

Regular School Board Meeting minutes

Via in person and ZOOM/Owl

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Board approved:

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, April 15, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM via in person and via ZOOM/Owl virtual platform and in person at Corbett Middle School gym. Board members present were Dylan Rickert; Ben Byers; David Osborn, Vice Chair; Sis Childs; Leah Fredericks, Chair and Zac Arndt. Board member Malinda Carlson had an excused absence. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator; Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director; Dennis Clague, Chief Financial Officer and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. Student Representatives Olivia Young and Leena Saied (in at 7:03 p.m.) were also at the Board table. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

CMS Gym at 31520 E. Woodard Rd., Troutdale OR 97060

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There were approximately 21-25 online attendees,

1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chair Fredericks with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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1.2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda – No changes were noted for the agenda.

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7:02 p.m. 1.3. Board Chair Report Information Item -Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, announced the following items:

a. OSBA training, June 10 Special School Board meeting

b. Phase V, Consultant Mike Scott, McPherson and Jacobson and Marleen Carroll, incoming Superintendent - operating principles and goals. More information to come throughout the first year.

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2. Introduction and Comments of Guests and Representatives

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, introduced:

a. Benno Lyon, Parent/Patron/Site Council Member to comment about club program support and investment in mental health. He thanked the Board and appreciated the youth choir exposure at this meeting, with gratitude for the arts and the impact of theatre for his own students. Congratulations to Robotics for going to world competition. Concern for stability around grants to fund long-term healthcare commitment.

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7:06 p.m. 2.1. 6th/7th/8th Grade Choir Presentation

David Church, CSD Music Teacher, thanked the Board for having the choir group, representing over 100 students, perform two songs. He thanked the board for listening to the students, as they are important and worth it, and for restoring choir in the high school next year.

7:15 p.m. 2.1.a. Student Representatives Report to the Board -

Leena Saied – thanked the choir. She reported that Corbett High Association of Mamas and Papas of Seniors (CHAMPS) is still working on the remaining \$4,000 in fundraising. In sports, softball has double header and Robotics is heading to Worlds.

Olivia Young – said there is lots going on. Next softball April 21 at home with Neahkanie for varsity and Junior varsity. Varsity baseball played at the time of the meeting and were winning. Track has late night and were winning lots of first places. Shrek the musical dates announced with a matinee on April 18. CHAMPS is selling spring flower baskets and vegetable starts. Robotics shout out for April 20 competition in Texas. They are on Instagram and donations can be made through MySchoolBucks.

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7:21 p.m.

2.2. PTA Report / Announcement Information Item
Amy Mowlds and Jennifer B. Larsen- SpringFest Invitation

Invitation to all to the May 7 fun event, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at CAPS with student led events and good food. Over a 1000 in attendance last year, with more student booths and community vendors expected, as growth continues and it gets better. Please come out to be a part of this special event. If the weather is a downpour, the CGS will host.

3. Approval of Minutes Action Item

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded;

RESOLUTION NO. 4.107-26 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the Regular School Board minutes of February 18 and March 11, 2026.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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3.1. CONSENT AGENDA

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3.1 Consent AgendaResolution Items 4.108-26**- 4.119-26** - Action *Items**

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded;

5.2 **RESOLUTION NO. 4.108-26 — RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed spring 2026 stipends: JV Softball coach, Christie Dillard, Level B, now Step II. Claire Kennedy does not coach as Assistant MS Track, so no stipend.

5.3RESOLUTION NO. 4.109-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the OR PFML for Max Tarcher, 1.00 FTE GS Learning Specialist, effective January 15- March 19, March 30-April 5, 2026, and returning 20 hours per week from April 12-June 13, 2026.

5.4RESOLUTION NO. 4.110-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board accepted the resignation of Max Tarcher, GS Learning Specialist, effective at the end of the 2025-26 contract year.

5.5RESOLUTION NO. 4.111-26 — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the transfer of Rebecca (Becky) Young, from 1.00 FTE 4th/5th Grade Teacher to 1.0 FTE GS Learning Specialist, effective in the 2026-27 school year.

5.6 **RESOLUTION NO. 4.112-26 — RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the OR PFML for L. Beeson, effective March 2-20, and March 30 through May 29, 2026.

5.7RESOLUTION NO. 4.113-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the temporary rehire of Alisa Folen, HS Counselor, effective April 1–June 2, 2026.

5.8RESOLUTION NO. 4.114-26**—RESOLVED** that the Board recognized that awarding a two-year contract from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2028, to Allison Johnson as listed in the attachment in the March Board packet was in error, as she resigned employment in June 2025.

5.9RESOLUTION NO. 4.115-26**—RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the temporary rehire of Lori Stepper, K-12 Counselor, effective March 30-June 2, 2026.

5.10RESOLUTION NO. 4.116-26**—RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the resignation of Tesla Strine, 1.00 FTE MS/HS Spanish Teacher, effective last day of work, June 2, 2026.

