



## Jefferson County School District 509-J

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

### **REGULAR SESSION (7:00PM)**

***Hybrid: In-person and Electronic Meeting via Zoom***

#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

509J JCSD Support Services Building, 445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chair Laurie Danzuka, Vice-Chair Kevin Richards, Jacob Struck, Courtney Snead  
Jamie Hurd (*entered at 7:32pm*)

**ABSENT:** None

#### **REGULAR SESSION/CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka called the meeting to order at 7:03pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka asked if there are updates or changes to the agenda.

Superintendent Jay Mathisen requested to add the following to the information / presentations / reports / communication / discussion items section of the agenda:

- Christina Thomas' Student Representative Report.
- Presentation, Honoring and remembering Urbana "Toto" Ross.

Courtney Snead moved to approve the agenda as amended; motion passed unanimously –

**Approved 4/0** (1 late, due to coaching)

#### **INFORMATION / PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS / COMMUNICATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

✓ **Student Representative Report** (*added topic*)

Christina Thomas, high school senior presented her final student representative report. Board members thanked her for her service and wished her well on her future endeavors.

✓ **Presentation, Honoring and remembering Urbana "Toto" Ross** (*added topic*)

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka requested the presenters come forward with song and prayer as they present the plaque for Urbana "Toto" Ross, who played a role in helping fund and build Warm Springs K-8 Academy. Arlene Boileau, Toto's mother, presented a wall hanging along with Mary Ross, Toto's sister, Reina Estimo and CTWS Attorney Howard Arnett. The wall hangings will be placed in the Warm Spring K-8 Academy.

Board members thanked them for the presentation and acknowledged the great gesture. Arlene Boileau said she would have another wall hanging made to go beside this one, honoring the education committee for their work in the school being built. She requested that they both be placed together at the Warm Springs K-8.

Board Chair Laurie Danzuka expressed sentiments in honor of Urbana Ross, and shared some history of the work, dedication and time that was involved in the construction of the K-8 Academy; she said the board would be proud to display the hangings at the Warm Spring K-8 Academy.

Communications Coordinator Joseph PrechtI took a photo for publication.

✓ **Start/End Times Update**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen directed board members to page three of the board packet and explained the proposed start/end times for bus schedules for the 2022/23 school year. He also explained that there is a timeline to communicate this information to families once finalized.

Discussion took place about the desire for the communication to be sooner-rather-than-later to allow families time to plan and prepare for before and after school care.

The conversation about the start/end times continued noting the question about if the end times would change the schedules for the after school program(s). Superintendent Mathisen specifically referenced the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as an example – this is unknown.

Discussion took place about the High School lunches and if they will be longer. Superintendent Mathisen stated he would have a conversation with the MHS Principal and confirm.

✓ **Facilities Update**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen presented the facilities update. He shared there are two contractor applicants for the High School bond project; we are holding off on the Madras seismic project as previously discussed in budget conversations, and the Bridges High School roof work will be starting as soon as student days end. A board member asked if there are tenants at Bridges affected. Superintendent Mathisen stated there are tenants that will be affected, and Simon will have a conversation with them.

✓ **BHS Accreditation**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen shared a presentation on the Bridges High School Accreditation, starting on page four of the board packet; he explained the process and publicly thanked Jason Weeks, Katie Boyle and their team for all the work done for this BHS accreditation.

The Board shared their appreciation and congratulations. A brief conversation took place about a conversation with a 2022 Bridges student sharing that after college he would like to come back to this school and teach. The board expressed, a comment like this, coming from a student is one to be proud of.

