



## **CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT**

### **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at District Office Board Room

Guests attended via the Zoom App

**Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

**Board Retreat at 10:00 am**

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Ron "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - At Large
William Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large

Absent member/s were: None

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The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Solowski***

Director Solowski called the Board retreat to order at 10:02 am.

#### **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - *Chair Solowski***

Chair Solowski opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Director Hardin nominated Director Linn, and Director Standley nominated Director Shields. With no further nominations, both nominees were given an opportunity to speak about their interest in serving as Board Chair. A ballot vote was conducted, and Ms. Grindle read each Director's vote aloud for the record. The results were as follows:

- Director Linn received three votes (Directors Linn, Hardin, and Newman)
- Director Shields received four votes (Directors Standley, Shields, Solowski, and Mohring)

Director Shields was elected Board Chair.

Chair Solowski then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Director Hardin nominated Director Mohring. With no additional nominations, a roll call vote was held, and Director Mohring was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

Chair Solowski stated that she would complete the current meeting as Chair, after which leadership responsibilities would transition to the newly elected Board Chair and Vice Chair.

### **TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY - *Chair Solowski***

Chair Solowski led the group in a team building activity. This included Directors and Cabinet Members sharing an artifact that is of importance or significant to them.

## **3. BOARD GOVERNANCE**

### **1. *Closing the Loop***

Chair Solowski provided an update on several items that Board Members had expressed interest in, but which were not included on the current meeting agenda:

- *Board Stipends:* Chair Solowski noted that additional information regarding Board stipends will be forthcoming from OSBA within the next few months.
- *Board Members Visiting Schools:* She reminded members that there is an existing District policy regarding school visits by Board Members. Anyone wishing to visit schools in their official capacity should first contact Superintendent Owens.
- *BoardBook Accounts:* Chair Solowski emphasized the importance of reviewing BoardBook materials prior to meetings. Members experiencing any accessibility issues should reach out to Ms. Grindle for assistance.
- *Student Representatives:* She spoke about the value of incorporating student voice into Board meetings. However, she noted that further planning and discussion are needed before this item can be added to a future agenda.

### **2. *Board Operations***

#### **1. *Board Agreements Review***

##### **1. *Board Operating Agreements***

Board Members reviewed the current operating agreements and provided feedback.

##### ***Board - Superintendent Operating Agreements***

Board Members reviewed the current Board - Superintendent Operating agreements and provided feedback. Superintendent Owens also provided input.

No suggested changes were made to either of the documents.

#### **2. *Policy Review***

Board Members engaged in a discussion regarding the current process for reviewing and adopting district policies. Each member shared their perspective on the topic. After consideration, the group agreed to continue with the existing process, which includes a first reading of proposed policies followed by a second reading and adoption.

The Board also noted that if a policy requires more in-depth consideration or presents complex issues, a committee will be formed to conduct further review and provide recommendations.

#### **3. *Board Member Attendance***

Director Mohring expressed appreciation for the opportunity to review data on Board Member attendance, noting its importance in reflecting the collective work and accomplishments of the Board.

Ms. Grindle explained how attendance hours are tracked and reported, specifically noting that these records are submitted to the District's workers' compensation carrier.

#### **4. *Political Involvement***

Chair Solowski explained that the topic of political involvement has been a discussion amongst Board members. She reminded the group there is a policy (BI - Board Legislative Program) guiding this work. Superintendent Owens shared his ongoing involvement with local politicians through the ESD Legislative Administrator, noting that advocacy efforts have traditionally been handled administratively. He raised the question of whether the Board would like to take a more active role in interfacing with intergovernmental agencies. Director Hardin expressed support for the Superintendent's work in this area and emphasized the importance of knowing when Board involvement is truly needed. Superintendent Owens suggested that increased engagement in advocacy could be beneficial, especially if the Board intends to make public statements on current events. Director Hardin expressed interest in understanding what other districts are doing in this area and asked for Director Linn's input since he is highly engaged in this area. Director Linn responded that he will continue to engage individually and is open to further discussion on how the Board may want to proceed collectively.

