Regular School Board Meeting minutes

Via in person and ZOOM/Owl

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Board approved: _____

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, September 16, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM via in person and via ZOOM/Owl virtual platform at Corbett Middle School Cafeteria. Board members present were David Osborn, Chair; Leah Fredericks, Vice Chair; Malinda Carlson (virtual- in about 7:02 p.m.); Dylan Rickert, Ben Byers; Zac Arndt (virtual – in late) and Sis Childs. Also present were Administrators Marleen Carroll, Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator; Nancy Hall, Interim Business Manager and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. Student Representative Maddie O'Neal was also at the Board table, leaving after the Principals' report. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute – Chair Osborn called the meeting to order and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7:00 p.m. There were between 10 and 19 attendees online through 7:15 p.m. and about 13 attendees in person.

1.2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda – approved as written.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Osborn called for a roll call vote on Items 2.1-2.4. **RESOLUTION NO. 9.24-26 - 9.27-26 — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed these Consent Agenda Action Items.

2.1. Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION NO. 9.24-26 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the Board Work Session and Regular School Board meeting of August 19, 2026.

Attachments: (1)

2.2. Personnel: Resignations/Leave of Absence Requests/ Retirements/Rescindment of Contract/Terminations/Layoffs/Hires

RESOLUTION NO. 9.25-26 - RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the new hires/extra duty assignment/modifications, resignations, and leaves.

Attachments: (1)

2.3. District Legal Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 9-26-26 — RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the district legal counsel for the 26-27 fiscal year.

Attachments: (1)

2.4. Organization Chart

RESOLUTION NO. 9.27-26 — RESOLVED that the Board confirmed the District's organization chart for the 26-27 fiscal year.

The vote passed 6-0, Zac Arndt not in attendance.

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3. REPORTS

A. Superintendent – Superintendent Carroll reported that the school year started well with field trips and nice weather, and staff is worked hard to pull it all together with food service and transportation needs. We received a rewritten/revised CTE grant with Principal Childress' lead. It will fund upgrades to the Culinary Arts program classroom area in the MPB, including electrical work and pony wall for more capabilities for teacher Mr. Shaw. The choir is joining OSAA and participating as a MS/HS district. We are excited for the hire of our new Special Education Director, Amy Green, bringing lots of expertise in SPED, Psychology, and strong at building systems and knowledge in many sizes of schools. Enrollment as of September 15 was 1185. Our committed count to the State is 1200.

B. ASB Representative - Maddie O'Neal reported on Homecoming floats this year that are new to the students. The theme is Monster Mash and Leadership is decorating classroom doors. Over $130 was fundraised with a raffle, movie on the field and a "soak Childress" to pass on to a non-profit group. Sports rankings were given for football, soccer and cross country, with 44 students out for volleyball this fall.

Chair Osborn thanked Maddie for bringing her student voice to the Board.

C. Board Reports – Sis Childs reported on her assessment data for helping kindergarten students with DIBELS testing.

Ben Byers mentioned his wish to pass on his MESD budget committee term, as he has fulfilled his role after four years. Their budget meetings start in April.

Chair Osborn thanked Ben for his service on that committee on behalf of Corbett SD.

Sis Childs is interested in the MESD budget committee.

Chair Osborn invited the Board to do campus visits and will be visiting the campus on Thursday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m. with Superintendent Carroll. If you're available, reach out to coordinate with Ms. Carroll, as it means a lot to have your presence in the buildings. Chair Osborn noted that students and staff are busy, so if attending a meeting, we encourage your presence, but we understand that you are welcome to leave if necessary.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT – none at this meeting.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - Chair Osborn explained agenda format change.

☐ 5.1. Board/Superintendent Working Agreements – goal is to talk through compartments and if needed, bring back to another meeting, or if easier, to do at this meeting on September 16.

