CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format
Board and key staff at CSD District Office
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large *(Attended Virtually)*
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1

Absent members were: Melissa Standley

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Business & Operations
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER -**
   Chair Shields called the regular business meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

   1. ***Approval of April 8, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda***
      Director Hardin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Mohring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS (Optional)**

   1. ***Asian American & Pacific Islander Month Proclamation***
      Board Members each read a portion of the proclamation into the record acknowledging Asian American & Pacific Islander Month.

   2. ***Triple C Award Recognition -*** *Christine Andregg, Chief Communications Officer*
      Chief Communications Officer Andregg presented the 2025-2026 Triple C Award winners: Adrian Hardin; Teacher from Centennial Virtual Academy, Justin Dowell; Lead Secretary from Powell Butte Elementary, and Pia Watzig, Nutrition & Wellness Coordinator. Their respective nominators and attendees shared a few words about each of the recipients. Ms. Hardin, Mr. Dowell, and Ms. Watzig shared their thoughts and gratitude on being selected for this award.

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Chair Shields called for a break at 7:07 pm; reconvening at 7:17 pm

3. ***Centennial High School Club Awards***
   Mr. Miller and staff from Centennial High School recognized students with high honors in the areas of Art, Drama, MeChA, Biliteracy Seal Qualifiers, and Student Council. The Board extended their congratulations to the group and conveyed their appreciation for their dedication and efforts.

Chair Shields called for a break at 7:30 pm; reconvening at 7:39 pm

4. ***Patrick Lynch Elementary School Report -*** *Lelise Van Kleek, Principal*
   The Board received a presentation from Principal Van Kleek on the school's continued focus on student belonging as part of the School Improvement Plan. Information was shared regarding the district's "North Stars," which emphasize literacy growth and creating school environments where students feel safe, valued, connected, and supported. Student survey data was reviewed, highlighting positive responses related to belonging, school safety, and overall school climate.

   The presentation also provided an overview of the Advisory program, developed following discussions at the Spring 2025 Data Summit. Advisory was presented as an opportunity for students to build relationships, explore interests, and increase engagement through activities and shared experiences. Examples of student participation in programs such as choir, theater, coding, yearbook, and morning announcements were shared to demonstrate efforts to strengthen school connection and student involvement. Board Members shared their appreciation for the work happening at Patrick Lynch.

5. ***Student Representative Report, Recognition and Introduction*** - *CHS Student, Easton Hopkins and Yahir Castro*
   (Note: Chair Shields moved this agenda item up during the meeting)

   They provided a report on the following items:
   - Prom on the Portland Spirit
   - OASC Gold Standard and Gusto Award for Student Council
   - CHS Workshops
   - New Leadership: Easton Hopkins, newly elected ASB President and Alex Downing, newly elected ASB Vice President.
     Both will serve as the new Student Representatives on the Board for 2026-2027 year.

   The group expressed their gratitude to the Student Board Representatives for their service and offered congratulations on the upcoming graduation. Chair Shields shared her appreciation and presented each student with a gift on behalf of the Board. Directors welcomed Alex and thanked Easton for his continued service into next year.

Chair Shields called for a break at 8:19 pm; reconvening at 8:26 pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. ***Approval of April 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes***
   Director Hardin moved to approve the April 22, 2026 minutes as presented. Director Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FORUM - *Chair Shields*

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The following individual provided public testimony: Drew Rosa

5. REPORTS

1. ***Student Representative Report, Recognition and Introduction*** *- CHS Student, Easton Hopkins and Yahir Castro*
   This agenda item was moved to take place earlier in the agenda.

2. ***Safe Routes to School and PBOT Report*** *- Neel O'Donnell, Safety & Security Coordinator*
   Neel O'Donnell, Safety and Security Coordinator, provided an update on the Safe Routes to School Program; including expanded safety education, student engagement events, transportation improvements, and community partnerships. He introduced Ian Rees, CSD Safe Routes to School Coordinator and Janis McDonald, City of Portland Safe Routes to School Manager. The presentation highlighted grant-funded safety resources, pedestrian and bicycle education, traffic-calming efforts near schools, and ongoing collaboration with local agencies to support safe and accessible travel for students.

   Board Members asked questions and shared their appreciation for their work in this area.

3. ***Social Science Curriculum Adoption Report -*** *April Olson, Director of Curriculum and Student Learning*
   The Board received a presentation regarding the proposed adoption of new Social Science instructional materials aligned with Oregon Social Science Standards and District instructional goals. Director Olson highlighted the curriculum adoption process, which included teacher evaluations, classroom pilot lessons, student and community feedback, and standards alignment.

   She reported that staff recommended curriculum materials for grades K–8 from one publisher (TCI: History Alive) and high school materials from another publisher (McGraw Hill), citing strong student engagement, accessibility, cultural relevance, standards alignment, and ease of use for both students and staff. The Board also received information regarding community feedback opportunities and the projected budget impact associated with the adoption. Board members discussed the recommendations and next steps for implementation.

4. ***Superintendent Report*** *- James Owens, Superintendent*
   Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:
   - District Office Art Display from Platrick Lynch Elementary
   - Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
   - Teacher Appreciation Week
   - Profile of a Graduate
     - Pilot Leader Session #5
     - Student Summits
   - Spring Data Summit
   - Summer Learning
   - Facility Advisory Committee Meeting #3
   - East County Library Preview Reception
   - CHS Spring Musical: Chicago
   - Centennial Staff Retirement Celebration

Board Members provided general comments and asked specific questions on the presented topics.

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6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Solowski moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. ***Site Council Minutes***
2. ***Miscellaneous Items***
3. ***Financial Statements***
    1. *February 2026 Financial Statement*
4. ***Enrollment Reports***
    1. *Student Count*
    2. *Class Size Analysis*
5. ***Human Resources***
    1. *Retirement of Licensed Staff Member*
    2. *Resignation of Administrator*
    3. *Resignation of Licensed Staff Members*
    4. *2025-2028 Non Union Agreement*
    5. *2025-2028 Non Union Supervisor Agreement*
    6. *2025-2028 Administrator Agreement*
    7. *2025-2029 Chief Financial Officer & Director of Operations Employment Agreement*
6. ***Business/Operations***
    1. *CMS Playground School Outdoor Enrichment & Play Project*
7. ***Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)***
    1. *JEBA/AR - Early Entrance*
8. ***Student Services***
9. ***Student Travel***

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - *Chair Shields*

1. ***OLD BUSINESS***
    1. 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule (Day of the Week)
       Director Hardin moved to maintain the current Wednesday Board Meeting schedule, and Director Solowski seconded the motion. Board members shared their perspectives regarding the meeting schedule before a roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed with Directors Hardin, Solowski, Newman, Vice Chair Mohring, and Chair Shields voting in favor, and Director Linn voting opposed.

2. ***NEW BUSINESS***
    1. Recommendation to Approve Social Science Curriculum Adoption - *April Olson, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*
       Director Solowski moved to adopt the Social Science Curriculum as presented. Vice Chair Mohring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Owens mentioned a number of items that will be included at next month's Board meetings, including:

- Superintendent Year End Report
- District Equity Report

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- Immigration Response Report
- 2026-2027 School Calendar
- 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar
- Powell Butte Elementary ventilation project.

There was an update from Director Solowski regarding the committee's work on the budget committee policy and Chair Shields surfaced a potential emerging issue around student screen time. The Board presented a gift to Director Southerton and Dr. Katsuda for their work on the contract settlement process. Members shared their gratitude for the extra hard work.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shields adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm

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