



# Board Goals 2021-2023

The Board will create a vision for the organization by developing a 10-Year Plan, detailing core beliefs and priorities.

Special Education will cultivate quality partnerships by ensuring accuracy, availability and professionalism.

Instructional services will support district and school improvement objectives through proactively communicating, leading innovation, and providing exemplary instructional learning opportunities.

Information Technology will deliver an excellent customer experience by proactively building strong relations and communicating specialized services.

Administrative Services will increase district outreach, with an emphasis on quality customer service.

**October 18, 2023**

**Regular Board Meeting 5:00 PM**

**InterMountain ESD, La Grande Building**

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board Chair, Kelly Bissinger.

#### **Present:**

Kelly Bissinger, Board Chair  
Joe McElligott, Vice-Chair  
Steve Muller  
Dale Bingham  
Merle Comfort  
Maria Sanchez (Zoom)

#### **IMESD Staff:**

Mark Mulvihill, Superintendent  
Jon Peterson, Deputy Superintendent  
Beth O'Hanlon, CFO  
Denyce Kelly, Director of Program Resources  
Aimee VanNice, Assistant Superintendent/HR Director  
Cheri Rhinhart, Chief Information Officer  
Danielle Sackett, Board Secretary  
Madeline Koenig, IMESD  
Lena Wheeling, IMESD  
Donna Lowry, IMESD (Zoom)

#### **Absent:**

Verneda Wagner

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

### ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

### PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Virtual Learning Academy and Equity Committee, Madeline Koenig, and Team

Lena Wheeling, IMESD VLA principal, provided data regarding the IMESD Virtual Learning Academy, stating, "student numbers have normalized." Lena spoke of their goals to have clear communication with their partners and be forward facing, making sure everyone knows who they are and what they're doing to support districts.

Madeline Koenig, IMESD Director of Equity and Student Success, shared the plan for IMESD's model of SB 732, stating, "although the ESD is not required to form a district equity group, she would like to be a support model to the districts." Madeline reported she is in the process of forming the IMESD

## MISSION VISION

To provide outstanding customer service to our school districts in four areas: special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative services.

IMESD strives to ensure the success of every child by providing equitable services to close the opportunity gap. We are committed to the values of antiracism and multiculturalism.

equity group and an email will go out soon for people to sign up. The committee will do a book study and Community Learning Modules offered by ODE. Madeline is very excited about this work.

#### Eastern Oregon Board Conference Debrief, Group

Mark presented a press release written by Michele Madril, Communications Director, who attended the Eastern Oregon Board Conference. The press release stated the conference provided opportunities for school board members to receive professional development regarding their role as a school board member and for superintendents to learn about interacting with their school boards. About 37 superintendents and board members attended. The committee that planned the conference will reconvene to come up with a plan for next steps. Mark stated feedback received from attendees was very positive.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the September 6, 2023, Board Meeting
- B. Staff Development Report
- C. HR Report
- D. Out-of-State Travel
  - Rob Naughton, Information Technology, AEPA Winter Meeting, Anaheim, CA

#### **Proposed Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Merle Comfort, seconded by Joe McElligott, which carried unanimously, that the items listed above are hereby approved under the consent agenda.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

#### State Update

Mark provided the group with information on COSA's developing legislative platform, as well as Hot Topics in Oregon K-12 education.

Mark also shared that he recently attended the OAESD Superintendent Retreat, and it went very well. Mark felt everyone there is working for kids.

#### District Enrollment Data

Mark shared a compelling spreadsheet, displaying 5-year enrollment patterns in our 21 districts.

#### Children's Rodeo Status

Mark and Jon provided details to the board regarding the status to continue the program, including the intention to co-sponsor it with the Pendleton Round-Up.

### **FISCAL OVERVIEW**

Beth O'Hanlon reported, the ESD received the basic school support payment, including the intercept payment for PERS bond and collections from property tax. IMESD's function for the District opt out payments is over budget due a beginning approved \$9.9 budget. Legislature then approved \$10.2

billion. IMESD will propose a supplementary budget this winter to correct it. The 2024 opt out payments for Baker, Cove, Hermiston, and Pine Eagle total \$5,347,134.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### IMESD Organization Chart

Mark provided the 2023-24 staff organizational chart to board members stating, “he is proud to say there has been no changes within IMESD Administration, the only changes made were a few updated administration titles.”

### 2024-25 IMESD Local Service Plan (LSP)

Mark reported that next month will be the first reading of the Local Service Plan documents and the approval by IMESD board members in January. Once approved by the board, the Local Service Plan will go to the component districts for their board approval in February. Mark explained, he has had lengthy discussions with the regional superintendents to make sure they have everything they need within the LSP. Mark also commented that the LSP aligns with the new 3-year board goals.

### Annual OSBA Conference, November 9-11, 2023, Portland Marriott

Mark provided the IMESD board members an agenda for the upcoming OSBA annual conference in November.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Board Member Resignation

#### **Proposed Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Dale Bingham, seconded by Joe McElligott, which carried unanimously, that the board member representing Zone 3, Verneda Wagner, has submitted a resignation and is hereby approved as presented.**

### B. Declare Vacant Position

#### **Proposed Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Steve Muller, seconded by Merle Comfort, which carried unanimously, that the board declares IMESD board position Zone 3 vacant, and is hereby approved as presented.**

### C. Board Replacement Process

#### **Proposed Resolution**

**BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Merle Comfort, seconded by Steve Muller, which carried unanimously, that the board approves the board replacement process as presented, and is hereby approved as presented.**

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None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- A. Regional Legislative Roadshow
- Monday, October 23 – EOU, Hoke Union, Room #339 La Grande 6:00 PM
  - Wednesday, October 25 – Pendleton Convention Center, 6:00 PM
- B. IMESD Board Meeting – November 29, 2023, 5:00 PM, Pendleton

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly Bissinger, Board Chair



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Danielle Sackett, Board Secretary