Minutes in Brief
Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 6:00 PM
SOESD Operations Center, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Barton:	Present
Ariel Bloomer:	Present
Brian Clark*:	Present
Jessie Hecocta*:	Present
Rhonda Lawrence*:	Present
Ana Mannenbach:	Present
Bob Moore:	Absent
Rebecca Mueller:	Present
Richie Owens:	Present at 6:22 pm

Present: 8, Absent: 1.

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Mark Angle-Hobson	Liz Littleton
Tom Bigboy	Ryan Swearingen
Forest Evergreen	Jeanetta Woodside
Kylee Harrison*	

*Attended via video/audio conference

1. Preliminary
   - 1.A. Call to Order
     A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the Southern Oregon ESD's Operations Center in Medford, Oregon. Chair Mannenbach called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.
   - 1.B. Roll Call
   - 1.C. Land Acknowledgement
     Southern Oregon Education Service District and the areas in which we serve are located within the ancestral homelands of the Shasta, Takelma, Latgawa, Klamath, Modoc, and the Yahooskin-Paiute peoples who lived here since time immemorial. The full text of SOESD's land acknowledgment can be read on the SOESD website: https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/equity
   - 1.D. Pledge of Allegiance
   - 1.E. Comments from Representatives of the Associations
     There were no comments from the representatives of the associations.
   - 1.F. Requests to Address Agenda Items
     There were no requests to address agenda items.
2. Consent Agenda
   - A. Approval of Agenda
   - B. Approval of Minutes:
     - May 13, 2026, Budget Committee Meeting
     - May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting
   - C. Personnel Report
   - D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CLARK AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MUELLER TO:
Approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Absent
Motion Carried – Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. Communications
   3.A. Superintendent's Report
   Superintendent Mark Angle-Hobson reported ongoing Cabinet to Cabinet meetings with component districts, noting positive feedback and suggestions to improve services and communication. He highlighted participation in the Klamath Falls Graduation Sensation, the ribbon-cutting for the Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education building in Grants Pass, which Board members Lawrence and Clark attended; and end-of-year celebrations, including retirement recognition held at Twin Creeks Park in Central Point. He also reported that SOESD hosted the monthly Oregon Association of ESD Superintendents council meeting at the new Phoenix District Office, with eight superintendents attending and offering positive feedback on the facility.
4. Administration
   4.A. Amendment to ORS Agreement 19 of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts
   Superintendent Angle-Hobson reviewed SOESD's participation in the Oregon Association of ESDs (OAESD), noting its value for statewide collaboration among the 19 ESD superintendents. He explained that OAESD is funded through member dues based on each ESD's ADM and that an amendment to the ORS 190 agreement is needed to change the OAESD fiscal agent from Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD to Multnomah ESD, which he recommended for Board approval.
   IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER CLARK AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MUELLER TO:
   Approve the amendment to the ORS 190 Agreement designating Multnomah ESD as the Sponsoring ESD.

   Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Absent
   Motion Carried – Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2
   4.B. Institution ID for Barriers to Bridges
   Assistant Superintendent Kylee Harrison provided an update on the transition of the Barriers to Bridges residential program from the Medford School District to SOESD. She reported that SOESD is applying for a separate Institution ID for Barriers to Bridges, along with the previously approved JDEP program name change, to ensure the program is fully set up for SOESD to serve as the educational agent effective July 1, 2026.
   4.C. First Reading of Revised SOESD Board Policies
   The Board completed a first reading of the OSBA recommended policy updates. Discussion included BBAA G1 – Board member site visits, clarifying authorization through the Board–Superintendent Operating Agreement, EBB – Integrated Pest Management including review and adoption dates; EBBA – Student Health Services policy addressing nurse licensing requirements and compliance with the Menstrual Dignity Act; and BD – Board Meetings, Notices and Communications, possible revisions to quorum language in the Board meetings policy.

