



# CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Virtual Meeting Format

All participants attended via the Zoom App

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Work Session Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Executive Session at ~ 8:00 pm**

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

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

Absent members 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
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

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

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### 1. *Approval of February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda*

Director Standley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

There was no introduction of guests.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. *Approval of February 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.*

Director Hardin moved to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes as presented. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. PUBLIC FORUM - *(Not applicable for work session meetings)*

## 5. REPORTS

### 1. *Annual Comprehensive Audit Findings Report - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations and Representatives from Pauly Rogers*

Director Southerton, shared with the group that the 2024-2025 fiscal audit has been completed and he introduced Brian Thompson from Pauly Rogers & Co to share the results. Mr. Thompson provided the group with the purpose of the audit and gave a general overview of the findings. He said that overall the audit went well and their firm appreciates the District's finance team's efforts in this work.

Director Southerton and Mr. Thompson answered Board Member's questions.

**2. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent***

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- CHS 9th and 10th Grade Fall Data Summit
- Profile of a Centennial Graduate - Pilot Leader Work Session #2 of 5
- Elementary Standards Mapping Work
- Long Range Facility Planning Update
- Legislative & County Advocacy Updates
- Classified Appreciation Week
- CSD and CEA Mediation dates: February 26 and 27, 2026

Board members shared their excitement about the upcoming Facility Planning Meeting and asked specific questions related to student involvement in the data summit meetings.

**6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS**

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

1. ***Site Council Minutes***
2. ***Miscellaneous Items***
3. ***Financial Statements***
  1. November 2025 Financial Statements
4. ***Enrollment Reports***
5. ***Human Resources***
  1. Approval Retirement of Licensed Staff Member(s)
  2. Approve Employment of Licensed Administrator
6. ***Business/Operations***
  1. Appoint Miller Nash as Additional Legal Counsel for the District
7. ***Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)***
8. ***Student Services***
9. ***Student Travel***

**7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**1. *OLD BUSINESS***

1. ***Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 - Authorization to Advance Refund a portion of the District's Outstanding General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations***

Director Southerton recommended the approval of the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2026. He introduced David William from Piper Sandler who had previously reported on this topic at prior meetings. Director Southerton provided an explanation of the resolution, the primary objective to refunding, the long term levy intent, what happens if approved and what the transaction does not include.

There were no questions or further discussion. Director Solowski moved approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2026 to advance refund a portion of the District's outstanding general obligation and refunding bonds, series 2020; and designating authorized

representative; designating service providers; and related matters as presented in the presented resolution. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Second Read of Policy IIA and IIA ARs - Instructional Materials (with option to adopt)** - April Olson - Director of Curriculum & Student Learning

Director Olson explained this is the second read of policy IIA and IIA ARs - Instructional Materials. She reviewed the proposed changes; including the suggested changes provided by Board members at the last meeting. There were no further questions or suggested changes. Director Hardin moved to adopt policy IIA and the associated ARs as presented. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Second Read of Policy JFG AR- Student Searches (with option to adopt)** - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations

Director Southerton explained this is the second read of policy JFG AR - Student Searches and shared the proposed changes; including the suggested changes provided by Board members at the last meeting. There were no questions or further discussion. Director Newman moved to adopt policy JFG - AR as presented. Director Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Superintendent Policy Committee** - Pam Shields, Chair

Chair Shields reminded the group of the previous discussed policy committee and asked for an update from each facilitator:

- *BHD - Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement* - Director Linn indicated that he had nothing to report
- *BK - Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures* - Director Standley indicated that she is working to get a meeting scheduled
- *DBEA - Budget Committee* - Director Solowski shared that she will get something scheduled
- *IIC/IICA - Field Trips and Excursions* - Chair Shields reported that they have a meeting on March 12th.

Board members discussed the timelines and the need to move these policies forward.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **First Read of Policy JECA - Admission of Resident Students-** April Olson - Director of Curriculum & Student Learning

Director Olson shared with the group the suggested changes to policy JECA - Admission of Resident Students. She explained that the suggested changes to this policy are primarily the replacement of 'alternative certificate' with 'certificate of attendance'. There were no questions or suggested changes. Chair Shields indicated that this is a first read and if there are no questions; this policy will come back to the board at the next meeting in confirmation items.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - James Owens, Superintendent**

Superintendent Owens reviewed the upcoming board meeting agenda items, which include:

- Powell Butte Elementary report
- Music in School proclamation
- Licensed contract renewals

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Shields adjourned the work session meeting at 7:25 pm and stated the Board would be going into Executive Session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) and ORS 192.660 (2)(k) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school.

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 7:36 pm. All Board Members were in attendance for the executive session meeting.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Southerton, Chief Communications Officer Andregg, Director Wright, and Executive Assistant Grindle were present.

Labor negotiations and District safety was discussed.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 8:37 pm.