

Minutes in Brief

Southern Oregon ESD SOESD Board of Directors Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 6:00 PM

SOESD Operations Center, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501

Board Members in Attendance:

Mary Barton	Present
Ariel Bloomer	Absent
Brian Clark*	Present
Jessie Hecocta	Absent
Rhonda Lawrence*	Present
Ana Mannenbach	Present
Bob Moore	Absent
Rebecca Mueller	Present
Richie Owens*	Present

Present: 6, Absent: 3.

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Mark Angle-Hobson	Liz Littleton
Tom Bigboy	Ryan Swearingen
Forest Evergreen	Amy Szeliga*
Isobel Evergreen	Jeanetta Woodside
Erin Green	
Kylee Harrison	

*Attended via video/audio conference

1. Preliminary
 - 1.A. Call to Order

The Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors held its organizational meeting in the Downstairs conference room of the SOESD Operations Center in Medford and via video/audio conference on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Chair Mannenbach called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
 - 1.B. Roll Call
 - 1.C. Land Acknowledgement

Southern Oregon Education Service District and the areas in which we serve are located within the ancestral homelands of the Shasta, Takelma, Latgawa, Klamath, Modoc, and the Yahooskin-Paiute peoples who lived here since time immemorial. The full text of SOESD's land acknowledgment can be read on the SOESD website: <https://www.soesd.k12.or.us/equity>
 - 1.D. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.E. Comments from Representatives of the Associations

Isobel Evergreen, Acting Co-President of the Classified Union, reported that the union is updating its constitution to modernize language, improve clarity, and implement electronic voting to make elections and ratifications more accessible for members. She noted that the Classified Bilingual Stipend and Migrant Education MOUs are still in development and scheduled for a membership vote at the August Back to School Celebration. She added that the regional representative continues expanding training and mentorship opportunities to strengthen chapter leadership knowledge and support for members.

Amy Szeliga, President of the Licensed Association, reflected on the past school year and shared

the association's appreciation for the communication and partnership established with the district, including through labor management and the strategic planning process. She noted the successful completion of a work group that developed an MOA for bilingual stipends following a difficult bargaining process. Szeliga also acknowledged the value of the association's monthly opportunity to address the Board and share information, noting that this practice has been in place at SOESD for many years. She expressed the association's commitment to continuing its partnership with the district and Board in support of members, educators, students, and families.

1.F. Requests to Address Agenda Items

There were no requests to address agenda items were received.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes:

- June 17, 2026 - Budget Hearing
- June 17, 2026 - Regular Meeting
- June 24, 2026 - Special Meeting

C. Personnel Report

D. Approval of Proposed Board Policies:

BBAA — Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

BCE — Board Committees

BCF — Advisory Committees to the Board

BD — Board Meetings, Notices and Communications

BDC — Executive Sessions

BDDC — Board Meeting Agenda

BDDG — Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings

CBA — Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent

EBB — Integrated Pest Management

EBBA — Student Health Services

GBA — Equal Employment Opportunity

GBA-AR — Veteran and State Service Member Preference

GBN/JBA — Sexual Harassment

GCBDA/GBDA — AR(1) - Family & Medical Leave *(Version 1 - FMLA/OFLA)

GCBDD/GDBDD — Sick Time

JBA/GBN — Sexual Harassment

Questions were raised about Policies BBAA, EBB, and EBBA. It was noted that, per OSBA, board approval for individual site visits under BBAA is not required and that expectations will be clarified in the Board–Superintendent operating agreement; that updating the Integrated Pest Management plan under EBB is included in CFO Woodside's work plan; and that STEPS classroom restrooms are equipped with lockable menstrual product cabinets to meet EBBA/Menstrual Dignity Act requirements. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made and seconded, and it passed unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER OWENS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BARTON TO:

Approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea

Motion Carried – Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

3. Communications

3.A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Angle-Hobson presented his report, noting that this meeting marked approximately one year since he began serving as Superintendent and first worked with the largely new Board. He used a refreshed format that emphasizes SOESD's updated mission, vision, core

values, and the three strategic-plan guiding questions aligned with the Oregon Revised Statutes governing ESD responsibilities. He highlighted early successes in using the new district office, including an administrative retreat hosted by the Phoenix–Talent School District and extended school year programming for students, with positive feedback on the facility.

