



# Jefferson County Education Service District

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**Work Session – 5:00pm Regular Session – 6:00pm**

## **REMOTE ACCESS ONLY**

Topic: 20211202 JCESD Board Work Session and Meeting

Time: Dec 1, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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**2021/2022 Board Members:** Chair Joan Starkel; Vice-Chair Daniel Petke; Jamie McLeod-Skinner; Dani Cowdrey; Barbara Ibrahim; Raylene Thomas and Chelsey Huttinga

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## REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING

# MINUTES

**ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joan Starkel; Vice-Chair Daniel Petke, Dani Cowdrey; Barbara Ibrahim; Raylene Thomas, Chelsey Huttinga and Jamie McLeod-Skinner (*delayed due to connectivity, arrived at 6:06pm*).

**ABSENT:** None, *1-delayed*

### **WELCOME - REGULAR SESSION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Joan Starkel welcomed everyone back and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Dani Cowdrey motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Barbara Ibrahim; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 6/0** (*1 delayed due to connectivity*).

### **COMMUNICATION / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS**

a) **Teacher of the Year 2023** – nominations now open

Superintendent Shay Mikalson shared that the Teacher of the Year 2023 nominations are now open and promoted on the district websites. There is an action item this evening for board members that are interested in being on the blue ribbon panel (judges) for the application review in April.

*[Jamie McLeod-Skinner was able to re-enter the meeting following connectivity issues.]*

**b) Financial update**

Superintendent Shay Mikalson provided a financial update; explained that the districts will be receiving ESSER funds; explained ESSER3 dollars distribution; summarized the ESSER2 update and the potential financing (and the conversations that have taken place) on the proposed Ameresco financing that was outlined in a previous board meeting. He also explained that the Local Service Plan will list various resources and will come to the board for adoption at the next board meeting on January 5, 2022.

Jamie McLeod-Skinner shared a potential proactive funding resource for resiliency building under the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) and said if there is interest in other creative solutions of funding, she is happy to put our Board, Superintendent and CFO in touch with consultants to consider and ask questions. Brief conversation took place and Superintendent Mikaleson said he will reach out to her to add the resource to the list of other options to explore.

**c) OSBA Policy Update, October 2021, Vol.65 No.1 esd – (5 policies only) – 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

- AC – Nondiscrimination, Required
- GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity, Required
- IGBI - Bilingual Education\*\*, Required
- JB – Equal Educational Opportunity[\*\*], Required
- JFCJ – Weapons in Schools\*\*, Required

Superintendent Shay Mikalson shared the quarterly OSBA Policy Update, October 2021. He explained there is no action required this evening – these are for first read; these are for review, if the board has feedback or certain things they would like consideration for, to let Board Secretary Tessa Bailey know, and these will be brought back for second and final read in January 2022. He reminded the board the OSBA team has reviewed and made the recommendations based on the recent legislative updates and their internal legal review.

Jamie McLeod-Skinner suggested, for potential follow up to consider adding religious garb (example: hijab) as an additional defined characteristic within the definition of race in school discrimination policies (HB 2935). Jamie McLeod-Skinner also questioned the footnote for sexual orientation, she realized gender identity is included, but feels that there are things that may be lost if that footnote is removed. She said, striking the footnote is taking away some content that is separate from gender identity and she prefers to leave it in.

Superintendent Shay Mikalson said she has a valid concern, he will ask questions and find out the rationale of the policy update; and consider the options to bring forward for the second and final reading next month.

Conversation took place about the process and that the packet will be brought for action next month as well as potential other policies that were included in the OSBA quarterly update, October 2021.

**d) Format of future meetings / HB2560**

Superintendent Shay Mikalson explained, under House Bill 2560, starting in January 2022 all board meetings will be hybrid, meaning accessible in-person and online. Discussion took place about

how grateful some of the board members are to be back in-person and also have the option to attend remotely, especially considering the winter months and potential travel restrictions ahead.

## HEARING OF CITIZENS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF MEMBERS:

*(Option 1)* **Board Chair will offer opportunity during meeting** The Board of Directors reserves this time for citizens to speak to the Board; because time is limited, as a standard practice, and courtesy to others and to maintain our meeting schedule, guests will be allotted three minutes (or less if needed, based board chair prerogative) to speak. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker.

*(Option 2)* **Written Comment**: The JCESD Board may accept public comment in writing prior to the meeting. If you are a member of the community and wish to provide a public comment they will be taken in written format ONLY. Written comments must be received by 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 and will be read during the public comment section of the virtual meeting. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

There were no comments submitted this evening.

## ACTION ITEMS

### A. **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of **November 3, 2021** Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel (if any)
3. Accounts Payable Vouchers
4. Financials

Chelsey Huttinga motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Barbara Ibrahim; motioned passed unanimously – **Approved 7/0**.

Chair Joan Starkel requested that Director of Special Programs Barbara Garland report about the personnel hire that was included in the consent agenda. Director of Special Programs Barbara Garland explained the hire of Megan Pollock in the position of Special Education Teacher to assist Speech Language Pathologists. She also clarified that she is listed as ‘temporary’ because she was hired during the existing school year; they hire as temporary to finish the balance of the year.

### B. **Board Operating Agreement**

Brief discussion took place about the Board Operating Agreement.

Dani Cowdrey motioned to approve the Board Operating Agreement as presented, seconded by Barbara Ibrahim; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 7/0**.

### C. **Board-Superintendent Goals**

Jamie McLeod-Skinner motioned to approved the Board-Superintendent Goals, seconded by Raylene Thomas; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 7/0.**

**D. Teacher of the Year** – Board Member Judge(s)

Brief discussion took place about the Teacher of the Year process. Barbara Ibrahim expressed an interest to participate on the Blue Ribbon panel again this year.

Due to the fact that the blue ribbon panel (teacher of the year finalist judges) will not meet until later in the new year, the action for nominations was tabled until a later meeting to await for others that may be interested, once the holidays are over and they have a better idea of their schedules in the new year.

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Board members are happy about the agreements and goals that were approved this evening.

**REMINDERS:**

- OAESD Governance Council – **December 9, 2021.**
- Next Regular Session Board Meeting (6pm) – **Wednesday, January 5, 2022.**
- Keep in mind, **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** we will select and appoint new budget committee members, if applicable.
- Save the Date: OAESD’s Annual Spring Conference is scheduled for **March 9-11, 2022** at the beautiful Sunriver Resort.

**MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED**

With no further business Board Chair Joan Starkel adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

**DRAFT to Board for Approval at next meeting:  
January 5, 2022**

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Tessa Bailey, Board Secretary

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