

Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

September 11, 2024 | 5:30 pm | Forest Grove School District Office



EXECUTIVE SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Tymchuk called the Executive Session to order at 5:32 pm.

Board in attendance: Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Dorian Russell, Doug Dougherty, Ernest Stephens, Maureen Wolf, Miriam Meneses-Rios. Virtual: Paul Jarrell Absent: Ernest Stephens

Staff in attendance: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Valerie White, Megan McCarter

Guests in attendance: Mike Porter, Miller Nash - board 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.

ADJOURN - Chair Tymchuk adjourned the Executive Session at 6:01 pm.

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Tymchuk called the general session to order at 6:08 pm.

Board Roll Call: Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Dorian Russell, Doug Dougherty, Maureen Wolf, Miriam Meneses-Rios.

Virtual: Paul Jarrell

Absent: Ernest Stephens

Staff in attendance: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Valerie White, Kelsey Soltysiak, John Peplinski, Jordan Ely, Debbie Simons, Yolanda Coleman, S. Z. Liwaru, Stacy Rager

Virtual: Cathy Jensen

Guests in attendance: Annie Palumbo, Catherine Davis, Luke Harkness, Superintendent Suzanne West - FGSD

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#) / [LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT](#)

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

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION - None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Superintendent Goldman welcomed everyone to the first general session of the 24-25 school year and expanded on his report, included in the board packet. Further, he welcomed Suzanne West, new superintendent for the Forest Grove School District. Director Russell asked for opportunities for the board to be involved in the legislative session and other activities to support school funding for the next biennium.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS - Kelsey Soltysiak, Communications Director welcomed Annie Palumbo & Catherine Davis from the Forest Grove School District. Annie & Catherine are, respectively, a high school success/AVID teacher and high school counselor, who welcomed other district partners into their classrooms to share how they are helping their students understand their postsecondary and career options, utilizing the app SchoolLinks. Annie & Catherine shared their experiences with their students and SchoolLinks. Directors Dougherty, Wolf, Meneses-Rios, Jarrell and Chair Tymchuk asked clarifying questions regarding their students and their use of the app. Superintendent Goldman shared his vision for the future utilizing SchoolLinks.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA - Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded by Director Russell and approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Diverse Educator Pathway Program- CHRO Debbie Simons & Talent Acquisition & Retention Administrator Yolanda Coleman shared slides and information about their DEP/GYO program pathways as shared in the board packet.

Directors Wolf, Riley & Russell asked clarifying questions about the GYO/DEP programs at NWRESD.

NWRESD Equity Learning Opportunity- Senior Director of Equity & Family Partnerships, SZ Liwaru shared slides and information about upcoming NWRESD equity learning opportunities as shared in the board packet. Superintendent Goldman expressed his pride in the Equity & Family Partnerships team.

Hillsboro Early Learning Facility Project- CFO Jordan Ely & Wenaha Group representative Luke Harkness shared slides and information about the Hillsboro Early Learning Facility construction in progress as included in the board packet. Director Russell offered kudos to the project team with regard to being on-time and under-budget. Chair Tymchuk asked clarifying questions about the Hillsboro Early Learning Facility and offered the board's support as needed for grant applications to cover portions of project costs.

Administrative Reports - Superintendent Goldman invited questions from board members after reviewing the administrative department reports presented in the board packet.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Resolution 25-001 National Hispanic Heritage Month- Senior Director of Equity & Family Partnerships, SZ Liwaru introduced Resolution 25-001 as included in the board packet. He then recited the resolution for the board. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve Resolution 25-001 National Hispanic Heritage Month as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Russell and approved unanimously.

August 2024 Financial Report - Jordan Ely, CFO, reviewed the August 2024 Financial Report, noting the change of format of the report and explained the changes from prior formats. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to accept the August 2024 Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Dougherty and approved unanimously.

Appoint Budget Committee Members - Jordan Ely, CFO, briefly reviewed the budget committee appointment document shared with the board in their packet. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to appoint budget committee members as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wolf and approved unanimously.

OSBA Board of Directors & LPC Nominations - Valerie White, Board Secretary introduced this year's nomination opportunity for the OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committees. Superintendent Goldman, Board Chair Tymchuk and Vice Chair Wolf clarified this process for the remainder of the board. No nominations were made.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Chair Tymchuk noted and encouraged remembrance of those who passed during the attacks on the US on this date in 2001. She continued, inviting the board to an upcoming event for Children's Institute on October 1st.

ADJOURN Chair Tymchuk adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.