Assistant Superintendent Kylee Harrison added that the extended school year launch has gone well and credited coordinator Nikki Donnelly for careful planning to balance safety, facility readiness, and fiscal responsibility. Superintendent Angle-Hobson also described a revised leadership meeting structure that adds a combined monthly session for administrators and office professionals. He also reported recent reflection and celebration activities with Cabinet and the Superintendent's Office staff on the prior year's work and shared that regional superintendents recognized at the June 22 meeting and toured the new facility provided very positive feedback.

3.B. Appointment to OAESD Governance Council

The Board considered the appointment to the OAESD Governance Council, which consists of the Superintendent and one Board Member. Current representative Mary Barton expressed willingness to continue, and no other members sought appointment.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OWENS TO:

Appoint Mary Barton to the OAESD Governance Council for the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea

Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

4. Administration

4.A. SOESD Organizational Structure for 2026-2027

Superintendent Mark Angle-Hobson introduced the proposed 2026–27 organizational structure and chart, and Assistant Superintendent Kylee Harrison presented them. Assistant Superintendent Harrison explained a planned reduction of one coordinator position in Student Services following a retirement in the traumatic brain injury, autism, and school psychology program. Responsibilities were redistributed among existing coordinators, and changes were described in the School Improvement Division, where, after two programs sunsetted and a coordinator position was vacated, two coordinator roles were consolidated into a single director position. Superintendent Angle-Hobson and Assistant Superintendent Harrison noted that, with the addition of a principal for expanded juvenile detention/LTCT programs and a fractional program manager for Family Support and Connections, the overall number of leadership positions remains the same and the configuration is cost-effective.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BARTON TO:

Approve SOESD's organizational structure and approve the new organizational chart as presented for 2026-2027.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea, Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea

Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

4.B. Organizational Items for 2026 - 2027

Superintendent Mark Angle-Hobson presented the annual organizational items for 2026–2027, which remain unchanged from the prior year. He also reported that, based on legal counsel's advice, the separate annual action authorizing reductions in force will remain at its current point in the calendar rather than being moved into the organizational meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OWENS TO:

Accept the administration's recommendations as presented for organizational items 1 through 16.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea,
Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea
Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5. Business Affairs

5.A. 2026 - 2027 SOESD Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4

CFO Jeanetta Woodside presented 2026–2027 Resolutions 1–4, noting all are unchanged from the prior year.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MUELLER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER OWENS TO:

Adopt 2026-2027 Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea,
Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea

Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.B. Authorization for Staff to Sign Checks.

CFO Jeanetta Woodside presented the annual authorization for staff to sign checks and recommended continuing the current practice. In response to a question about who could sign checks if the superintendent is absent, Superintendent Mark Angle-Hobson noted that a facsimile of his signature is used for payroll and that checks require two signatures, which CFO Woodside and Board Secretary Littleton can provide if he is unavailable.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER OWENS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER LAWRENCE TO:

Approve the recommendations of administration regarding persons authorized to sign checks during fiscal year 2026-2027.

Barton: Yea, Bloomer: Absent, Clark: Yea, Hecocta: Absent, Lawrence: Yea, Mannenbach: Yea,
Moore: Absent, Mueller: Yea, Owens: Yea

Motion Carried: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.C. Filing Budget Documents

CFO Jeanetta Woodside reported that all required 2026–2027 budget documents have been filed with the three county assessors.

6. Miscellaneous

6.A. OSBA Summer School Session — July 16, Lane Community College, Eugene

6.B. Next Meeting: SOESD Board of Directors Special Meeting/Board Retreat, August 19, 2026, SOESD District Office, Phoenix

6.C. SOESD Back to School Celebration — August 21, Ashland HS, Ashland

Erin Green, CaP Coordinator, invited Board members to record a short welcome-back video message for the Back-to-School Celebration and outlined options for submitting it.

6.D. Next Regular Meeting — September 16, 2026, SOESD Operations Center (101 N. Grape St., Medford)

6.E. OSBA 2026 Annual Convention - Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, November 12–14, 2026

7. Adjournment

Chair Mannenbach adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.