✓ **Dual Language Update**

Laura Contraras-Weiss joined the meeting (via Zoom) and presented on the Dual Language Program update. She shared on the following three topics:

1. Dual Language Outreach & Enrollment
  - March 17<sup>th</sup>, Latinx engagement opportunity
  - Community meeting at Sahalee Park
  - April 29<sup>th</sup>, Coffee Cuppers (Chamber event)
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dual Language Family Night
  - Bend Bulletin interview
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Kindergarten registration night
2. District Language Services for Interpreting and Translating

She explained the diverse population in our district, and shared the history of the interpreting and translation services. She shared that we have invited in-house staff to take an assessment to interpret and/or translate; we have hired a district translator so we are not pulling from our classified staff and we have an employee who manages the requests for interpreter or translation services. She also provided information about the requests for services that have been received so far in our district.
3. Seal of Bi-literacy.

A document from Oregon Department of Education; although it is not new, it is new for our district. There are specific qualifications for this document. This year we have been piloting and have invited students to apply and test; we are awaiting results on some. Currently there are eight students that will receive a seal of bi-literacy. In the future we would like to include our Native languages, there is a process and can be shared with the board at a later date.

A board member asked about the deadline for the Dual Language Program registrations. Laura Contraras-Weiss said the deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>, the goal is to have the lottery on July 1-5, and families will be notified July 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

Board Chair proceeded to the next agenda item.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC COMMENT [2-OPTIONS]**

**OPTION 1:** Each person wishing to speak will have signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized. The 509-J Board of Directors reserves this time for citizens to share comments or concerns. Because time is limited, as a standard practice, as a courtesy to others, and to maintain our meeting schedule, guests will be allotted three minutes to speak. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker. The Chair has authority to keep order and impose any reasonable restrictions necessary to conduct an efficient meeting. The Board reserves the right to delay discussion on any item presented until later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting. Objective criticism of operations and programs may be heard, but no complaints concerning specific personnel, the visitor will be directed to the appropriate means for filing complaints as necessary.

**OPTION 2:** Jefferson County School District 509-J will accept public comment in writing prior to the meeting. Written comments must be received online (via the comment link on the agenda) by **1:00 pm [the date of the board meeting]** and may be read during the public comment section of the meeting. Comments or complaints regarding specific people or personnel WILL NOT be accepted, please refer to the district complaint policy.

**Five people signed up at the meeting (Option 1).** Speakers did not provide written speech or document to the board secretary regarding their topic, therefore the following are summaries, of the topic, either from the sign-up sheet or summarized as they spoke before the board:

1. **Reina Estimo** – Equity in sports. She explained that she is passionate about helping families find resources in order for their students to participate, and families to attend sports events. She shared a story about a recent event when someone was searching for means in order to afford to be able to see their daughter play at state basketball game. Reina said she prepared and presented a proposal to her supervisor the Friday before the state game; collectively \$3,000 was raised to help families and students. She also explained that the Warm Springs sports schedules need to be considered because of the extra time required for transportation, gas prices, and the fact that some families are raising several foster children.
2. **Rosetta Herkshan** – Introduced herself, shared she has students who attend school in the district and as a parent and a representative on the Title VI Committee she would like to request on behalf of her children and the JCSD children for accurate representation, equity and inclusion – equity for all students, not just athletes or honor students. All of the children’s needs are important and the School Board and community can be a voice for the children.
3. **Lorien Scott** – Fighting for equality and equity. She is part of a community parent committee and Title VI Committee, and they continue to receive multiple complaints about parents not feeling heard when it comes to their kids. They don’t know who to talk to anymore. She referred to Warm Springs students in sports and the schedule (referring back to Rosetta’s conversation). She explained she is working with the superintendent, but hears other parents’ frustrations and pleas to the school board to have conversations and consider what has been said this evening.
4. **Jaylyn Suppah** – Introduced herself, shared that she is on Title VI Parent Committee and a parent of two students in the JCSD; one student will be home schooled this year. She requests that the board and community look into the Title VI funding in the budget. She requests that the board look into the history. The parent committee is here as a voice, for those who are afraid to speak. She offered an invitation to the board to come to the Warm Springs community, and meetings. She made it clear that the invitation is for all board members.
5. **Jillisa Suppah** - Introduced herself and said she is part of the Native American Student Mentors. She shared they currently have eight students and they are working to include other students and work around the extra curricular activities. This is a student led organization. She explained that questionnaires went out to try to include various interests – many of them are requesting cultural crafts and activities (necklace making, drum making, etc.). She explained that they have received a grant and in years, two and three they would like to collaborate with the district for support with field trips and other activities to provide resources for the students.

