



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Virtual Meeting Format

All participants attended via the Zoom App

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

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

Absent members were: None

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	CFO & Director of Operations
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
Chirstine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Dr. Alexa Pearson	CHS Principal

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Mohring*

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

1. *Approval of September 23, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda*

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS (Optional)

There were no guests, recognitions or presentations.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Approval of September 09, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.*

Director Newman pointed out a correction in the minutes. Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve the minutes with the correction as indicated. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

5. REPORTS

1. *Integrated Programs Annual Report - April Olson, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*

Director Olson, presented the 2025–26 Integrated Programs Annual Report. She reviewed the District’s nine integrated programs, funding, and progress toward the District’s identified outcomes. Highlights included continued efforts in foundational literacy, student safety and belonging, rigorous learning and academic pathways, data-informed instruction, student voice, and community partnerships. She reported that the District has strengthened systems and infrastructure to support improvement, while noting that implementation remains inconsistent in some areas.

Challenges identified included middle and high school culture and climate, fragmented improvement systems, reactive academic supports, and uneven student and family engagement. She explained, continued monitoring will focus on the impact of these efforts on literacy, attendance, Ninth Grade On-Track, credit attainment, graduation, and other identified growth targets.

Board members asked specific questions and shared their interest in seeing more data around these initiatives.

2. *Enrollment Update Report - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations*

Chief Southerton provided an overview of the District's enrollment, including data collection, weighted enrollment, and factors contributing to declining enrollment locally and statewide. He reported current student enrollment by grade and specialized placements, reviewed historical enrollment trends, and explained how weighted student costs affect overall funding. Class size data by grade and building were also presented.

Superintendent Owens talked about the various options that are used when approaching larger class sizes. He shared that he has authorized an additional FTE at Pleasant Valley Elementary to assist with their overflow of enrollment. Chief Southerton highlighted that other Districts have average class sizes of 26 or 27 and Centennial is at 23 on average. Superintendent Owens and Chief Southerton answered questions from Board members.

3. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- Multnomah County Superintendent’s Retreat
- Facilities Advisory Committee Workshop #4
- Long Range Facilities Planning Community Forum
- Centennial Budget Committee Vacancies
- OSBA Fall Regional Dinner and Meeting
- CHS Homecoming

Board members provided comments related to these topics.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Hardin moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. *Site Council Minutes*

2. *Miscellaneous Items*

3. *Financial Statements*

4. *Enrollment Reports*

5. *Human Resources*

6. *Business/Operations*

1. *Announce Budget Committee Vacancies*

2. *2026-2027 Budget Calendar (for 2027-2028 Budget Year)*

3. *July Financial Statements*
7. **Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)**
 1. *Second Read of Policy (with option to adopt) - JEC - Admissions*
 2. *Final Adoption of Policy and AR - BDH - Board Member Compensation & Expense Reimbursement*
8. **Student Services**
9. **Student Travel**

Chair Mohring called for a break at 7:23pm; reconvening at 7:33pm

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board Stipend Resolutions - *Will Mohring, Chair*

Chair Mohring provided an overview of the presented resolutions and shared with the group how votes will be taken and recorded.

1. *Resolution No 2026.27.0004*

Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve resolution #2026.27.0004. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Vice Chair Solowski, Director Newman, Director Standley, Director Shields, and Chair Mohring all voting in the affirmative). Director Linn and Hardin abstained from voting.

2. *Resolution No 2026.27.0005*

Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve resolution #2026.27.0005. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Vice Chair Solowski, Director Linn, Director Hardin, Director Shields and Director Newman all voting in the affirmative). Director Standley and Chair Mohring abstained from voting.

3. *Resolution No 2026.27.0006*

Chair Mohring moved to approve resolution #2026.27.0006. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Chair Mohring, Director Linn, Director Hardin, Director Shields and Director Standley all voting in the affirmative). Director Newman and Vice Chair Solowski abstained from voting.

4. *Resolution No 2026.27.0007*

Chair Mohring moved to approve resolution #2026.27.0007. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Chair Mohring, Vice Chair Solowski, Director Linn, Director Hardin, Director Standley and Director Newman all voting in the affirmative). Director Shields abstained from voting.

2. Policy KNA - Immigration Enforcement on District Property - *Denise Wright, Director of Student Services*

Director Newman moved to adopt policy KNA and its associated ARs. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Proposed Board Development Plan - Will Mohring, Chair*

The Board reviewed the proposed Board Development Plan drafted with support from OSBA and discussed potential goals and related action items. Discussion included whether to focus on one goal initially and build upon it over time, with an

emphasis on clearly defining objectives, identifying the information needed, and narrowing the intended audience. The Board reached consensus to focus initially on Goal #1 and identified community engagement as a potential area for gathering real-time feedback regarding perceptions of the District.

The Board also discussed opportunities to engage with the community at Homecoming through an informational table and materials explaining the role and responsibilities of the School Board. A small group will work with support to further develop Goal #1, identify specific objectives and audiences, and bring updates and recommendations back to the full Board. Volunteers were identified to participate in the work group, and a follow-up communication will be sent outlining the group structure and next steps.

2. *Discussion of Union Reports to the Board - Will Mohring, Chair*

The Board reviewed a draft framework for resuming union reports at Board meetings, including the purpose, structure, content, and relationship to existing bargaining, grievance, personnel, complaint, and administrative processes. The Board discussed the identified decision points, including the scope of reports, opportunities for Board interaction, advance submission and review, and meeting facilitation. The committee will revisit the framework and return with recommendations regarding next steps.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - James Owens, Superintendent

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

- Performance Growth Targets Report
- Board operating agreements for consideration
- Superintendent evaluation process
- Policies

Director Shields provided an update on the Budget Committee policy and AR.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mohring adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.