#### **4. BOARD REPORT STRUCTURE/AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. *School Building Reports***
- 2. *Student Recognition at Board Meetings***

The Board discussed incorporating school reports and student acknowledgments into meetings. Superintendent Owens provided a handout with background, guiding questions, and five possible options to support the discussion. Members expressed support for student voice panels and hearing directly from schools, recognizing the value in showcasing student experiences and community needs. Concerns were raised about logistics, meeting length, costs, and the technology required to hold meetings in school buildings. It was noted that basic streaming requirements could be met, but higher-quality production would require more resources. The group agreed on the need for clear goals, suggested using guiding questions, and proposed building a calendar to pilot and evaluate the approach over time.

Chair Solowski called for a break at 11:29 am; reconvening at 11:39 am.

- 5. SUPERINTENDENT WORK PLAN for 2025-2026 - *This agenda came before Roadmap '27***  
Superintendent Owens provided the group with a document outlining his work plan for the 2025-26 school year. This included his three goals, their action plans and evaluation criteria for each. He commented on the three identified goals: Strategic Plan implementation (year three), long range facility planning, and licensed contract negotiations. He explained this is a continuation of

the work that has taken place this current year. Board members discussed the work plan and asked clarifying questions.

The Board members determined they would review the document and provide Superintendent Owens with any feedback. Superintendent Owens commented that he could come back at the September meeting for any further iterations.

**6. ROADMAP '27 UPDATES (Year 3 Priorities) - James Owens, Superintendent & Dr. Tasha Katsuda, Assistant Superintendent**

Dr. Katsuda provided the group with an overview of the work done during the second year of the implementation of the Roadmap '27. She reviewed the District level goals, Metrics and the specific 2024-25 end-of-year excellence target data.

Chair Solowski called for a break at 12:13 pm; reconvening at 12:29 pm.

Board members reviewed and asked questions about the presented data, focusing on insights gained and actions being taken to improve outcomes. Dr. Katsuda explained that planning for year three of the Strategic Plan involves prioritizing goals and actions, particularly around Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). She emphasized that the focus remains on refining existing practices rather than setting new priorities. She also introduced the development of the Profile of a Graduate, outlining its vision, timeline, key instructional shifts from traditional to transformational learning, and the implementation plan. Board members actively engaged in the discussion and posed specific questions related to this work.

Chair Solowski called for a break at 1:25 pm; reconvening at 1:36 pm.

**7. BOARD COMMITTEE/REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

Superintendent Owens provided the group with a document outlining the various board committees along with a list of past participants. He expressed his appreciation to those who have served on the respective committees. The group reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of each committee, including meeting schedules and levels of involvement. There was extended discussion around the Long Range Facility Planning Group and the District Equity Committee, with particular focus on Board Member engagement in both. Vice Chair Shields noted that she would provide an update on the status of the Arts Committee at a future meeting. Director Linn shared that the East Portland Tax Increment Financing Committee is no longer staffed, and he intends to continue participating in the committee work independently.

**8. CONFIRMATION ITEMS**

Director Standley moved to approve the confirmation items as listed. Vice Chair Shields seconded the motion. The motion to approve confirmation items passed with six yes votes and one no vote (Director Linn).

**1. Human Resources**

1. Dismissal of Probationary Administrator
2. NewHires

**2. Business Items**

1. 2025-2026 Budget Calendar (for 2026-27 Budget Year)

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Approve awarding contract for Facility Planning and Community Outreach - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations*

Director Southerton provided the group with an overview of the process used to solicit proposals for facility planning and community outreach in preparation for a potential bond campaign. He outlined the work of the selection committee and the interview process; ultimately recommending the Board award the contract to DLR Group. Vice Chair Shields moved to approve the contract as presented, and Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Update regarding student use of cell phones
- Introduction of CMS Principal
- Standard slate of report
- Integrated Programs Annual Report

Director Hardin thanked Director Solowski for her service as Board Chair.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Solowski adjourned the meeting at 1:58pm.