

## **Changing District Boundaries**

**October 24, 2016**

The boundaries of a school district may not be changed except;

- a) By a vote of the people.
- b) By the mutual consent of the each school board.
- c) On a request for change submitted to the district boundary board by the patrons of the impacted district(s).

Oregon Revised Statute 330.095 outlines the process for considering the boundaries of two (or more) public school districts.

- 1) The request must be directed to the district boundary board of the county having jurisdiction over the affected school districts. For Lane County the district boundary board is Lane Education Service District (Lane ESD). This request must include the names and numbers of districts affected by the change.
- 2) The request must contain a concise statement of the type of change requested and, if only a portion of the school district is involved, contain the legal description of the impacted area(s).
- 3) If patrons are affected by the change (in either district), a petition must be collected containing the signatures and resident addresses of the impacted parties, including the name(s) of the school districts in which they reside.
- 4) If a petition of objection is signed by five percent or at least 500 patrons (whichever is less) within 20 days after the date of the order, and after all school boards have acted on the change, the board must request the Lane ESD to conduct an election within the impacted districts. The election must be conducted in the impacted Districts and must be conducted separately. The District with the least population must vote first, followed by the District with the most population (if approved by the first vote). The cost of the election shall be prorated among the involved Districts. If the vote is successful in ALL impacted districts, the Lane ESD declares the change of boundaries.

Effective Date:

- a) If the change is approved on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> and prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, the change shall take effect May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b) If the change is approved between March 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> the change shall take effect May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.