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From left clockwise: actors Caleb Pruitt, Agatha Robinson, Peter Wickliffe, Jeff Wisdom and Josiah Wise run through a table reading of the script for "The Fairfield Boys" in the Cottage Grove Public Library.

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vision," he said. "I'm hoping people will see that dedication from me and think, 'Oh, wow, he's really banking on this. It's kind of win or lose for him.'" Wickliffe's interest in film and acting began as far back as middle school and he landed his first paid acting role in a short film titled "For God and Country" in 2009. Since then, he has been actively pursuing a career in theater and film, acting in films such as "The Bullet of Time" and "Roomies," which traveled the film festival circuits. Now taking on more

than just an acting role, Wickliffe aims to inspire audiences to take an interest in the time period he's put to script. "I want to take people back into history," he said. Though filming locations for all the future episodes have not been fully scouted, the film crew has settled on an undisclosed location around Dorena Lake for the first two episodes of the mini-series and is likely to begin filming at the end of April or beginning of May. Other locations in the general region are likely to be used as backdrops as well. "A lot of what we have

here is that natural beauty," said Wickliffe. "And we're surrounded by parks." The director is happy to utilize the Cottage Grove area backdrop in particular due to its filmographic past, citing enthusiasm he has already encountered when discussing past movie-making with locals. Wickliffe also wants to pull resources from the area to complete the project, which may include extras, props, costumes or even property. With the first episode slated to premiere by this fall, Wickliffe believes the mini-series will continue relying on these local resources for some time if

successful. "This will provide jobs for people for the next two and a half years," he said. As the episodes progress, Wickliffe anticipates the show's need for people and materials to grow. "Hopefully as it attracts more people, it will also even out," he said. "As it becomes more complicated, more people will want to help with the project. ... It's a huge leap of faith, but anything worth doing is a huge leap of faith." A synopsis, list of cast and crew and other information can be found at the mini-series' page at indiegogo.com.

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parents and community members. "For me personally, as one of seven board members tasked with helping uncover a new leader for our school district during these challenging times, it has been an educational process," said board Vice Chair Alan Baas. "I was pleased to discover so many different highly-skilled educators interested in coming to our town to help us with our kids." The months-long process has included screening of resumes, background checks and interviews to narrow the field down to two potential candidates to start the job on July 1 this year. Finalist Dey has worked in the Eugene school district for the past five years

and is currently the director of secondary education for five high schools and eight middle schools. From 2010-15, Dey worked in Santiago, Chile as the director of K-12 curriculum and professional development at the International School. He has a doctoral degree in educational methodology, policy and leadership from the University of Oregon, which he received in 2009. Curtis is currently the interim superintendent of SLSD. She was previously the superintendent of the Forest Grove School District from 2009 to 2017. She has 23 years of administrative experience in public education and, in 2008, completed her doctoral degree from the University of Oregon in education and her master of teaching degree from Lewis and Clark College. In November, *The Sentinel* reported that, during a

board meeting discussing qualities and qualifications of an interim superintendent, "Board members agreed that anyone taking the interim position should be ineligible from applying for the permanent position." The board issued a statement clarifying the discussion. "While the board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of allowing the interim to apply for the permanent position, the qualities and qualifications were written to allow the greatest flexibility in recruiting candidates for the short-term interim position," read the statement. "In the qualities and qualification for the second interim position, the board

used the word 'preferred' rather than 'required.'" The statement further added, "The OSBA [Oregon School Boards Association] search consultant, Steve Kelley, did not communicate verbally or in writing to prospect [sic] candidates for the second interim search that they would not be eligible to apply for the permanent position." While the school board performs reference checks for the finalists, "a day in the district" site visits are planned for March 9 in which the public will have an opportunity to meet and question the candidates. The forum will start at 6 p.m. in the library of the Harrison Elementary School.

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