   The following Revised SOESD Board Policies are presented for the Board's review.
   BBAA - Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities
   BCE - Board Committees
   BCF - Advisory Committees to the Board
   BD - Board Meetings, Notices and Communications
   BDC - Executive Sessions

BDDC - Board Meeting Agenda
BDDG - Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings
CBA - Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
EBB - Integrated Pest Management
EBBA - Student Health Services
GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity
GBA-AR - Veteran and State Servicemember Preference
GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment
GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) - Family and Medical Leave *(Version 1 - FMLA/OFLA),
GCBDD/GDBDD - Sick Time
JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment

5. Business Affairs
   5.A. Request to Purchase 500 Klamath Avenue Office Building, Klamath Falls
   Board questions focused on staffing capacity, space needs, contingency plans including alternate locations, parking, shared space and the bid process. Discussion noted that the larger facility would accommodate current staff, consolidate services and meeting space, provide room for future needs, and establish a permanent ESD presence in Klamath County. The lease at SOESD's current site within Klamath Falls City Schools has concluded, necessitating a new, permanent regional office to support ongoing services. CFO Woodside noted that SOESD submitted the sole successful bid after demonstrating its commitment to preserving the historic building and maintaining a community partnership with the City of Klamath Falls.
   IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER OWENS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BLOOMER TO:
   Authorize the purchase of the property located at 500 Klamath Ave., Klamath Falls, Oregon, for $450,000 using available capital reserves, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

   Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
   Motion Carried – Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
   5.B. Lease Agreement Extension with Josephine County for Gilbert Creek Community Center.
   CFO Woodside requested Board authorization to negotiate and execute a 15-year extension of the $1 per year lease with Josephine County for the Gilbert Creek property on Highland Drive in Grants Pass. Discussion highlighted plans to repurpose the site as a community hub for Southern Oregon Early Learning Services, bringing family resources and community partners together in one location. The extended lease, through June 30, 2051, will strengthen SOESD's eligibility for capital improvement grants and support long-term investment in the property.
   IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OWENS TO:
   Authorize the Superintendent or designee to negotiate and execute a lease extension with Josephine County for the Gilbert Creek property through June 30, 2051, subject to administrative review of final terms.

   Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
   Motion Carried – Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
   5.C. Line of Credit with First Interstate Bank
   CFO Woodside requested annual renewal of the existing line of credit with First Interstate Bank, explaining it is maintained to support cash flow needs due to the timing of grant revenues and has not been used in recent years. The Board discussed interest rates and the possibility of exploring other banking options as part of a broader review of financial services.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER BARTON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER MUELLER TO:
Authorize administration to renew a line of credit with First Interstate Bank not to exceed $1.0 million.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
MOTION CARRIED – Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.D. 2025-2026 SOESD Resolution 9 — Adopt, Appropriate, and Set Tax Rate
CFO Woodside presented Resolution 9 adopting and appropriating the 2026–27 budget in the amount of $88,217,139 and setting the tax rate, noting the decrease from the prior year's budget due to completion of major capital projects.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OWENS TO:
Approve the 2026-2027 Resolution #9.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
MOTION CARRIED – Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5.E. Staffing Services and Independent Contractors Request for Approval
CFO Woodside requested approval to enter 2026–27 agreements with staffing services and independent contractors for hard to fill roles including ASL interpreters, STEPS Behavioral Aids, OTs, Autism Specialists, Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and School Psychologists. The request also covered continuing Student Success Act-funded professional learning and technical assistance with providers such as Playworks, Scholastic, and other consultants. Board discussion focused on FTE estimates, prioritizing SOESD hiring before contracting, the scope and impact of contracted services, and reasons for changes in contract amounts.
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BARTON TO:
Approve entering into agreements for staffing services and independent contractors not to exceed the amounts presented.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Yea, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Yea, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
MOTION CARRIED – Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Miscellaneous

6.A. Next Meeting — SOESD Board of Directors Organizational Meeting — Wednesday, July 15, 2026– 6:00 PM - SOESD Operations Center

6.B. Special Board Meeting via Zoom — Date in June — TBD
Superintendent Angle-Hobson noted the possible need to schedule a fully virtual special meeting the following week to address year-end budget reappropriation. If needed, the meeting would cover a single item with one motion and one vote

6.C. Board Special Meeting/Board Retreat — Wednesday, August 19, 2026 — 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, SOESD District Office

7. Adjournment
Chair Mannebach adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.