Board discussion about area "How the Board engages with the Superintendent and District" and it was suggested to strike "If someone is hired to do something, it is not our job." Suggestion for checking Board policy alignment. Positives for the spirit and tenure of document with no surprises.

"How we Operate and Make Decisions Together" – suggestion to change "We notify the Superintendent before making a site visit in our capacity as board members."

Chair Osborn will make sure connections to policy and then may decide to table the action item

at this meeting on September 16.
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5.2. First Weeks of School Reports
Building Principals – slide presentation in the Board packet.
Kathy Childress, HS Principal, reported a smooth start to the year. Kids are good and teachers understand their profession. There are clubs on September 17 and our senior class is a good one. New staff additions this year with School Psychologist and CMS/CHS Spanish Teacher. The boys' bathroom stalls have doors on them. Home rooms have multi-tiered systems of support in math and English/Language Arts for Freshman and Sophomore, as preparation for doing the PSAT as juniors. Two SAT honorees for the National Merit Scholarship Program in attendance. Jackson Chiu, senior student, suggested students practice more than they think they should to prepare. His plans for after high school are to study engineering or computer science and Lucca Lyon, plans on attending the University of British Columbia.
Brian Lutes, MS Principal, spoke about his building working on MAP testing, an ancient civilization Mesopotamia presentation, and a recent Ecology trip to Eagle Creek to see salmon swimming upstream and journaling and then sharing their writing. During the week of September 21 they will visit Blue Lake Park and test the water pH, phosphates, etc. Thanks to HS Student Representative Maddie O'Neal for her help with engagement in leading cheers with over half of their enrollment (89 athletes) out for fall sports in football, cross country, soccer, etc.
Cassie Duprey, GS Principal, noted the self-portraits and the paper Mache octopus "Marcellus". The guinea pigs have all gone over the rainbow bridge, so parents are encouraged to share their pets. A sixth grade parent meeting had a good turnout. This to help in the roller coaster and balance required of this grade/age group and all of its planned activities ahead.
Sara Brountstein, CAPS Principal, shared self-portrait artwork and photos that capture the curious, kind and creative students there. They celebrate together with K-2 reading buddies. They are also MAP testing, teaching and learning together in math class. The 6^{th}-8^{th} graders are problem-solving longitude and latitude.
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The Board appreciated the sharing of classroom experiences.
5.3. Fiscal Update
Nancy Hall, Interim Business Manager, gave her monthly financial report as attached in the Board packet. The auditors will be onsite for the 2025-26 audit October 19 and 20. The financial reports include July revenues and expenditures and five years of actual past data from ODE along with projections monthly. No Beginning Fund Balance (BFB) yet, until audit is complete. We'll have enrollment projections after October 1.
Board discussion regarding BFB and invoice/late payment status.

Superintendent Carroll and Ms. Hall are hoping for a BFB by November. This will be the Ending Fund Balance (EFB) of 2025-26. Our spending trends are as good as what was reported. Month to month is the best way to present and adjusted through Average Daily Membership (ADM). An experienced business official was hired to catch us up on invoiced expenditure payments.
Board discussion regarding possibility of help with reading reports or a work session, and how to address or analyze the atypical periods in the year as well as the real data when we have it. Overall understandings, meanings, and how they relate with our governing tools would be appreciated for reality versus operational reality and budget season with strategic planning parallels.
Ms. Hall explained the most common reports are spreadsheets. In July we receive two State School Fund (SSF) revenue (RV) payments and none in June. Local tax RV is mostly collected in November. The Common School Fund RV (CSF) is twice per year from ODE. If it shows up, and if not, is adjusted in May. Expenditures (XP) are reported by object and then by function for appropriations. Anomaly of invoices in June 2026. Board discussion on the many different report formats every three to four months, so requesting consistency. A narrative with description of data would be helpful and where to verify in the report.
Ms. Hall suggested an SSF report can be added to see what ODE is paying off the estimates. October's report will include the first quarter of the year, July, August, and September. A budget goal/review would be educational if needed in the winter.
Superintendent Carroll added that the High Cost Disability also affects the May SSF payment.
Superintendent Carroll and Chair Osborn could discuss how to bring in the budget committee.
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5.4. Policy Updates (First Read)
Superintendent Carroll explained that there is more policy to bring forward to catch up, and this round is mostly pertaining to board governance and 2025-2026 legislative passage. If there are questions, please let us know.
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5.5. Integrated Programs Report 2025-2026
Marleen Carroll, Superintendent – This program includes grants funded through the State of Oregon like the High School Success (HSS) under Measure 98, as explained in the Board packet summary along with a slide show. It is a requirement that we report yearly and have a bucket of longitudinal performance growth targets in order to meet outcome requirements to receive those grant funds. We have chosen attendance, early literacy using DIBELS as a diagnostic tool, and third-grade reading scores and academic growth, as they can be measured by all students combined and then thinned depending on student focal categories. This included maintaining counselors, targeting instruction,