**One person submitted an online comment (Option 2).**

1. **Rosetta Herkshan** – submitted online and provided to board members independently.

Board Chair Danzuka shared that the public comment submitted under option 2, would not be shared due to the fact that the comment was directly related to a person and will not be discussed in the regular session meeting.

Board Chair proceeded to the action items on the agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Superintendent Mathisen shared with the board that the personnel action includes the hiring of a JROTC teacher and they are challenging to find; he just wanted to note that for their attention.

## **A. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Board Minutes of *April 11, 2022*
2. Personnel Action
3. Resolution #22-21, Miscellaneous Grants

Jacob Struck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 5/0**

## **B. CTWS 2022-2023 SRO Contract**

Courtney Snead motion to approve the 2022-2023 Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs (CTWS) School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 5/0**.

## **C. 2022-2023 JCSD 509J Board Calendar**

Superintendent Jay Mathisen presented the 2022-2023 Proposed Board Calendar and explained that some of the locations are noted as TBD (to be determined) until after discussion and scheduling.

Discussion took place regarding the 2022-2023 proposed board calendar to include conversation about the possibility of having meetings at non-traditional site locations to support the community, the desire to meet at the Metolius Elementary School and Big Muddy School, as well as add additional meetings at Warm Springs K-8, and potentially at the Warm Springs Museum.

The board decided not to take action on the proposed 2022-2023 JCSD 509J Board calendar at this time; Board Chair requested that the dates and locates be set and bring to the board for the June meeting – **NO ACTION TAKEN**.

## **BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Excited to see the increased cultures celebrated in our schools.
- Likes to see the increased numbers in native language classes at MHS.
- Coffee Cuppers and seeing support for the Dual Language Program.
- Tribal Council, swearing in at Tribal Council.
- Appreciates the guests who have signed up to speak this evening.
- Values our community pulling together.
- Wizard of Oz play at the PAC.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation at JCMS.
- Little League – thankful.
- Classified Bargaining – thankful for gathering in person.
- Great problem to have – no parking for three events. Thankful for all the parent’s support.
- Teacher’s Appreciation at Buff – nice to see the relationships.

## **REMINDERS:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Committee Meeting (5:30pm) [if needed] – **Monday, May 16, 2022 @5:00pm**
- Next Board Leadership (9am) – **Tuesday, June 7, 2022** (Laurie & Kevin)
- Work Session (5:30pm) – **Monday, June 13, 2022**
- Regular Session Meeting (7:00pm) – **Monday, June 13, 2022**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** – please let Tessa know ASAP, for her to register and make reservations.

- OSBA Summer Board Conference – **July 8-10, 2022** (Riverhouse on the Deschutes)
- NIEA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention & Trade Show – Oklahoma City, OK – **October 5-8, 2022**
- End of Year Activities (various dates and times)

The Board discussed Board/Staff Appreciation. They are requesting that the employee spotlight recipients attend the June board meeting to be recognized, and to have board members visit each school to express their appreciation to staff as they head out for the summer.

Board Chair Danzuka reminded that it is board policy that they do not engage or address the comments made during the community comments part of the meeting. They will respectfully direct them to the appropriate person or department(s) to be addressed as needed.

**MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED**

With no other business, Board Chair Danzuka adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm

***Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.***  
**Monday, June 13, 2022**

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Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

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Board Chair Laurie Danzuka

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Superintendent Jay Mathisen

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# PHOTO OF THE EVENING



Photo courtesy of: Joseph Prechtl, JCSD Communications Coordinator

Pictured above: Reina Estimo, Arlene Boileau and Board Chair Laurie Danzuka displaying the plaque that will hang in the Warm Springs K-8 Academy in honor of Urbana “Toto” Ross.