

MINUTES
Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors
WORK SESSION

June 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. | District Office | 107 NE 10th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Present: Beth Harrison, Board Chair
Ryan Lehnert
Jill Pace
Ryan DeGrofft
Mason Murphy (virtual)
Anne Keeler
Patrick Gregg
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary
Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent
Kevin Dinning, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs (with prior notice)

The meeting was in person and offered virtually.

1. Opening and Call to Order *Board Chair*

Chair Harrison welcomed everyone and called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Meeting Audio/Video Recorded

Chair Harrison stated that this meeting is being audio and video-recorded.

2. Strategic Planning & Meeting Agendas *Michelle Jensen, Mike Scott*

Michelle Jensen introduced Mike Scott, who will be facilitating the work session/mini retreat together today. The morning schedule included:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. The Power of the Board Superintendent Team
3. Roles and Responsibilities
4. Goals for 2026-27
5. Communications/Operating Principles
6. Board Agenda Planning for 2026-27
7. Wrap Up/Closing Activity

3. Review Agenda – June 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting *Board Chair*

Director Gregg will not be in attendance.

4. Public Comment *Board Chair*

No comments.

5. Information

5.1. Budget Hearing – June 8, 2026 @ 5:45 p.m. *Michelle Jones*

5.2. OSBA Summer School Sessions

There will be a one-day session this summer, held in Redmond and Eugene, OR.

6. School Visit Reports *Board Chair*

Adopt-A-School Assignments:

PELC – Ryan Lehnert

McKay – Patrick Gregg

Sherwood – Ryan DeGrofft

Washington – Mason Murphy

SMS – Jill Pace

PHS/HHS – Anne Keeler

All Schools – Beth Harrison

Director Pace has the opportunity to be involved in mock interviews in Evan Rummerfield’s Career class.

Director Gregg went to McKay and a positive to highlight is that the emotional reregulation space was moved to a better spot in the building.

Director Murphy shared how powerful it was to have a past National Parks Director present at Washington School.

Chair Harrison spoke of the graduations at Hawthorne and PHS, a reminder of the ‘why’ the board does what it does.

Director Lehnert will help at the track meet on Thursday.

7. Adjournment *Board Chair*

With no further business brought forward for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Beth Harrison, Board Chair

Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent

Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Date