5.11RESOLUTION NO. 4.117-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board re-recognized that Holly Elvins-Dearixon, .2 FTE TOSA, has been asked to return as a re-employed retiree for 2026–28 school years.

5.12RESOLUTION NO. 4.118-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the resignation of John P. (JP) Balbo, 1.00 FTE 7th/8th Grade Teacher, effective last day of work, June 2, 2026.

5.13RESOLUTION NO. 4.119-26** — RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed FMLA and OR PFML for Mandi Young, 1.00 FTE Counselor/Learning Specialist, effective March 4-5, 9–12, 19 and 30, 2026, April 1-2, 6-8, 2026 and on intermittent leave as needed through June 2, 2026.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

4. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Fialkiewicz received an email from COSA, as they work with Oregon School Administrators, with a press release from the Governor for an Executive Order at the State meeting on April 16, to announce instructional time.

4.1. a. Financial Updates — OASBO status, budget timeline review, audit update, financial review timeline update

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Goal 1: The Corbett School District #39 General Fund will show a larger Ending Fund Balance at the end of FY 25-26 than it did at the end of FY 24-25 as evidenced by fiscal year-ending reports. This will be monitored monthly using General Fund financial statements and projections.

Goal 2: The trust level of staff members towards the superintendent will be higher in March 2026 than in November 2025 as measured by monthly, randomly sampled pulse surveys. The pulse survey will be a one-question survey: "I trust in the Superintendent's overall ability to make the right decisions for the district" answered on a 5-point Likert scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree.

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Summary in the board packet. Dr. Fialkiewicz met with the auditors April 14. Optimistic to have by the May deadline. There are multiple reasons for timeline issues, with input and use of IFAS BPlus system and reporting of two different business managers. Hopeful to get four months of State School Funding (SSF) payments in May. Line of credit (LOC) is an option if we don't get the funding.

7:32 p.m. Board discussion and questions on review of LOC.

Mr. Clague noted 5% fees.

Ben Byers read that 35 base points on unused, 3.5% is about \$2,000.00. Not a free mechanism and not happy about this or the move from system to system should have been anticipated.

Zac Arndt noted the lack of accountability with the update from the auditors is hard to wrap his head around.

Dr. Fialkiewicz acknowledged the disappointment.

Sis Childs noted the extenuating circumstances since the February deadline, and admonished the lack of planning ahead. A loan now is beyond comprehension and concerning.

Dylan Rickert noted the potential fine from IRS, the MESD loan, compounding a rough chunk of the current Ending Fund Balance (EFB) that it may take. Processing about \$7500 and unutilized \$1500.

David Osborn suggested if we understand not going to touch, it would be a small dollar entity outside of control. Look again in May or June transition, with systems moving forward and in track with ongoing tweaks.

4.2. Update on Corbett School campus upgrades and/or grants

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent spoke about:

a. SIA Grant – reported on this in February, but wasn't approved by the Board, so now need to approve it. Allocated over \$2 million, with our part in the last quarter of the '23-'25 biennia, so subtracted and added back for '27-'29. This year about \$745,000.00. Next year \$1.05 million to be released after approval.

b.

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Zac Arndt moved and Ben Byers and Sis Childs seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 4.120-26 - RESOLVED that the Board approved the continuation of the SIA grant as was previously reported on at the February 18th Board meeting.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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4.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – addressed the fees by IRS (\$100,000.00) and the Oregon Department of Revenue (OR DOR) \$60,000.00 with both appeals denied. Those funds are encumbered when penalty known, so not affecting a change to the EFB. Cash flow through end of April and into May. Parachute for end of May through June. \$150,000.00 EFB with \$200,000.00-\$250,000.00 Contingency, so hope is to not touch it.

4.3.a. Report Information Item

Dennis Clague, CFO – trends in the board attachment. Preliminary estimates on grants are up and down. Title I is down, but not significant to disrupt programs and services. Federal allocations expected in August. SIA is up and HS Success not seen yet. We are using 1200 enrollment for next year.

Ben Byers noted that March 1162 enrollment, are we flat or decreasing?

Mr. Clague continued that expenses in payroll and benefits is tracking with cash flow projections and federal funds SBMH claiming changes. A new bus in next two months. Claiming is a little behind on Food Service, expenditures are a little higher.

Ben Byers asked about options for Food Service if in deficit next year.

Dr. Fialkiewicz explained counsel fees for LOC. \$7500 if our counsel prepares and if U.S. Bank counsel prepares then we pay \$15,000.

Leah Fredericks asked when we will know when everything is OK with auditors.

Dr. Fialkiewicz assumed the draft audit report by the end of the month.

Sis Childs asked about confidence in audit deadline and Dr. Fialkiewicz replied 90%.

Dennis Clague announced a May 4 deadline.

Ben Byers admitted he didn't understand the audit process, but that we need to pressure our auditors. Why does the bank want to give us LOC without an audit?