even though budget cuts, and partnering with parents. The data from the State is shared and will be posted to the website.
Board discussion.
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5.6. SB 141: Statewide Accountability and Continuous Improvement – Superintendent Carroll explained that added some more performance and accountability measurements that we haven't seen since NCLB and AYP, and less punitive funding. See the summary in the Board packet. Academic growth with MAP testing and training and support through MESD. The State continuum might fund coaching or give us a coach if we do not meet adequate growth.
Board questions and discussion regarding fiscal impact, regular attendance and goal to close the gap.
Ms. Carroll explained 90% is regular attendance.
Ms. Hall added that changes to the Program Budgeting and Accounting Manual (PBAM) and legislation will impact tracking financials to this reporting.
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6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1. Policy Update *(Second Read) Adoption*
Board discussion on reports occurring in Oregon.
Superintendent Carroll that she has heard of reports on school properties.
Ben Byers moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. 9.28-26 — RESOLVED that the Board did a second read and adopted Board Policy KNA - Immigration Enforcement on District Property.
The vote of the Board was 6-1; Dylan Rickert voting no.
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6.1.a. Recode current KNA to KNAA
Ben Byers moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. 9.29-26 — RESOLVED that the Board did a first and second reading to readopt and recode our current policy KNA -Sexual Offenders on Campus policy to policy KNAA.
https://policy.osba.org/corbett/KL/KNA%20D1.PDF
Board discussion regarding strengthening our reporting by reviewing disciplinary action of those we hire.
The vote of the Board was 7-0.
6.2. Board/Superintendent Working Agreements
David Osborn moved to table until the October Board meeting and it was seconded.
RESOLUTION NO.9.30-26 — RESOLVED that the Board approve the Board/Superintendent Working Agreements.
The vote of the Board was 7-0 to table the motion.
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6.3. Board/Superintendent Shared Goals
Sis Childs moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. 9.31-26 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the Board/ Superintendent Shared Goals.
Board discussion and feedback for more measurable and time-bound goals, given the past couple of years and emergence of how we are getting better or on track, and to help us all to be more accountable. Perhaps at least one action step on goals with supplemental instructional practices per year and integrating these measurements into the evaluation and possibly for future strategic planning. Noted also was that goals are intended for the current academic year and should be established at the beginning of the year rather than mid-year.
The vote of the Board was 7-0.
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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
David Osborn, Chair, read aloud:
See School Calendar for upcoming events https://corbett.k12.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2026-27-District-Calendar-v2.pdf
Thursday, September 24, 2026 — OSBA Regional Dinner/Meeting, Sheraton Portland Airport, Doors open at 5:00, Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6;15 p.m., Meeting 6:30 p.m.— see Robin to sign up
80th Annual Convention November 12-14, 2026 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. - see Robin to sign up
Ms. Windust also mentioned was the all alumni football game is October 2, 2026.
8. ADJOURNMENT –The Board adjourned at 9:08 p.m.