Minutes June 11, 2026
The Board of Education
Molalla River School District

I. 2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig Loughridge called the budget hearing to order at 6:47pm.

Board members attending included: Chair Craig Loughridge, Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, Terrie Stafford, Amy McNeil, and student representative Josiah Lopez. Absent: Mark Lucht

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent (Virtual), Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Supt. Director of Human Resources, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Cathy Mitchell/Mulino Principal, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Mike Lord/Associate Principal Athletic Director Molalla High School, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Chris Shaw/Technology Director and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also Present: Eric and Brenda Heinsoo, Jackie Anderson, Melaney and Dale Mayuiers, Missy Smith, Rachel Deardorff, and Jimmy Lanahan.

A. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2026, meeting

Ms. McNeil made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 21, 2026, as presented. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

B. Declare the Budget Hearing Open for Public Comment

Mr. Jimmy Lanahan, Budget committee member, thanked Mr. Campbell for his work on the budget for 26-27. He stated good preparation and careful planning in a time of uncertainty is appreciated. The Board thanked Mr. Lanahan for serving on the budget committee.

C. Board Deliberation

Mr. Neal Lucht stated working with staff that are very strategic in their budgeting is wonderful. He thanked Mr. Andy Campbell for prepping the district to withstand some challenges in the future by thinking strategically and long term.

D. Adjourn

The Board adjourned the budget hearing at 6:50pm.

II. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office (Board Room)

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Amy McNeil called the business meeting to order at 6:51pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Craig Loughridge, Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, Terrie Stafford, Amy McNeil, and student representative Josiah Lopez. Absent: Mark Lucht

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A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – DISTRICT RETIREES

Dr. Mann stated he is happy to celebrate people that give their whole person for the betterment of kids. He introduced Ms. Cathy Mitchell to recognize two retirees from Mulino Elementary. Ms. Melaney Mayuiers was presented with a gift from the Board and Ms. Mitchell thanked her for her years of service to the district. Ms. Mitchell stated Ms. Mayuiers worked hard at creating meaningful relationships with every student and she will be missed. Mr. Eric Heinsoo was presented with a gift from the Board and Ms. Mitchell thanked him for his 36 years at Mulino Elementary. She stated his classroom is a sanctuary for students and his deep empathy and laughter will be missed. The Board thanked each retiree for their hard work and dedication to the students of the district. Ms. Nelzen read a statement from Ms. Iva Quinlan, Director of Molalla River Academy, about Ms. Shannon McDaniel. Ms. McDaniel retired as an Instructional Assistant from Molalla River Academy this year.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

C. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

D. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Josiah Lopez stated this was his final report for the year. He stated the first annual Spring Spectacular was a huge success with students organizing games, prizes, a water balloon fight, and a dunk tank. He commented on the senior prank, and graduation on June 5th was bittersweet for the seniors. He thanked everyone and is looking forward to his senior year next year.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. *Consent Agenda – May Meeting minutes, personnel report, surplus*
   Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
2. *Appropriations Resolutions for 2025-2026*
   Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2026.012. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion and read the full resolution aloud. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
   Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2026.013. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion, and Ms. McNeil read the full resolution aloud. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

3. *Resolution to adopt 2026-2027 Budget*
Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-2026.014 – adopting the budget. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion, and Mr. Lucht read the full resolution aloud. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
4. *Recommendation for Approval – Sodexo Contract*
Mr. Campbell reviewed the contract, stating the district is in the 3rd year of a 4-year contract. The contract carries an annual escalation clause. Vice Chair Eskridge make a motion to approve the Sodexo contract as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
5. *Recommendation to Approve – OSEA Contract*
Ms. Jennifer Ellis stated the district completed a limited 1 year economic reopener with OSEA. The teams met twice and came to a tentative agreement. She stated the union body voted to ratify on May 20 and it was unanimous. She also stated the amount that was agreed to – 4% step and a 4% COLA increase – was what was budgeted. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve the OSEA contract as presented. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
6. *Recommendation to Approve – Natalie Schaad OT contract*
Mr. Campbell stated the contract for Natalie Schaad to provide Occupational Therapy Services is a renewal, no changes. He stated it is within the amount budgeted. Ms. McNeil made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

F. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. *Financial Review*
Mr. Campbell asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly report. There were none.
2. *Spring Sports Recap*
Mr. Mike Lord presented a slide show of Molalla High School Spring Sports Season 2026. He thanked the board for their support in athletics and to all the people that helped this season. He stated he is very hopeful for the 26-27 sports year. The board thanked him for his hard work. Mr. Lord stated he would be back in September for a ribbon cutting event at Burghardt Sports Complex for the new turf field.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann thanked Mr. Lord for the sports update and praised the teams for all their successes this year. He commented on the Youth Advocacy Program, of which he is a board member. Dr. Mann stated High School Graduation went well. He discussed the most recent Oregon State Report card and how the district faired in readings scores. He stated the district has switched over to a new reading assessment for K-5 – NWEA MAPS – which is a national assessment that Oregon currently does not use. He stated 60% of Molalla K-5 students read better than the national average. Dr. Mann stated that it is a very different story than the one the Oregon Department of Education is telling. He stated the middle school project is on time and on budget, as is the turf project at Burghardt Sports Complex. He also thanked Mr. Chris Shaw for his work in ensuring a smooth transition to Astound for our District network system. Dr. Mann stated the district has not had a School Resource Officer (SRO) for months now and let the board know he sent a letter to the City of Molalla with the assistance from District legal counsel. He stated he was thankful for seasons, and congratulated Mr. Lopez for his position as ASB President at the high school next year. He thanked Dr. Robin Shobe for her work in the district, as she has accepted a position with the Salem-Keizer School District starting next year. Her humanity and relationships with families and staff will be extremely missed. He also thanked Mr. Jimmy Lanahan for his service to the budget committee. There was discussion about the SRO contract with the City of Molalla. There were no questions about the Department reports.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on the approved budget and sports update. Ms. McNeil thanked Mr. Lord for his report and Mr. Campbell for his work on the budget. Ms. Stafford echoed Ms. McNeil's statement. Mr. Lopez thanked Dr. Mann for his kind words and is excited to bring energy and school spirit next year. Vice Chair Eskridge commented on all the athletic upgrades and the new middle school project. Chair Loughridge thanked Mr. Lopez for doing a wonderful job this year. Mr. Lucht thanked Mr. Lord and asked him to thank coaches, staff, and Boosters. He stated Mr. Lord rallies the people around him with enthusiasm and it is appreciated.

I. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- June 18th executive session at 6pm, followed by the work session at the District Office at 7pm
- July 9th business meeting at the District Office at 7pm

J. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lucht seconded the motion and Chair Loughridge adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

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Chair ***Superintendent***

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Board Secretary