



## Minutes

### The Board of Education Molalla River School District

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March 12, 2026

#### **I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Craig Loughridge called the business meeting to order at 7:01pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

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

MRS D Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Supt, Director of Human Resources, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Chris Shaw/Technology Director, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School, and Lisa Borowczak/Payroll Specialist.

#### **A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

#### **B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There was none.

#### **C. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Josiah Lopez stated the Share the Love campaign raised over \$105,000 this year. He stated there was a natural gas leak and evacuation in February and students and staff handled the situation amazingly. He wished the Boys Basketball team good luck in their state tournament game. Mr. Lopez stated the end of Trimester 2 is here and ASB Leadership applications are available for the 26-27 school year. He plans to run for ASB President.

#### **D. ACTION ITEMS**

- Consent Agenda – February Meeting minutes, personnel report*  
Ms. McNeil made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 4 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
- Gifts to the District – Sjothun donation to Turf project*  
Ms. McNeil made a motion to accept the Sjothun donation for the Burghardt Stadium Turf Project. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. Ms. McNeil thanked Mr. Sjothun for his generous donation. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 4 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
- Recommendation to approve – 1 Year Superintendent Contract Extension*  
Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to approve the 1-year Superintendent Contract extension. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 4 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
- Recommendation to approve – 3-year Assistant Superintendent contract*

Ms. McNeil made a motion to approve the 3-year Assistant Superintendent Contract. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 4 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

**E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

*1. Financial Review*

Mr. Andy Campbell gave a monthly financial review. He reported to the Board that our Oregon Department of Education report showed no reductions this year. He stated we had 70 fewer enrollments than our projection, which equates to approximately 1% less funding. There was no further discussion.

*2. First Reading of Policy*

Ms. McNeil read the changes and updates for each one of the 4 policies up for first reading: CBG (Evaluation of the Superintendent), JFCEB (Electronic Devices), JOA (Directory Information), and IKFB (Graduation Exercises). There were no further questions.

*3. 26-27, 27-28 School Year Calendars Discussion – First Draft*

Dr. Mann presented the First Drafts of the 26-27 and 27-28 school year calendars. He stated the recommendation is to start before Labor Day for the 26-27 school year. This would be a 1-year calendar adjustment to assist our support staff moving into the new middle school, which is to be open in September 2027. He stated the 27-28 calendar recommendation is to return to starting the school year after Labor Day. There was discussion about setting a precedence of starting before Labor Day and if there would be any impact on construction for the turf at Burghardt Stadium. Dr. Mann stated there were no competing timelines, but he would check in with Mr. Lord and report back. There was also discussion about supporting students and staff as State Fair participants, which falls at the end of August.

**F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mann gave a middle school project update, regarding Leroy Avenue neighbors and the implementation of full street improvements. He stated he and Ms. Andrea Watson went door to door communicating to the neighbors regarding the upgrades and answered questions. There was discussion regarding the conversations and if there were any major concerns from neighbors.

*1. Department Reports*

There was a discussion regarding the high-dosage tutors and that the Student Services Department is fully staff. The Board thanked Mr. Chris Shaw for his AI safeguard processes. The Board asked if things were running smoothly with the City and the middle school projects. Dr. Mann stated YES, the District is working with the City as a partner. No further discussion.

**G. BOARD COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Eskridge congratulated Student Representative Lopez on his upcoming election. Ms. McNeil congratulated Student Representative Lopez on his good grades and hopes Vice Chair Eskridge is feeling better soon. Mr. Cummings wished the basketball teams good luck. There was discussion about the turf project with Ms. Watson. Mr. Cummings also wished Student Representative Lopez good luck on his upcoming election. Student Representative Lopez thanked the board for their well wishes. No further comments.

**H. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- March 19<sup>th</sup> work session at 7pm CHANGED TO VIRTUAL
- April 9<sup>th</sup> business meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> work session at 7pm at the District Office
- April 29<sup>th</sup> policy committee meeting at 7pm at the District Office

**I. ADJOURN**

Ms. McNeil made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion and Chair Loughridge adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

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*Chair*

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*Superintendent*

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*Board Secretary*