

Board of Directors Meeting

The Estacada School District Board of Directors met to elect leadership, review financial and enrollment reports, and discuss district growth and operational challenges.

Board Elections

- **Ken Riedel** was nominated by Director Wheeler and elected as Board Chair for the 2026-27 FY. Motion carries 7-0
- **Will Johnston** was nominated by Director Behrman and elected as Vice Chair for the 2026-27 FY
- Director Walper approved the agenda as presented, seconded by VC Johnston. Motion carries 7-0

District Reports

Enrollment and Finance

- **Scott** reported a record preliminary enrollment of 2,035 students.
- A new cash flow projection tool for the **General Fund** was introduced to provide more accurate data based on five years of historical actuals.
- While total enrollment is up, a decrease in enrollment at **Summit** (the charter school) is expected to impact the district's state school fund revenue by approximately \$1 million, resulting in a net district impact of roughly \$200,000.
- **Superintendent Carpenter** noted that **Summit** faces competition from newer providers like **Open Ed**, which offer different financial incentives to families.

Operations and Growth

- **Superintendent Carpenter** announced the hiring of two additional teachers to manage class size increases in kindergarten and second grade at **River Mill Elementary**.
- The district is experiencing significant growth in students requiring special education services.
- Recent power brownouts caused by utility grid issues damaged two boiler fuel pumps at **Estacada Middle School** and four internet servers at **Estacada High School**, totaling over \$10,000 in damages.
- **Maggie** highlighted high engagement on **ParentSquare**, noting 99.2% family engagement and over 1,200 direct messages sent since August.

Program Performance

Integrated Programs

- **Jennifer Behrman** presented the **English Learners of Oregon** report, noting that while statewide enrollment is down, local EL enrollment has increased.
- The **Integrated Programs Annual Report** showed significant success in early literacy, with a 20% increase in third-grade reading scores.
- Attendance remains a primary area for improvement; specifically, K-2 attendance did not meet the 96% goal, reaching only 70%.
- Graduation rates remain strong, with 89% for four-year graduation and 90% for ninth-grade on-track status.

Action Items

- Maggie Kelly - Launch the district attendance campaign this week and provide attendance resources and reminders to families throughout September and the school year.
- Maggie Kelly - Turn current Rise Committee applications over to the committee, apply the ranking formula, and coordinate with Superintendent Carpenter on selecting a new committee member.
- Superintendent Carpenter - Repair the Estacada Middle School boiler fuel pumps and restore heating capability, regardless of the insurance claim outcome.
- Superintendent Carpenter - Review the state, county, and city emergency-management communication process after the evacuation incident and identify a clear source of truth for future district decisions.
- Provide the 2024–25 school-year count of English Learner students in the district.

Agenda Approval and Board Reports

- The board moved to approve the meeting agenda following confirmation of proper notification.
- Various directors shared positive feedback regarding student morale and recent athletic events.
- Director Wheeler noted that youth football is underway and local fields are seeing high activity.
- VC Johnston expressed appreciation for the district staff and the smooth transition in transportation services.

District Communications and Engagement

- Maggie Kelly reported a smooth start to the school year and highlighted an upcoming attendance campaign for September.

- The district is monitoring ParentSquare engagement, which currently stands at 99.2% among families.
- Communication efforts are also focusing on showcasing Career Technical Education (CTE) and early college successes.
- Maggie Kelly announced recruitment is open for new members of the Rise Committee.

Community Events and Athletics

- Dani provided updates on the summer park series, noting it was the highest attended event in its four-year history.
- The district's first football game was a success, featuring impressive production work by student interns.
- Athletic sponsorships have already generated approximately \$43,000 for this school year.
- The board discussed upcoming homecoming celebrations, including the parade and game scheduled for Thursday.

Financial and Enrollment Reports

- Scott presented a new cash flow projection report that utilizes five years of historical data to improve accuracy.
- Preliminary enrollment is at a record 2,035 students, though some charter school shifts may impact state funding.
- A projected decrease in charter school enrollment could result in a net revenue impact of approximately \$200,000 for the district.
- Discussion occurred regarding the competitive landscape of charter schools and their financial incentives for families.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Ryan Carpenter reported a strong start to the year but noted ongoing growth challenges.
- Due to kindergarten and second-grade growth, the district has authorized hiring two additional teachers to manage class sizes.
- The district is managing infrastructure issues caused by frequent power brownouts, which damaged equipment at Estacada Middle School.
- Superintendent Carpenter discussed the importance of maintaining high educational standards despite changes in state testing requirements.

Integrated Programs Annual Report

- Jennifer Behrman presented the English Learners (EL) annual report, noting that enrollment in EL programs remains steady.

- The district reported significant success in early literacy, with a 20% increase in third-grade reading scores.
- While graduation rates remain high, attendance continues to be a primary area for improvement across all grade levels.
- The report highlighted successful outcomes in ninth-grade on-track rates and fifth-grade graduation goals.

Consent Agenda Approval

- The board reviewed the consent agenda, which included the classified staff report for 2026.
- Director Wheeler requested clarification on staff movements listed as resignations in the report.
- Superintendent Carpenter clarified that some "resignations" were actually employees moving into new positions within the district.
- VC Johnston moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Behrman. Motion carries 7-0
- Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm