

LANE ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS' WORK SESSION
Tuesday – May 14, 2013

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Carol Dennis called the board work session to order at 6:01 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013, accordance with the agenda and public notice of the meeting.

Board Members present were **Chair Carol Dennis, Sherrie Deurst-Higgins, Chuck Forster, Anselmo Villanueva, and Joel Robe.**

Others attending were Superintendent Larry Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Carol Knobbe, directors Dave Standridge, Randy Trummer and Sue Mathisen; Julie Simmonds was present as recording secretary.

Staff member Kate Weber, representing LCEA.

1. **Budget**

Superintendent Sullivan opened the discussion by providing a background on the Local Service Plan, the option of the districts to take transit dollars, and reductions in service orders due to the transit dollar option. Lane ESD is now facing further reductions with a large budget shortfall. Leadership has developed a plan to meet the budget shortfall. This plan includes additional program reductions, reducing reserve funds, and reducing the ending fund balance to 6%.

Proposed reductions translate to 92 people, fifteen furlough days, and closing two classrooms. No adjustments have been made in the leadership proposal to account for lost revenue should HB3401 or HB3233 affect ESD resources or to account for PERS reform.

Business Services Director Dave Standridge reviewed handouts with the Board, including strategies to meet the budget reduction, 2013-14 Core Services – General Education Budget, Management FTE History, and 2013-14 FTE Budget Reductions (in terms of staffing). Special Education Director Sue Mathisen reviewed the handout Special Education Administrative FTE, outlining the reduction and assignment of administrative FTE from 2012-13 to 2013-14. Board members expressed concern for the ongoing quality of services.

Superintendent Sullivan described the commitment of the districts to fund Core Services. Core Services include Technology, Courier, and General Education. Superintendent Sullivan explained that we currently have a vacancy in the School Improvement (General Education) Directorship, and he explained how this position is funded .80 FTE by the general fund or Core Services. Discussion was held around how filling this vacancy versus not filling this vacancy impacts the flex dollars, the capacity to respond to anticipated state-level initiatives, and the ability to respond to district needs. If the vacancy is unfilled, it will not benefit General Education services, as the dollars will return to the flex fund and be distributed to districts to either take in transit or to purchase other services.

The total current staffing level is 304. For 2013-14 staff will be reduced by 36%, administration by 25%. Administrative staffing has been reduced by 48% since 2009-10.

Superintendent Sullivan added an update on providing superintendent services to Blachly and Lowell School Districts. Both districts have decided to pursue hiring a part-time superintendent to allow hiring of a full-time building administrator. The districts have yet to decide if they will take advantage of Lane ESD for superintendent services..

2. HB 3233

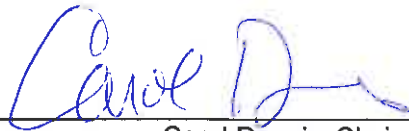
The Board reviewed the handouts provided on HB 3233 (Jim Mabbott email, Network for Quality Teaching and Learning). Superintendent Sullivan reviewed the bill's strategic initiatives, and noted that the Instructional Leadership Council (ILC) has met to talk about governor's directive to work together and become network rather than stand alone ESDs. Funding for this bill will come from diverting some portion of ESD funding; between \$10-30M is earmarked for this bill.

Superintendent Sullivan explained how shifting dollars from ESD funds to fund this bill will reduce dollars from the neediest of students.

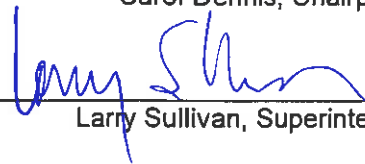
Superintendent Sullivan provided a status update on HB 3401. HB 3401 may return to the legislature without the Lane County exemption. If HB 3401 passes as it is, and Eugene 4J pulls their funds for 2013-14, it will translate to a \$400,000 loss to the remaining districts' flex funds.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.




Carol Dennis, Chairperson



Larry Sullivan, Superintendent

Minutes approved:

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(date) JRS