

# School board interviews superintendent candidates

Board also chooses firm to help in longterm search

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At Monday's South Lane School District board meeting, the board narrowed their interim superintendent search to two final candidates. During an executive session that lasted over three and a half hours, the board interviewed candidates and discussed their qualifications.

In the public session, the board then discussed questions to ask the final candidates' references. These questions included how they handle "pressure situations" and if former employers would hire the candidate again or not.

The interim candidate will be selected at the April 30 meeting in executive session and once a contract agreement has been reached, the board will announce the interim superintendent on May 7 during a regularly scheduled meeting.

The board is looking for "a candidate who understands the importance of what we've already accomplished in our district and where we're heading," said board chair Alan Baas on Monday night. "And how important it is that we stay in touch with our staff and our town."

The interim superintendent will be filling the vacancy left by superintendent Krista Parent who will be retiring from the district in June after several months of media reports about her personal life and a complaint filed by a local resident concerning the matter. The current acting superintendent, Kyle Tucker, did not apply for the interim position.

During a previous school board meeting, the board agreed to utilize a suggestion from Steve Kelley of the Oregon School Boards Association and include district staff in the interview process.

In open session, the board then discussed, but did not make any final decisions, on what to include in contract negotiations in terms of sick leave, vacation days and use of a district car. The salary for the interim position will be approximately \$130,000.

"I think this will be a good exercise for next year," said board member Sherry Duerst-Higgins during the meeting in reference to the process the board will go through to determine a long-term superintendent.

In getting ready for the long-term superintendent search, the board approved and unanimously agreed on the hiring of Kelley, who will be partnering up with Greg McKenzie, an executive search consultant for Window to Leadership. Kelley has been leading the board's interim search process.

"Thank you very much. I really was hoping we would move in this direction, I've loved working with you," said Kelley after the vote.

"Do you have your challenges? Absolutely. But I want to help you with that."

McKenzie drove down from Portland for the meeting but after not being able to get into the locked district building as the board met in executive session, he drove back home.

Prior to Monday's meeting, the board invited the public to weigh-in on the process of hiring both the interim and long-term superintendent. Residents were given the opportunity to comment on the qualities and qualifications they thought were important to include in the job listing for the positions and were guided through the process by Kelley during an open meeting last month.

The board has previously stated that it plans to have an interim until June of 2019 and install a long-term superintendent at that time.



Lane County Voiture 80 for the Forty & Eight (veterans' group) has valued and enjoyed our relationship with The Family Relief Nursery since 2015 when we were encouraged by then Cottage Grove Mayor Tom Monroe and Chamber of Commerce Manager Palmer Travis to consider The Family Relief Nursery to be our charitable recipient as our Child Welfare program.

Our time with Diane & Courtney again confirmed that "Business is Personality" and Courtney is going to be able to continue building and developing service and assistance to the families and children of Southern Lane County and Northern Douglas County just as successfully as The Family Relief Nursery has under Diane's leadership.

Since 2015 close to \$5,000 has been contributed to the Family Relief Nursery by members of Lane County Voiture 80, along with financial support from Oregon members of both the Forty & Eight and the ladies who make up the Societe de La Femmes women's auxiliary.



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131 W "A" St. Drain, OR  
541-315-1617  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
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Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm  
Worship: 12:30pm
- COTTAGE GROVE:**  
**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine  
Youth & Families Pastor:  
Seth Bailey  
Service times: 9am & 10:30am  
Sunday School: 9am for all ages  
Christian Education  
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade  
www.6thandgibbs.com
- Calvary Baptist Church**  
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290  
Pastor: Riley Hendricks  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Worship: 11:00am  
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm
- Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove**  
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
541-942-6842  
Pastor: Jeff Smith  
Two Services on Sun:  
9am & 10:45am  
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www.cgcalvary.org
- Center for Spiritual Living**  
Cottage Grove  
700 Gibbs Ave.  
(Community Center)  
Rev. Bobby Lee  
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com
- Church of Christ**  
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565  
Sunday Service: 10:30am
- Cottage Grove Bible Church**  
1200 East Quincy Avenue  
541-942-4771  
Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
www.cgbible.org
- Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd.  
541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueett  
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Full Children's Ministry available  
Service: 10:00am
- Delight Valley**  
Church of Christ  
33087 Saginaw Rd. East  
541-942-7711  
Pastor: Bob Friend  
Two Services:  
9am - Classic in the Chapel  
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium
- First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St  
541-942-4479  
Pastor: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
www.cgpresbynews.com
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700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668  
Pastor: Wayne Husk  
Sunday services:  
Worship: 9am  
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am  
Bible Study: 10:30am
- Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
100 S. Gateway Blvd.  
541-942-2061  
Pastor: Dave Bragg  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
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467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
Worship Services Sundays: 9a & 11a  
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Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)
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1041 Pennoyer Ave  
541-942-8928  
Preacher: Tony Martin  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm  
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Catholic Churches  
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541-942-3420  
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen  
Holy Mass:  
Tue-Thur: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm  
Sun: 10:30am  
Confession: After daily mass,  
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell  
552 Holbrock Lane  
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050  
Rev. Lawrence Crumb  
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am  
All Welcome
- Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
820 South 10th Street  
541-942-5213  
Pastor: Kevin Miller  
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am  
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40  
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00
- Trinity Lutheran Church**  
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday School & Adult Education  
9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thu  
5:00pm TLC Groups  
tlccg.com
- United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5,  
Kids Free)  
1st & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
umcgrve.org
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913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913  
Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

## •CORRECTION•

In the April 18 edition of *The Sentinel*, an article titled, "Anti-hate-posters pop up in Main St. businesses," Alex Affinito was identified as the owner of Backstage Bakery. He should have been identified as Alex Ihnat.

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