

**Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM**  
**Goldendale School District No. 404**  
**Goldendale High School Cafeteria**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Link to View Meeting:** <https://gsd404-org.zoom.us/rec/share/cEmKowvjB2H0kEyDI-oJpQd2VaTIWWidD4sY1dSq2anNv2er1xjUAZw90xLFHZVm.I3Ej9QVTtABhd9L4>

**A. Call to Order** – Chris Twohy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Deborah Heart, Betty Richards, Chris Siebert, and Heather Wilder were in attendance. Also, in attendance was Ellen Perconti, Superintendent, Dean Schlenker, Business Manager, Shannon Ihrig, Business Manager, and Alexis Ladiges, Recording Secretary.

**B. Flag Salute**

**C. Budget Hearing** – The budget hearing opened at 7:01pm. Dean Schlenker presented the online school has unexpected expenditures in the 2025-2026 school year as a result of enrollment increases. It was recommended to increase the General Fund appropriation to balance out. No questions or comments were made. Budget hearing closed at 7:02pm.

**D. Introduction of Visitors - Public Comments**

**E. Approval of Agenda** – Deborah Heart moved to accept the Agenda. Betty Richards seconded. No discussion. All board members in attendance said “AYE” in favor. Motion carried.

**E.1. Agenda – Additions and/or Deletions**

E.1.a. K.2.e. Camp Cispus

E.1.b. K.2.f. Camp Dudley

**F. Consent Agenda** – Heather Wilder asked for F.2.b. to be added to K.4 due to a conflict of interest. Betty Richards moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the change. Chris Siebert seconded. No discussion. All board members in attendance said “AYE” in favor. Motion carried.

**F.1. Minutes**

F.1.a. February 23, 2026: Regular Meeting Minutes

F.1.b. March 9, 2026: Worksession Minutes

F.1.c. March 15, 2026: Special Session Minutes

**F.2. Hiring**

F.2.a. Spring Volunteer Coaches

F.2.a.1. Mark Garner: HS Baseball

F.2.a.2. Ann Cochran: HS Baseball

F.2.a.3. KC Sheridan: HS Softball

F.2.a.4. Don Molnar: HS Softball

F.2.a.5. Candi Wing: HS Tennis

F.2.a.6. Lori Groves: HS Tennis

F.2.a.7. Kevin Groves: HS Tennis

F.2.a.8. Marcus Perry: HS Tennis

F.2.a.9. Jesslyn Huffman: MS Track

F.2.b. Mike Kenny: MS Head Track Coach

F.2.c. Daniel Lawson: HS Assistant Track Coach

F.2.d. Lori Piper: Transfer from HS Math Teacher to 5-12 Art Teacher (26-27 SY)

**F.3. Resignation**

F.3.a. Kathleen Root: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (End of 25/26 SY)

F.3.b. Trina Visser: MS Head Boys Wrestling

**F.4. Bills**

General and ASB Fund Accounts Payable:

General Fund ACH Online School March 2026: \$2,163,017.64 (Warrant No. 252600008)

General Fund Month End March 2026: \$188,138.11 (Warrant Nos. 113584-113654)

General Fund 1 March 2026: \$38,148.37 (Warrant No. 113581-113583)

Capital Projects March 2026: \$51,604.36 (Warrant Nos. 1116)

ASB March 2026: \$18,816.14 (Warrant Nos. 11519-11526)

Payroll Direct Deposit March 2026: \$834,424.36 (Warrant Nos. 900033031-900033215)

Payroll Warrants March 2026: \$229,999.23 (Warrant Nos. 113655-113665)

Total: \$3,524,145.21

**G. Business Managers' Report**

**F.1. Financial Report** – Shannon Ihrig presented the Fund Balance Report dated February 28, 2026 to the Board.

-General Fund: \$1,432,820.00

- Capital Projects Fund \$4,804,266.00
- Debt Service Fund \$22,933.00
- ASB Fund \$279,636.00
- Transportation Vehicle Fund \$22,437.00
- Scholarship Funds:
  - Knosher Non-Expendable \$31,430.00
  - Johnson Non-Expendable \$52,384.00

**G.2. Enrollment Report** – Shannon Ihrig shared the Primary School has 284.50 FTE, Middle School has 246.15 FTE, and the High School has 275.85 FTE. Compared to the 2024-2025 school year, FTE is down 35.28. The online school has 2,517.00 FTE.

