



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

January 8, 2026

I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Craig Loughridge called the business meeting back to order at 7:01pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Craig Loughridge, Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Amy McNeil, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, and Terrie Stafford. Absent: Mark Lucht and Student Representative Josiah Lopez.

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Supt, Director of Human Resources, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Chris Shaw/Technology Director, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Cathy Mitchell/Principal Mulino Elementary, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Christy Newman/Principal Clarkes Elementary, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, Dr. David Atherton/Principal Molalla High School, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also present: Kristofer Tonning/ZCS, and Terry Holden

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Ms. McNeil made a motion to add ID2a as an action item based on the complaint discussion from executive session. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

C. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr. Josiah Lopez was unable to join in person. He sent a video with the following updates: Winter break was spent with his family. Students were very excited before the break. Leadership decorated the commons for winter. There were three extra days of no school due to the inclement weather closures. The school community is strong and like a family. Leadership is continuing to prepare for the Share the Love campaign. The Share the Love online auction is already in the works. He looks forward to attending the board meeting next month.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Gifts to the District

Dr. Mann stated due to Policy KH, the board is presented with the opportunity to accept a significant financial gift to the District. Terry and Cheryl Holden have contributed \$500,000 to the Burghardt Stadium Complex Turf Project. He also stated after the board acts to accept the gift, the administration will continue to collaborate with the Holdens, Burghardts, MYS, MYF, and community to fund the remaining \$690,000 necessary to complete the project. Mr. Holden

thanked the Board and stated he and his wife are always looking to support great projects, and with their good friends the Burghardts, they are proud to be a part of this project. Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to accept the \$500,000 gift from Terry and Cheryl Holden in alignment with the intentions presented. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. Chair Loughridge thanked Mr. Holden for the donation and was humbled by the generosity. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

2. *Consent Agenda – December Meeting minutes, personnel report*

Ms. McNeil made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

a. Action of complaint discussion

Ms. McNeil made a motion to delegate authority to the Board Chair to respond to the complaint discussed in executive session. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

3. *Recommendation to Approve – SIA Grant*

Ms. Tamara Jackson discussed the funding of the Student Investment Act and how it aligns with district goals: funding after school and summer programs, including Kinder camp. There was discussion how the district received the grant, which is a little over \$5 million for the biennium. Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to accept the SIA grant for the next biennium. Mr. Lucht seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding how the funds will be spent and how the reduction of funds this biennium will affect programming. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

4. *Recommendation of approval – Proposed High School Courses 26-27*

Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve all new course recommendations for Molalla High School for the 26-27 school year. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion and stated she enjoys seeing new relevant courses being added. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

5. *Recommendation of approval – Contract for E-Rate: CVE Technologies for middle school project*

Mr. Chris Shaw reviewed the process in gathering bids for the equipment for the new middle school. He stated the district received 3 bids. The bids were reviewed with the contractors for the middle school project. CVE Technologies was chosen for the best value and integration with our current systems. Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to accept the CVE Technologies contract to purchase new equipment for the middle school project. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

6. *Recommendation for approval – CVE Technologies contract for district refresh*

Mr. Shaw explained the district replaces and updates networking equipment every few years. The contract will be to update network equipment at all the schools except for the high school, which was done last year, and the current middle school. This will include the District Office as well. Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to approve the contract for a district equipment refresh. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. CMGC Presentation for seismic upgrades at Mulino

Mr. Kris Tonning/ZCS and Mr. Tony Tiano reviewed the previous seismic project at Clarkes in 2020. Mr. Tiano stated ZCS completed that project through the pandemic and did a great job with quite a few setbacks. Mr. Tonning stated the grant for Mulino seismic upgrades was awarded in May 2025 to retrofit a portion of Mulino Elementary. The next step is to select a contractor for construction to begin in summer of 2027. Mr. Tiano stated it has been pushed out to 2027, to be able to open school in the fall. Mr. Tonning reviewed the CMGC process and why it was chosen for this project. There was discussion about pros and cons. He stated they are not asking for approval tonight, but to review the project and come back in February to ask for approval. Mr. Tonning also reviewed the public procurement process and selection. There was no further discussion.

2. Financial Review

Mr. Andy Campbell gave a monthly financial review. He stated the budget process is starting earlier than normal with a budget calendar that will be shared next month. He confirmed there will be two vacant budget committee seats this year. There was no further discussion.

3. Turf update

Dr. Mann gave an update on the turf project and listed three topics: potential partnership with the National Air Guard, Fundraising update, and timelines for construction. The National Air Guard has signaled they are interested in using the turf project excavation as a training for their troops. Mr. Mike Lord is working on this agreement, which is tentative and dependent on the Air Guard meeting the district's tight timeline. He stated the fundraising work with Contour Strategies and community partners is making progress. The gap to cover is roughly \$690,000. The construction is set to begin right after June 2026 graduation and be finished by September 2026. Dr. Mann stated the team is waiting on final pricing from 2 vendors by the end of the month. He also reviewed the current partnerships and different revenue sources available. There were no further questions.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann asked if there were any questions regarding the Department reports binder, and there were none. He commented on the concrete footing poured this week at the middle school and how community members can watch live on the camera on the website. He also stated there is a neighborhood meeting tentatively scheduled for February 10th. There was a discussion about the public right of way, and what materials the district should consider replacing for homeowners. He stated this is a public event and all Board members are welcome. He stated it was great to get through winter break and is glad to have kids back in school.

G. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on the middle school project and the turf project. Ms. McNeil thanked everyone involved with the turf project and welcomed Dr. Mann back after a hip replacement. Vice Chair Eskridge thanked the Holdens and Burghardts for their generous donations and wished everyone Happy New Year, as did Chair Loughridge. No further comments.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- January 22nd work session at 7pm at the District Office

- January 28th policy committee meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- February 12th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office

I. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to adjourn. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion and Chair Loughridge adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary