

MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

I. CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER @ 5:30 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Board Chair	Carey	Jones	X	
Board Vice-Chair	Bonnie	Booher	X	
Board Member	Jack	Dailey		X
Board Member	Bob	Morin	X	
Board Member	Carrie	Oldright		X
Superintendent	Jon	Zwemke	X	
Business Manager	Rachel	Amos	X	
Asst. Business Mgr.	Josh	Cook	X	
RCCS Principal	Jerry	Uhling	X	
HES Vice-Principal	Missy	Watts		X
SPED Director	Robin	Haddock	X	
Board Secretary	Sharmen	Tipton	X	

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. A revised agenda was posted prior to the meeting, and updates were highlighted in yellow to track changes.

V. PROCLAMATION

- A. Superintendent Jon Zwemke read a Proclamation congratulating our Archery Team and their coach for making it to the 2025 US Western Nationals in Sandy, UT.
- Coach Hamner thanked the School Board for their support of the archery program, which has been both popular and successful.

VI. ACCOLADES

- A. April Superintendent Award
- Brantley Lee, 2nd Grade / Lisa Dailey, 2nd Grade Teacher

2. Ansel Sargent, 2nd Grade / Jenn Wright, 2nd Grade Teacher
3. Sophia Flinn, 12th Grade / Nyssa Gunn, English/Health Teacher

VII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

*Individuals may address the Board on agenda items by **signing in and completing a Community Comment card at the sign-in table**. Each speaker has up to three (3) minutes. Comments on non-agenda topics are also welcome, provided they do not involve complaints about staff; such matters may be referred to the administration.*

Those unable to attend in person may submit written or emailed comments to the Board Secretary. Comments received by 3:00 PM on the meeting day will be included in that meeting; later submissions will be held for the next meeting. Send comments to Reedsport School District, 100 Ranch Road, Reedsport, OR 97467, or email stipton@reedsport.k12.or.us.

1. Sandi Donnelly shared that the Reedsport Education Enrichment Foundation (REEF) Tall Timber Award plaques have been installed in the district boardroom. The Tall Timber Award honors community members who have partnered with REEF to support and enhance educational opportunities for students. These beautifully crafted plaques were created by the Myrtlewood Gallery in Old Town Reedsport.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Assistant Business Manager – Josh Cook, South Coast ESD

1. We will have our Budget Committee meetings in May to review and accept the budget for the 25/26 school year.
2. In our last meeting the Board asked Mr. Cook to contact smaller districts in our area that were successful in levying an Excise Tax in their district.
 - a. Only received one response and that was from Bandon. It took about 2 years for Bandon successfully pass an Excise Tax.
 - b. The tax will cover everything within the Reedsport School District zone, not just the City of Reedsport.
 - c. Terms of the Bandon tax included the funds being received by the district quarterly. The fees will be collected by the county once a new building permit has been accepted. We can negotiate our own terms with Douglas County, but these appear to be reasonable terms for the county and the school district.
 - d. In researching the history of new residential homes in Reedsport we found the average to be about 2 buildings a year. In 2023 there were two buildings at an average cost of \$518,000 for an average 2,000 square foot home. The taxes would be levied on new residential and commercial construction only. There will be no Excise Tax collected for renovations or adding square footage to an existing building.
 - e. Bonnie Booher asked if there was a percentage in the Excise Tax? For 25/26 residential builds it would be \$1.67 per square foot with no maximum. Commercial will be \$0.84 per square foot with a maximum allowable tax of \$41,800. The district shall pay county an administrative fee in the amount of 4% of the tax collected.
 - f. These funds will provide revenue for our Capital Improvement Funds. Those funds can

- only be spent on construction, repairs, and improvements to our buildings and campuses, which become more cumbersome every year due to the age of the facilities.
- g. Bonnie Booher asked if it will be possible for the builder to finance the Excise tax amount on the new build? Mr. Cook said he would do some research to find this answer.
- h. Josh will prepare a Resolution to present to the board for possible approval in our May board meeting.
- B. Superintendent Report – Jon Zwemke, Elementary Principal & Superintendent
 - 1. The Technology Department Quarterly Report shared what they do, areas they focus on, and how these needs are reported and addressed. This includes support for all technology hardware and programs that are used by every staff member and student in our district on a daily basis.
 - 2. Athletic Director Quarterly Report covered updates on the Spring sports and the successes the student athletes have accomplished this season.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Routine actions that typically require no discussion, such as the approval of previous meeting minutes and the acceptance of donations, are frequently addressed collectively in a single vote by the Board.

- A. Approve Board Minutes for March 12, 2025.
- B. Approve Certified/Administrative Hire:
 - 1. Rachel Amos, Business Manager, Start date 7/1/25
- C. Approve Certified/Administrator Resignation/Retirement:
 - 1. Patricia Prenger, English & Theater Teacher, resignation effective 6/13/25
 - 2. Sydney Shell, 3rd Grade Teacher, resignation effective 6/13/25
 - 3. Brian Watts, Community Outreach Coordinator/Athletic Director, resignation effective 6/30/25
- D. Accept donations:
 - 1. Cheryl Pippen donated equipment to the Jr./Sr. High student weight room = \$4,500
 - 2. Lynnae Harris donated a 1997 Nissan Pickup Truck = \$500
 - a. The shop program plans to fix it up and sell it to raise money for shop supplies and equipment.
- E. Bob made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Bonnie Booher seconded. Vote: Yes 3 (Carey Jones, Bonnie Booher and Robert Morin), No 0. Approved.

X. ACTION

- A. Approve the proposed 25/26 Academic Calendar
- B. Bonnie Booher made a motion to accept the proposed 25/26 Academic Calendar as presented. Robert Morin seconded. Vote: Yes 3 (Carey Jones, Bonnie Booher and Robert Morin), No 0. Approved.

XI. DISCUSSION

A. Excise Tax Information

1. The board discussed how the dollar amount per square foot was generated. The dollar amount is in the Senate Bill, and it is predetermined. The Excise Tax amount that was reported by Bandon and Corvallis were from different tax years. The state increases the dollar amount per square foot annually and it is an average of 6% each year. This is a one-time cost for new construction assessed at the time the building permit is approved.

XII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Reference Community Comments guidelines previously stated in the agenda.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Bonnie Booher is happy to see the rain go away for a little bit.
- B. Carey Jones shared that the Sports Auction that is happening this weekend is sold out. It would be great to have a larger venue for these types of events as the community center is maxed out.


XIV. FUTURE AGENDAS

- A. Tuesday, April 29, 2025 @ 1:00 PM – Early Release for Make A Wish Bubsfest
- B. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 5:30 PM – Regular Session Board Meeting
- C. Thursday, May 15, 2025 – SCESD Superintendent Meeting in Brookings-Harbor
 1. Jon Zwemke will be attending
- D. Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 4:00 PM - 1st Budget Committee Meeting
- E. Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - School Board Election
- F. Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 4:00 PM – 2nd Budget Committee Meeting
- G. June 16-18, 2025 – COSA 2025 Annual Seaside Conference
 1. Jon Zwemke will be attending

XV. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:30 PM

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Submitted by Sharmen Tipton, Reedsport School District Executive Assistant / Board Secretary

<u>CAREY D. JONES</u>	<u>5/14/25</u>	<u></u>	<u>5-14-25</u>
Carey Jones, Board Chair	Date	Jon Zwemke, Superintendent	Date