



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

February 16, 2022

Appreciating Our Staff:

- Philomath School District was awarded a \$10,000 grant from OEA Choice Trust. The purpose of the funds is to support educator health and well-being.
- Will be meeting with leadership from our licensed and classified bargaining units to assist with planning use of these funds.

Thank You to Philomath Rotary:

- Thank you to the Rotary Club of Philomath for recognizing our schools and district. Club members are in the midst of delivering coffee and goodies to our all of our locations to show their appreciation of PSD staff members.

Professional Learning:

- Highlight of technology training that took place on Friday, February 11th.
- Teachers learned about and played with two interactive video display devices to support student learning.
- Teacher willingness to learn and play helps us to grow thoughtfully into our future.
- Smart Boards are beginning to fail, with Smart technology no longer being our best 'go-to' option.

Civil Rights Data Collection (2020-2021):

- Every two years, school districts across the country are required to complete this federal report.
- Currently completing district and school data for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Questions are asked about enrollment, demographics, classes, discipline, staffing, technology, and other related categories.

Student Information System:

- With regional school district support, LBL has embarked on the process to switch to a new student information system (SIS).
- The program to be utilized is Synergy, licensed by EduPoint.
- LBL will continue to provide Help Desk support for use of this system.
- Transition will occur over the next two school years.

Out-of-State Travel:

- Missed a prior approval for travel to a conference by Abby Couture. Plans were made and paperwork secured to District Office well in advanced of trip. My apologies for the oversight for prior School Board approval.

- Travel on the Consent Agenda for March will be exciting as Jennifer Kessel has been asked to be a presenter at this conference. “Hackfort is all about celebrating all things tech.”

Renewal/ Non-Renewal of Licensed Staff:

- According to ORS 342.513, “Each district school board shall give written notice of the renewal or nonrenewal of the contract for the following school year by March 15 of each year to all teachers and administrators in its employ...”
- Based on a desire to ensure accuracy, especially with all the personnel activity this year, I was not prepared to bring all information to you for this Board meeting.
- Since our March Board Meeting is currently scheduled for March 16th, I am requesting consideration of one of the following options to comply with the law.
 - Move the March School Board Meeting to a date prior to March 15th.
 - Schedule a Special Board Meeting, prior to March 15th, to address only this item. This would keep the full Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16th.

National Random Acts of Kindness Day:

- February 17, 2022 (Tomorrow)!
- May this be a great day for everyone!

Dates to Remember:

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| • February 16 th (Wednesday) | Philomath School Board Meeting @ 7:00pm (DO) |
| • February 19 th (Saturday) | Polar Plunge @ Crystal Lake Boat Ramp (Corvallis) |
| • February 19 th (Saturday) | Cheer Championships (Salem) |
| • February 19 th (Saturday) | State Swimming Meet (Beaverton) |
| • February 21 st (Monday) | Inclement Weather Make-Up Day (No School) |
| • February 22 nd (Tuesday) | Oregon West Conference Jazz Band Contest (Cascade HS) |
| • February 22 nd (Tuesday) | COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (4:00pm-7:30pm @ PHS Library) |
| • February 24 th (Thursday) | Oregon West Conference Jazz Band League Contest |
| • February 25 th (Friday) | Oregon Logging Conference (Eugene) |
| • February 25-26 (Friday & Saturday) | High School Basketball Play-In Games |
| • February 26 th (Saturday) | State Wrestling (Cascade High School) |
| • March 1 st (Tuesday) | District 11 Band Festival (West Albany High School) |
| • March 1 st (Tuesday) | OSU Choir Festival |
| • March 2 nd (Wednesday) | Read Across America Day |
| • March 4-5 (Friday & Saturday) | High School Basketball Playoffs |
| • March 8 th (Tuesday) | PHS Wind Ensemble @ OSU Band Festival |
| • March 9 th (Wednesday) | PES Jog-a-Thon |
| • March 10 th (Thursday) | CPS Jog-a-Thon |
| • March 10-12 (Thursday-Saturday) | High School State Basketball Tournament |