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the Vikings"

SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT 97J

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Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential

Siuslaw Elementary School ♦ Siuslaw Middle School ♦ Siuslaw High School

Board of Directors Meeting

October 11, 2023

Siuslaw School District 97J

6:00pm – Special Meeting

6:30pm – Regular Board Meeting

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LOCATION: District Office, 2111 Oak Street, Florence, Oregon

The board meeting will also be live streamed on the district's YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@siuslaw97j/streams>

MINUTES

The meeting of the Siuslaw School Board will be conducted in person and will also be livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@siuslaw97j/streams>

If you are a member of the community and wish to provide public comment, please see agenda Item 3.0 for details.

Individuals who require disability-related accommodations or modifications to participate in the board meeting should contact the [Superintendent](#) in writing prior to the meeting.

1.0 SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION — 6:00PM

Chair Lacouture called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1.1 Board Member Organizational Time

1.2 Introduction - Donnie Danials, Maintenance Supervisor

Superintendent Grzeskowiak introduced Donnie Danials to the board. He answered a few questions and was welcomed to the district by the board.

1.3 Mandatory Reporter Training Video

The board members watched a 21-minute training video on Mandatory Reporting.

At 6:25PM Chair Lacouture called for a recess until the start of the regular meeting

2.0 OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION - 6:30PM

6:30PM the regular session was called to order by Chair Lacouture

2.1 Public Session, Call to Order, Mission Statement

"Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential"

2.2 Welcome of the Public, Press, and Patrons of the District

2.3 Attendance – Board of Directors:

Present	Attendees
Present	Brian Lacouture, Chair
Present	Maureen Miltenberger, Vice Chair
Present	John Barnett, Director
Present	Tamara Cole, Director
Present	Josh Haberly, Director
Absent	Kady Sneddon, Director
Present	Dianna Pimlott, Director
All Present	Riley Olson, Storm Kurth, Arelin Gates, Cort Waggoner - Student Representatives

2.4 Pledge of Allegiance

Principal Amy Flora introduced Siuslaw Elementary student, Maci Nilles. Teachers described Maci as well liked, respected and very helpful.

2.5 SHS Student Liaison to the Board, Jane Lacouture

ASB President, Jane Lacouture, reported on various activities happening at the high school.

2.6 Proclamation: American Education Week – 11/13-11/17

Chair Lacouture lead the board members in reading the proclamation.

2.7 Approval of Agenda – October 11, 2023

Recommendation: Approval of Agenda (Resolution 101123-2.7)

Director Barnett moved to approve the agenda as presented; Director Haberly seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion:	Barnett	2 nd :	Haberly	Ayes:	Unanimous	Nays:	Abstain:
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3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

3.1 Public Comment

- Jesse Chapman addressed the board about parental rights for students
- Robert Orr addressed the board regarding the condition of the High School, small classrooms, heating, and cooling, elevators in poor condition. Mr. Orr encouraged the Board to reconvene the Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Michael Allen addressed the board regarding Climate Change and resources for teachers.
- Jennifer Ledbetter, Caesey Wayland, Anika Miller each addressed the board regarding the Charter School application.

4.0 **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATIONS**

State Testing Review, Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Superintendent Grzeskowiak gave an overview of State Testing Results (Full report on the website).

5.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

***The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite action on routine agenda items. These items will be acted upon with one motion, second and approval of the Board, unless a member of the board wishes to pull the item for individual discussion and action. All matters listed under Consent Agenda are those on which the board has previously deliberated or can be classified as routine items of business.*

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Agenda (Resolution 101123-5.0)

5.1 September 13, 2023 Board Minutes (Attachment)

5.2 September 2023 Financial Statement (Attachment)

5.3 Enrollment update (Attachment)

Director Miltenberger moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Director Pimlott seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion:	2nd: Pimlott	Ayes:	Nays:	Abstain:
Miltenberger		Unanimous		

6.0 ACTION DISCUSSION

6.1 Review of Siuslaw Valley Charter School – Revised Application (Resolution 101123-6.1)

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: The Siuslaw Valley Charter School has reviewed technical assistance materials, as well as both local and state guidance documents, and submits a reorganized and reformatted application for review by the Board of Directors.

Aric Sneddon, Kay King, Chase Olson was present to answer questions by the Board of Directors. Directors and Student Representatives asked questions for approximately 90 minutes.

Director Barnett moved to accept revised application from Siuslaw Valley Charter School on the first reading; Director Pimlott seconded the motion. Chair Lacouture requested a roll call vote; the motion was carried by majority vote.

Motion:	Barnett	2nd:	Pimlott	Ayes:	Lacouture, Barnett, Cole, Haberly, Pimlott	Nays:	Miltenberger	Abstain:
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6.2 Lane Transit Dollars (Resolution 101123-6.2)

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: Each year the Siuslaw School District has the option to use transit dollars from Lane Education Service District to provide services locally rather than to purchase the same services from Lane ESD. Since the 2019-2020 school year, Siuslaw School District has operated an independent life skills program rather than participating in the county-wide consortium. To fund the local life skills program, the Siuslaw School District requests up to 50% of the assigned transit dollars from Lane ESD.

