goldman reviewed his report to the board as included in board meeting materials. He also noted his experiences at the previous week's highly successful ORTLi conference, presented by the instruction team at NWRESD. Vice Chair Wolf asked clarifying questions of Superintendent Goldman with regard to a response to the Oregon state legislature regarding the state-wide EI/ECSE budget shortfall.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS

Kelsey Soltysiak, Communications Director introduced the NWRESD Fiscal Services Team as the recipient of a Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 16th year in a row. Tera VanDyke, Finance Director noted benefits of this award to the NWRESD. Board Chair Dougherty, Vice Chair Wolf and Director Tymchuk asked the Fiscal team representatives clarifying questions regarding criteria for this award, GASB ratings, audit deadlines and the rest of the finance team who earned this award. Ms. VanDyke & Mr. Gallinat, Senior Accountant, responded with clarifying information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Dougherty acknowledged receipt by the board of one public comment via email.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

**Hillsboro Early Learning Facility-** CFO Jerome Ely and Wenaha Group's Luke Harkness introduced updated information to the board of directors regarding scheduling, bids and funding of the Hillsboro Early Learning Facility Project. Superintendent Goldman asked a clarifying question, answered by CFO Ely.

**Northwest Regional Education Network-** Director of Instruction Jerome Townsend, REN Coordinator Julie Swanson, and Program Administrator Naheed Brown introduced an update of information to the board of directors regarding the NREN guiding lens, grant spending & projects, regional priorities and a regional teacher mentoring program. Chair Dougherty and Directors Tymchuk & Wolf commented and asked clarifying questions, answered by Jerome Townsend and Superintendent Goldman. Superintendent Goldman discussed the history of teacher mentoring in the state of Oregon.

**Administrative Reports** - Superintendent Goldman acknowledged the quality administrative department board reports provided in board meeting materials, drawing specific attention to the Equity & Family Partnerships report.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Resolution #24-005 Licensed Staff Appreciation Week**- Debbie Simons, CHRO, presented Resolution #24-005 Licensed Staff Appreciation Week. Chair Dougherty commented on the hard work of licensed staff in education throughout Oregon. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Vice Chair Wolf to accept Resolution #24-005 Licensed Staff Appreciation Week as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously.

**March 2024 Financial Report** - Jordan Ely, CFO, reviewed the March 2024 Financial Report, noting stable and reliable projections. Vice Chair Wolf commented on the good work in the report and the work of fiscal staff. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the March Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wolf and approved unanimously.

**2022-2023 Audit Report** - Jordan Ely, CFO introduced Brad Turano, audit supervisor with Pauly Rogers, NWRESA auditing firm, who reviewed the 2022-23 Audit Report presented to the board in meeting materials. Chair Dougherty commented on the time and effort put into this audit and audits for many Oregon school districts. Director Stephens noted the glowing audit report. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Stephens to accept the 2022-23 Audit Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Riley and approved unanimously.

**Resolution #24-004 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month** - Sharif Liwaru, Director of Equity & Family Partnerships, presented Resolution #24-004 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Director Riley, Vice Chair Wolf and Chair Dougherty thanked Liwaru for his presentation and included supporting links. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Vice Chair Wolf to accept Resolution #24-004 Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stephens and approved unanimously.

**Budget Committee Member Approval** - CFO Jordan Ely presented the application of Shannon Emerson to fill position 5 of the NWRESA Budget Committee. Chair Dougherty clarified that all other budget committee positions are filled. Chair Dougherty entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve Shannon Emerson as position 5 budget committee member as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Tymchuk and approved unanimously.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Tymchuk discussed an Early Education Inclusion summit hosted by PSU which she recently attended, noting frustration with Oregon state legislators and how important it is that they hear from all of us engaged in, particularly, early education regarding the funding that is needed to support our youngest students. Chair Dougherty shared that siloing at the state level limits collaboration with front line early learning staff across the state. Superintendent Goldman thanked Tillamook Superintendent Matt Ellis for use of the Tillamook School District boardroom and CIO Stuart Long for his troubleshooting through tech difficulties.

**ADJOURN** Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.