

**Multnomah ESD Board of Directors'
Board Regular Session Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

2022-2028

Areas of Focus

#1 – Create a high quality learning environment for all

#2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities

#3 – Build a culturally responsive workforce

MESD Board Equity Lens- <https://www.multnomahesd.org/board-equity.html>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Katrina Doughty called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in accordance with the agenda and public notice of the meeting.

Board Members Present:

Renee Anderson
Jessica Arzate
Danny Cage
Katrina Doughty-Chair
Susie Jones
Denyse Peterson
Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie-Vice-Chair

Board Members Absent:

None

Administrative Staff Present:

Dr. Paul Coakley, Superintendent
Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent
Doana Anderson, Chief Financial Officer
Bernadette Adeniran, Director of Human Resources
Angela Hubbs, Chief Academic Officer
Marifer Sager, Director of Strategic Engagement & Public Affairs
Heather Severns, Board Secretary

Guests:

None

1. Call to Order

Chair Katrina Doughty called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

3. Educational Opportunity and Land Acknowledgement

Director Denyse Peterson presented an educational opportunity recognizing **Juneteenth National Independence Day**, highlighting:

- The significance of June 19, 1865, when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas learned of their freedom.
- Historical and cultural traditions associated with Juneteenth celebrations.
- The continuing importance of recognizing the history of slavery and emancipation in the United States.

Director Peterson also delivered the MESD Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the Indigenous peoples whose ancestral lands include those served by MESD and honoring their past, present, and future stewardship of the region.

4. Pride Month Proclamation

Chair Doughty read the MESD Proclamation designating **June as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month**. The proclamation:

- Recognized the significance of the Stonewall uprising.
- Affirmed MESD's commitment to equity, inclusion, and nondiscrimination.
- Expressed support for LGBTQIA2S+ students, staff, and community members.
- Highlighted the importance of creating safe and affirming educational environments.

Chair Doughty also shared findings from the Trevor Project regarding the mental health challenges faced by LGBTQIA2S+ youth and emphasized the importance of MESD's continued commitment to student support and belonging.

5. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

6. MESD Board Scholarship Recognition

The Board recognized recipients of the 2026 MESD Board Scholarship. Although recipients were unable to attend, board members shared highlights of their accomplishments.

Scholarship Recipient: Giselle Batista

Recognized for:

- Four years of student government involvement.
- Leadership as an ASB officer.
- Service on the Gresham Youth Advisory Council.
- Balancing school leadership with part-time employment.
- Demonstrating resilience and advocacy for peers.

Scholarship Recipient: Gabriel Alberon

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Recognized for:

- School and community service through athletics and volunteerism.
- Service with MESD summer school programs.
- Balancing employment, academics, and family responsibilities.
- Demonstrating strong work ethic and commitment to others.

Scholarship Recipient: Brandon Troncoso

Recognized for:

- Leadership in athletics, student ambassador activities, and the Hispanic Honor Society.
- Extensive community service and tutoring.
- Employment experience and family caregiving responsibilities.
- Commitment to community engagement and leadership.

Board members noted that all three recipients exemplified resilience, leadership, and dedication to their communities. The scholarship committee reported strong agreement in its rankings and expressed a desire to continue growing the scholarship fund in future years.

7. Union Reports

No union representatives were present.

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Paul Coakley provided year-end reflections and updates, including:

- Congratulations to the MESD Class of 2026 graduates.
- Recognition of students' perseverance and accomplishments.
- Appreciation for MESD staff and their dedication to serving students with diverse educational needs.
- Encouragement for the community to review the MESD Annual Report.
- Thanks to the Board for its support of Blueprint 28 and MESD's strategic goals.

Chair Doughty reflected on attending multiple MESD graduations and recognized the strong leadership and supportive educational culture throughout the organization.

9. Consent Agenda

- 9.A.1. Approval of May 19, 2026 Board Regular Session Minutes
- 9.A.2. Resolution 26-022-Approval of June 2026 Personnel Recommendations
- 9.A.3. Resolution 26-023-Approval of Walden Crossing School Institutional Program Type Update
- 9.A.4. Resolution 26-024-Approval of New Options School Institutional ID Request
- 9.A.5. Approval of the Amendment to ORS 190 Agreement of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts
- 9.A.6. Resolution 26-027-Approval of Amended Board Policy BBAA-Board member's Authority and Responsibilities

- 9.A.7. Resolution 26-028-Approval of Amended Board Policy BCE-Board Committees
- 9.A.8. Resolution 26-029-Approval of Amended Board Policy BD-Board Meetings
- 9.A.9. Resolution 26-030-Approval of Amended Board Policy BDC-Executive Sessions
- 9.A.10. Resolution 26-031-Approval of Amended Board Policy BDD-Board Meeting Procedures
- 9.A.11. Resolution 26-032-Approval of Amended Board Policy BDDC-Board Meeting Agenda
- 9.A.12. Resolution 26.033-Approval of Amended Board Policy BDDG-Resorings and Minutes of Board Meetings
- 9.A.13. Resolution 26-034-Approval of Amended Board Policy JHCA-Immunization, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries

Motion: Director Danny Cage moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Director Renee Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: A Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion carried with Directors Anderson, Arzate, Doughty, Cage, Jones, Peterson, and Squiemphen-Yazzie voting aye. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Resolution 26-025 – Supplemental Budget Appropriation Adjustments and Budget Transfers

Chief Financial Officer Doana Anderson presented Resolution 26-025, describing it as the second supplemental budget adjustment of the year to align appropriations with district selections, grants, and operational needs.

Motion: Director Susie Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Director Renee Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: A Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion carried with Directors Anderson, Arzate, Doughty, Cage, Jones, Peterson, and Squiemphen-Yazzie voting aye. Motion passed 7-0.

11. Resolution 26-026 – Adoption of Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget and Appropriations for All Funds and Declared Taxes Imposed

CFO Doana Anderson presented the adopted budget for fiscal year 2026–2027 and noted:

- The adopted budget remains within the statutory 10% threshold of the budget approved by the Budget Committee.

- District service selections and updated information have been incorporated.
- Future supplemental adjustments may occur as district needs continue to evolve.

Motion: Director Susie Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Director Denyse Peterson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: A Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion carried with Directors Anderson, Arzate, Doughty, Cage, Jones, Peterson, and Squiemphen-Yazzie voting aye. Motion passed 7-0.

12. Board Self-Evaluation Discussion

Chair Doughty and Heather Severns introduced a new MESD Board Self-Evaluation process.

Key points:

- Designed specifically for MESD based on governance best practices.
- Intended to support board growth, accountability, and future training needs.
- Results will be compiled and reviewed during the August Board Retreat.
- Board members will receive a survey and be asked to complete it before the retreat.

13. Activity Calendar

- July 21, 6:00 p.m.-Board Regular Session meeting (Virtual via Zoom)
- August 12, 9:00 a.m.-Board Planning Retreat (In-Person, Ainsworth Community Room)
- August 18, 6:00 p.m.-Board Regular Session meeting (Virtual via Zoom)
- August 19, 9:00 a.m.-MESD Back to School Event, MHCC Stadium

14. Adjournment

Chair Doughty thanked board members for their service and commitment to students, staff, and the MESD community. The meeting ended at 6:37 p.m.