GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Special Board Work Session

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Directors held a special work session on Tuesday, July 15, 2026. This meeting was held virtually and a YouTube streaming link was provided for virtual meeting attendance.

Board Members present:
Heather Coleman-Cox, Dr. Shawn Farrens, Kris Howatt, Blake Petersen, Brenna Puderbaugh, Holly Riegelmann, Erasto Sedda.

Cabinet Members present:
Dr. Tracy Klinger, Superintendent

Opening Items

1. Call to Order (4:29 p.m.)
The meeting was called to order at 4:29 p.m. by the board chair, Blake Petersen.

2. Roll Call (4:29 p.m.)
All members of the board were in attendance at the meeting.

3. Approve Meeting Agenda (4:30 p.m.)

MOTION 10: Move to approve the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kris Howatt and seconded by Holly Riegelmann, Carried.
Aye: Heather Coleman-Cox, Dr. Shawn Farrens, Kris Howatt, Blake Petersen, Brenna Puderbaugh, Holly Riegelmann, Erasto Sedda
Aye: 7, No: 0

Action Items

4. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (4:30 p.m.)
Chair Petersen shared that when this action was voted on at their last meeting, they did not have a majority of the board vote in the affirmative, so the action is being brought back to the board. Nominees for chair at the previous meeting included Directors Howatt and Riegelmann. He asked if there were any other nominees. There were none.

MOTION 11: Submit a motion to elect Kris Howatt as the board chair. This motion, made by Heather Coleman-Cox and seconded by Kris Howatt, Failed.
Aye: Heather Coleman-Cox, Kris Howatt, Erasto Sedda
No: Dr. Shawn Farrens, Blake Petersen, Brenna Puderbaugh, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 3, No: 4

MOTION 12: Move to elect Holly Riegelmann to the position as chair for the 26-27 school year. This motion, made by Dr. Shawn Farrens and seconded by Brenna Puderbaugh, Carried.
Aye: Dr. Shawn Farrens, Blake Petersen, Brenna Puderbaugh, Holly Riegelmann
No: Heather Coleman-Cox, Kris Howatt, Erasto Sedda
Aye: 4, No: 3

Chair Petersen shared that nominees for vice-chair at the last meeting were Directors Sedda and Farrens.

> **MOTION 13:** Move to elect Shawn Farrens as vice-chair for the 26-27 school year. This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by Blake Petersen, Carried.
> Aye: Dr. Shawn Farrens, Blake Petersen, Brenna Puderbaugh, Holly Riegelmann
> No: Heather Coleman-Cox, Kris Howatt, Erasto Sedda
> Aye: 4, No: 3

During the motion, Director Puderbaugh asked if there were any rules as far as longevity and if there are benefits to someone having longevity on the board versus someone who does not. It was clarified that the main rule is for a chair not serving more than two years consecutively as chair. She expressed it was a difficult decision, and either director would be a great vice-chair. Director Coleman-Cox asked why she had a question around longevity for the vice-chair, but not the chair nomination. Director Puderbaugh clarified that both Directors Howatt and Riegelmann have several years of board experience, while it is the first year on the board for herself and Directors Sedda and Coleman-Cox.

Chair Petersen expressed his respect for both Director Howatt and Director Sedda. He appreciates the willingness of the board members to step up and serve. He thanked the board for the privilege of serving over the last year. It has been a challenging year, but he was grateful for the strong crew around him. He turned the remained of the meeting over to newly appointed Board Chair Holly Riegelmann.

Closing Items

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5. Announcements (4:42 p.m.)
Chair Riegelmann reviewed the announcements included in the board agenda packet.

August 27, 2026: Board Strategic Planning Session - 8 a.m.
Location TBD (in district)
Gresham, OR

August 27, 2026: Board Summer Social (No Meeting) - 5:30 p.m.
Location TBD (in district)
Gresham, OR

September 2, 2026: Regular Board Business Meeting - 6 p.m.
Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

6. Adjournment (4:42 p.m.)
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by: ______________________________________
Sarah Avery
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Board of Directors

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on __________________:sa