Director Barnett moved that the Siuslaw School District Board request an amount "Not to Exceed 50%" in transit dollars from the Lane Educational Service District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 school year; Director Pimlott seconded; and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion:	Barnett	2nd:	Pimlott	Ayes:	Unanimous	Nays:	Abstain:
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6.3 Report on Compliance with Public School Standards 2022-23 School Year

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: By November 1 of each year, school district superintendents are required by [OAR 581-022-2305: District Assurances of Compliance with Public School Standards](#) to report to their community on the district's status with respect to all of the Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools. The Standards are adopted by the State Board of Education and set out in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 581, Division 22. The requirements for all public schools in Oregon are presented in the administrative rules found in [DIVISION 22 - STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS](#) during the 2022-23 school year.

No resolution is required to adopt the Report of Compliance with Public School Standards for the 2022-23 School Year.

The superintendent reported that the district is in compliance with all Division 22 standards for the 2022-2023 school year. This was the second presentation of the Division 22 report; it was first presented at the September 2023 Board of Directors Meeting. The board chair asked for any questions about the report from both the board members and people in the gallery.

The superintendent note was made about the suspension of the Essential Skills as a graduation requirement at least through the end of this school year.

6.4 The budget committee consists of seven members appointed by the board plus the elected board members. Policy DBEA specifies that the board must announce the vacancies and receive applications from interested persons. The board previously announced the vacancies and has been accepting applications based upon announcements located on the district website and in the media. Positions 2 and 4 have 3-year terms which expired June 30, 2023. The Board of Directors has reviewed applications and had the opportunity to meet with three interested parties for the two open budget committee positions. Candidates: Melissa Stinson, Lisa Walter Sedlacek, Jennifer Waggoner

6.4.1 Appoint Budget Member Position 2 (Resolution 101123-6.4.1)

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: Administration recommends the board appoint an applicant to fill budget committee position 2 which expires June 30, 2026.

Director Pimlott moved to appoint Jennifer Waggoner to Budget Position 2; Director Cole seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion:	Pimlott	2 nd :	Cole	Ayes:	Unanimous	Nays:	Abstain:
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6.4.2 Appoint Budget Member Position 4 (Resolution 101123-6.4.2)

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: Administration recommends the board appoint an applicant to fill budget committee position 4 which expires June 30, 2026.

Director Cole moved to appoint Melissa Stinson to Budget Position 4; Director Haberly seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion:	Cole	2 nd :	Haberly	Ayes:	Unanimous	Nays:	Abstain:
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7.0 REPORTS & INFORMATION

7.1 Superintendent Communications

Superintendent Grzeskowiak provided an updated written report (see full report on the website) and reported on the staff changes listed below:

Certified Educators

None at this time

Classified & Paraprofessional Staff

- Tori Callahan – Alternative School – Educational Aide
- Derrick Carlton – Siuslaw Middle & High School – Custodian
- Quinn Earle – Siuslaw Middle School – Independent Aide
- Ella Hartzell – Siuslaw Elementary School – Educational Aide, Kindergarten
- Shelby Keene – Siuslaw Elementary School – Educational Aide, 2nd Grade
- Tim Payne – District – Nutrition Specialist II (from Food Service Worker)
- Jeff Moses – Siuslaw High School – Custodian II (from Custodian I Siuslaw Middle/High School)
- Memphis Gliewe – Siuslaw Elementary School – Educational Aide (from Classified Aide)
- Paul Potter – Transportation – Full Time Mechanic (from Part-time Mechanic & Bus Driver)
- David Spencer – District – Maintenance Worker (from Groundskeeper)
- Lonie Wright – District – Groundskeeper (from Siuslaw High School Custodian II)

Coaching Staff

- Tanner Borgnino – SHS Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach
- Greg Reynolds – SHS Assistant Football Coach
- Derek Wells – SHS Varsity Head Baseball Coach

Resignations, Retirements or Other separations of employment

- Paula Tims – Siuslaw Elementary School, educational aide
- Jeannie Harris – Siuslaw Elementary School, educational aide

Substitutes: Two (2) Classified Substitutes and Two (2) Substitute Teachers

Emergency Closures Policy EBCD

Review of site placement options – Elementary covered play area

[HASS update – 3-Year Asbestos Inspection](#) – Link to Facilities & Maintenance webpage

- [Inspection Report – District Office](#)
- [Inspection Report – Siuslaw High School](#)
- [Inspection Report – Siuslaw Elementary School](#)
- [AHERA Exemption Letter – Siuslaw Middle School](#)
- [Updated – Asbestos Reinspection Notice 2023](#)

Superintendent Grzeskowiak reviewed information regarding HASS and inspection reports (full report on website).

7.2 Business Manager Communication

Final Award of Audit Services Contract

Business Manager, Cece Howell announced that KDP Certified Public Accountants have been awarded audit services for the district starting year ending 6/30/2024.

7.3 Administrator Reports

Administrators provided written reports that are available on the district website.

7.4 Board Chair Communications

Chair Lacouture reviewed the future meeting dates, asked directors to write a note for American Education Week 11-13-11/17.

- Future Meeting Dates & General Information
 - 11/9 -11/11 OSBA Winter Conference, Portland OR
 - 11/15 – Regular November Board Meeting
 - 12/13 – Regular December Board Meeting
 - 1/10/2024 – Regular January Board Meeting
 - 2/14/2024 – Regular February Board Meeting

7.5 Board Member Acknowledgements & Communications

Director Haberly acknowledged Business Manager, Cece Howell for her hard work to secure a new audit service for the district.

Vice-Chair Miltenberger reminded everyone of the November 7th election day.

Director Lacouture congratulated the 124 High School student (10th-12th grade) for receiving Academic Letters

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Lacouture adjournment the meeting at 9:45PM



Debi Free, Executive Assistant to the Board



Brian Lacouture, Board Chair