Dennis Clague said our bank brought up LOC when he was looking at options to meet payroll obligations.

Zac Arndt asked when we knew.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said three weeks ago when speaking with our auditors, to hold a fail-safe. There is a difference between cash flow and our budget.

David Osborn asked when May payroll is.

Dr. Fialkiewicz answered the last working day of May (last week day of the month per CBA).

David Osborn suggested with context, we need to meet formal contract terms and this LOC is not a contract, and we should move forward, as only option on the table for a commitment now.

Zac Arndt suggested we agree to put it together.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said where counsel fee comes in we would know before April 30 if needed. If we have draft audit by then, no fees.

Sis Childs agreed to acknowledge support for LOC, citing penalties, late fees, internal controls, leadership failures and extenuating circumstances for clarity and accountability. As we move forward these failures have to end, quit using excuses and do better.

4.3.b. Line of Credit Action Item

David Osborn moved and Sis Childs seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 4.121-26 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the term sheet and empowered the Superintendent to work with US Bank to bring a contract to the Board in April for approval.

Board discussion.

Ben Byers asked about how it would affect our Bond rating and apologized if we are not able to make payroll in May.

David Osborn pointed out that if we move forward with the LOC we could close at any time. Looking at impacts to costs for set up, closure, non-utilization and up to legal to make an informed decision. We could meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 29 for a Special School Board meeting.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

Dr. Fialkiewicz stated he is doing all that he can do and appreciated the board voting in favor of this.

4.4. Principal / Director/ Supervisor Reports

- a. Cassie Duprey, CGS Principal - Enrollment Updates: number of current students and application for next year – Ms. Duprey is excited about our out of district numbers of 137. 89% are registered with 92% accepting spots.

Leah Fredericks asked if the distribution is as expected.

Ms. Duprey replied 75 kindergarteners, 30 6th graders, 24 9th graders. Only heard from 13 in-district kindergarteners but are holding spots.

8:35 p.m.

- b. Sara Brounstein, CAPS Principal, and Katelyn S. White, 6th-8th Grade Teacher and Mark McIntire, CAPS Spanish teacher/math/Spec. Ed - Guanajuato trip – presented a slide show and spoke about their cultural experiences in March. The students felt very welcomed and safe with their host families, had excursions with

guided activities, explorations and outings, and a graduation with lots of classwork in art and science, while being immersed in the Spanish language.

8:48 p.m.

c. Zach Goude, CHS Materials/Robotics Instructor — spoke about their trip to Houston world championships in his tenth year of robotics coaching. Less than 10% go to the Worlds, so a “Cinderella” season. In January they had six to eight weeks to prepare for two tournaments that they won. 16 students are going and a possible 17 or 18. Thanks for helping with bingo night and other fundraising. Two robots will be shipped to us during the week of April 19 to compete April 29-May 2. All sizes of schools compete. It takes a whole team to manage with a drive, pit and audience crews.

5. PERSONNEL

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, read aloud:

a. FMLA request for Deborah Heltborg, .85 FTE SPED Educ. Asst./FLS from April 1-April 15, 2026 and TBD. After that date, pending documentation.

b. FMLA request for Cynthia Deibert - .5 FTE Bus Driver from April 13 - TBD return date pending documentation.

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5.1. Vacant Positions Information Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent announced:

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-2026 school year and 2026-27 school year for: Substitute/Temporary Bus Drivers. We have vacant positions open for the 2026-2027 school year for 1.00 FTE Business Manager; 1.00 FTE 7th/8th Grade Teacher, 1.00 FTE 4th/5th Grade Teacher, and 1.00 FTE GS Learning Specialist.

5.2. – 5.13 - See Item 3.1.

6. STUDENTS

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 4.122-26 — RESOLVED that the Board retroactively approved the Cardinal Dynamics robotics team travel to Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA, (found out on March 29) to compete the week of April 7, and then that they qualify for a trip to Houston, TX from April 29–May 2, 2026, to compete in the world championships.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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Items 7.- 8.1 – none.

9. Matters for the Good of the Order

a. Ben Byers – MESD passed their budget at their second budget meeting. It is on their website. There is an increase in costs of services, primarily in Special Education (SPED).

□ 10. COMING EVENTS

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Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, read aloud and also reminded about Springfest and prom on May 2, Bingo at Bandits April 18, AP testing in May and one more weekend of Shrek:

- a. Wednesday, April 22, Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria at Woodard Rd.
 - b. Wednesday, April 29, Budget Committee Meeting, if necessary, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria at Woodard Rd.
 - c. Friday, May 1, Inservice
 - d. Wednesday, May 6, Budget Committee Meeting, if necessary, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria at Woodard Rd.
 - e. Thursday, May 14, GS Portfolio Night/Conference eve.
 - f. Wednesday, May 20 — Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria and via OWL virtual
11. ADJOURNMENT- The Board adjourned at 9:01 p.m.