**G.3. Facilities Update** – Dean Schlenker shared the Primary School and Middle School playgrounds will be under construction this summer and will be updated. The track/field construction will start back up in April with an estimated completion date of July 2026. The High School will be replacing all water pipes this summer.

## H. Information and Discussion

**H.1. Superintendent Search Update** – Alexis Ladiges presented the Focus Groups Summary from March 12<sup>th</sup>. Focus groups consisted of staff, students, and community members.

**H.2. Class 2 to Class 1 District Move** – Ellen Perconti shared the district would be moving to Class 1 classification based on enrollment numbers.

## I. Comments / Reports

### I.1. Principal Reports

**I.1.a. Denise Reddinger, High School:** Denise Reddinger thanked Scott Gray for his years of service and congratulated him on his retirement. The attendance rate for semester 1 ended at 92.36% school-wide. Denise Reddinger shared the upcoming extracurricular events and results from past events.

**I.1.b. Kristin Lummio, Middle School:** Kristin Lummio shared there is strong track and field participation this year and the Middle School has been working on reducing chronic absenteeism by increasing communication with families.

**I.1.c. Angie Hedges, Primary School:** Angie Hedges shared enrollment and attendance information. The Primary School celebrated Reading Month where students read for 73,153 minutes and raised over \$12,000.

**I.1.d. Jon Morris, Special Education Director:** Jon Morris reviewed the safety net through OSPI and thanked staff for their help to submit the paperwork in order to receive funding through the safety net.

**I.2. Board Comments** – The Board thanked Scott Gray for his years of service, Dean Schlenker for a great audit, and principals for their reports. The Board shared their experience from Small Schools Conference.

**I.3. WSSDA Legislative Representative Report** – Deborah Heart shared there is a Regional Meeting coming up on May 6<sup>th</sup> in Wapato and encouraged the Board to attend.

**I.4. WIAA Representative Report** – Heather Wilder shared WIAA voted on amendments recently and will share those results once finalized. Spring sports have started.

## J. Report of the Superintendent

**J.1. Legislative Session and State Budget** - Ellen Perconti shared legislation did not favor education this year and will report back when funding has been finalized.

## K. Action Items

**K.1. Resolution 25-26-04: Budget Extension** – Dean Schlenker reviewed the need for the budget extension. Deborah Heart moved to approve the resolution. Betty Richards seconded. No discussion. All Board members in attendance said “AYE” in favor. Motion passed.

### K.2. Out of State/Overnight Field Trips

K.2.a. FFA State Convention

K.2.b. FBLA State

K.2.c. FFA Vet Science State

K.2.d. Ag Sales & Food Products Pre-State

**K.3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of Policies: 1111: Oath of Office, 2106: Program Compliance, 2108: Learning Assistance Program, 2140: Comprehensive School Counseling Program, 2170P: Career and Technical Education Procedure, 5010: Discrimination-Free Workplace, 5011: Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, 6220: Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements, 6570: Property and Data Management, 6910: Construction Financing, 6920: Construction Design, 6920P: Construction Design Procedure, 6955: Maintenance of Facilities Records** – Deborah Heart moved to approve the second reading and adoption of the policies. Betty Richards seconded. No discussion. All Board members in attendance said “AYE” in favor. Motion passed.

**K.4. Hiring of Mike Kenny: MS Head Track Coach** – Chris Siebert moved to approve the hiring. Betty Richards seconded. Heather Wilder recused herself due to a conflict of interest. No discussion. All Board members in attendance said “AYE” in favor. Motion passed.

## L. Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

**M. Superintendent Summary** – Ellen Perconti shared Chris Twohy and herself would be doing a radio interview this week

and conferences start.

**N. Next Meeting Dates**

N.1 March 30, 2026: Special Session at 6:30pm at Goldendale School District Boardroom

N.2. April 13, 2026: Worksession at 6:30pm at Goldendale Primary School Library

**N. Adjournment** – Chris Twohy adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

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Recording Secretary