

OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
Oregon Rural School Boards Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Jim, Lori, Jane, Scott, Jake (guest), Chris Cronin, Emily Smith, Patti Norris

President Scott Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:31

I. Welcome

Scott Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Oregon Rural School Boards Advisory Committee - **DISCUSSION**

Scott Rogers. Has had a lot of outreach from around the state. Have gone through board appointment as advisory committee so now looking at adding or eliminating a caucus. Outlines the guideline. Have a year to get in place. Want to ensure we have time for bylaws, officers, goals, budget, draft action plan. Will hopefully have all that ready to present to the BOD in a year (around June 2023). If we can condense the schedule there's flexibility for that.

Dawn joins the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Should give updates from the committee at each board meeting. **As we build agendas for board meetings they will receive updates as they go along.** Resolution to the membership, so must fall within the guidelines of the elections calendar that hasn't been set yet. Will need to look at that. BOD adopts election calendar each year, may not be able to wait until June BOD meeting, depends on calendar.

Emily asks if we will be adding folks to the committee. Scott knows of 5 int'd in joining. Jim: contacted was by bd mbr in Douglas Co. Other issue: committee int'd in having a supt serve as non-voting ex officio member on behalf of small dists. Chris: Mark Owens, Mark Redmond are int'd, plus others int'd. Emily: whoever wants to can join? Scott: doesn't want it to be unwieldy but wants fair representation. Jim: need odd member so there's no potential for a tie. Chris: has name of someone from Arock. Scott: areas that need representation, Central and Southern OR. Dawn: several that might want to, but she wants it to be a fair representation. Willing to listen, give input, be productive, not just ruffling feathers. There is a Coalition of SB mbrs and Parents. They meet next week. She will bring up again to see if they have someone to participate. Scott: Candyce from Glide? Emily: anyone from N. Coast? Lori: new LPC member Sondra Gomez? Emily says she knows people from Tillamook. Scott: mandi (enterprise), nichole (condon) katie (grant esd). Mandi doesn't have a rub against osba, just wants to make certain their voices are heard. Patti has 2 on her bd that aren't osba fans, but who are reasonable and have good conversation. Doesn't know their int, but will reach out if that's the goal. Emily: do we want to set a limit on # of folks? Dawn: hate to invite someone that doesn't fit into definition of "rural," whatever that ends up to be. OSBMCC allows for self-identification as a person of color. Patti: maybe we should do something similar here. Not saying this is the conservative advisory committee, or small school advisory committee, we say "rural."

Scott: Overall process, thinks we should try to keep group collaborative and not overwhelming. 11-13 members not including current present members. Jim: can appoint a committee of any size. Once committee is together, he suggests it be broken down into subcommittees working on bylaws, mission statement, budget. Trying to bring 15 ppl together is calendar nightmare. Appt committee, then create subcommittees to use OSBA zoom for that. Quite a bit of work to complete. Chris agrees subcommittees makes sense. Scott looking to one

of the three other members to drive the bus, as committee chair. Then potentially subcommittees to fall under one person. Would love to have Patti drive one of the subcoms. **Emily volunteers to serve as Chair of the full committee.**

Subcommittees discussion: Bylaws, goals/action plan, draft budget.

Patti serve on Budget Committee

Chris will serve on Bylaws Committee

Dawn will serve on goals/mission

Emily will serve on goals and action plans

Jim: Action plan will come later, after they've formed the caucus

Get full committee together, then ask folks to volunteer on various subcommittees that are created. Budget should be pretty easy, will assign Chris D to help. Budget committee con't really meet until later when other things have been formulated.

Get everyone together about work that needs to occur. Indicate subcommittees' work will move forward.

Definition of "rural" would fall within Bylaws committee work. Come up with some definition. Broad like caucus, or limited.

Any sort of rep from small distarict supt to serve ex officio? Everyone agrees that would be good. Non-voting. Jim knows of some that are int'd in serving.

Next meeting inclusive of volunteers. Try to set limit on participants to 13-15. Intros – talk through dists you serve, identify subcommittees. Who is int'd in serving on each subcommittee. Then go from there.

First meeting: Walk them through what it takes to create caucus and requirements.

Intros, back story/history/process, what is a rural district, talk through guidelines, then get into subcommittee process. Jim: may not be bad for someone to mention that this is not opp to create a "politically conservatirve" or "liberal" group, just unique challenges that small dists face. Scott says he is willing to stand to make that clarification.

Chris: want us to recruit people for sub-committees? Scott: in next week or so aggregate names so far. If we end up with 13 mbrs, not including us today, we will have plenty to move forward.

Jim: thinks full committee meeting 1X/mth, subcommittees 2Xmth. Will assign one staff member to each of the subcommittees. Chair of subcommittee to be the holder of docs.

III. Communications and outreach strategies

A. Outreach to interested school board members - **DISCUSSION**

Scott Rogers: he will reach out to everyone who has indicated int'd. his 5, someone from Pinehurst? And maybe someone from Eagle Point, someone from Arock, potential N. Coast, 1 for Crook Co. puts at 12 not including ex officio. Scott will move toward support role for future, ex officio. Patti would like someone from her region. Intentionally including someone from all regions of the state? Scott will email the list to everyone. Add: Central, N. Coast, Douglas/S.Coast region. Have good rep on Gorge Region.

B. Approach to communications regarding process and next steps - **DISCUSSION**

Scott Rogers

Will send List, vet it internally

Jim: communications team will do stories on this. Color caucus already has a spot on our website. We can create a location for at least minutes of Adv Com and draft docs on website. Links within our stories from communications to those docs, and any update Jim sends weekly. Committee members can also send updates to their regions through Email My Region.

Scott: will put together list of names – kick around via email – fill holes as necessary. Thinks if we can identify, get their emails, by end of next week reach out and thanks them for serving, then coordinate first zoom meeting of entire group hopefully in June. Intros, clarity to process, clarity that this is rural not conservatairve, clarity to subcoms and schedule of subcoms. Will have disc re pub meeting laws at first meeting as well.

Scott thanks everyone. Appreciates willingness to jump into this. Excited to see process moving fwd. Bill Graupp is a good resource if we need help.

IV. *Meeting adjourns*

President Scott Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.