CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format
Board and key staff at CSD District Office
Guests attended in person and via the Zoom App
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

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

Absent members were: none

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
Marin Miller	Director of Human Resources
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Dr. Alexa Pearson	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Mohring***
   Chair Mohring called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

   1. ***Approval of October 14, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda***
      Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Shields 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 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes***
      Director Shields moved to approve the September 23rd minutes as presented. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT - *Chair Mohring***
   Chair Mohring provided a statement outlining the guidelines for public testimony.
   Anglea Dickey and Haley Wildirt provided public comment.

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5. REPORTS

1. ***Student Representative Report*** *- CHS Students, Easton Hopkins and Alex Downing*
   They reported on the following:
   1. Homecoming events
   2. Hispanic Heritage events
   3. CHS Clubs
   4. Fall sports updates
   5. CHS Theatre program of Pride and Prejudice
   6. Request of changes to honors diploma and Advance Placement classes specifically for freshman

   Board members commented on the report and asked specific questions about the presented topics.

2. ***Superintendent Report*** *- James Owens, Superintendent*
   Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:
   - National Principals Month
   - National School Lunch Week
   - National School Bus Safety Week
   - District Office Art Display from Pleasant Valley
   - Secondary School Reports to the Board
   - October 9th Professional Development Day
   - Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Event
   - Long Range Facilities Planning Community Forum
   - Budget Committee Vacancies

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Newman moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. ***Site Council Minutes***
2. ***Miscellaneous Items***
3. ***Financial Statements***
   1. *August 2026 Financial Statement*
4. ***Enrollment Reports***
   1. *Class Size Analysis*
   2. *Student Count*
5. ***Human Resources***
   1. *Approve Employment of Licensed Staff*
   2. *Approve Retirement of Licensed Staff*
6. ***Business/Operations***
7. ***Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)***
8. ***Student Services***
9. ***Student Travel***

Chair Mohring called for a break at 7:09 pm; reconvening the meeting at 7:19 pm.

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - *Chair Mohring*

1. ***OLD BUSINESS***
   1. ***Board Governance***
      1. ***Operating Agreement***

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Chair Mohring noted that, since reviewing the Board Development Plan and agreeing to focus on community engagement, it was appropriate to revisit the agreements. The group agreed and silently reviewed each agreement.

1. ***2026 Board Operating Agreement***
   Board Members reviewed the Board Operating Agreement and made some minor revisions. Director Shields moved to approve the agreement as edited. Vice Chair Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ***2026 Board Superintendent Operating Agreement***
   Director Hardin moved to approve the Board Superintendent Operating Agreement as presented. Director Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the frequency of reviewing its operating agreements, with members considering both annual reviews or only when goals change or new members join the Board. Vice Chair Solowski moved to review the agreements annually. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ***Legislative Session Advocacy Discussion***

   The Board discussed priorities and topics for the upcoming legislative session, emphasizing the importance of ensuring that future discussions and advocacy efforts reflect the Board's key concerns. Members discussed the possibility of inviting Lisa Merrick to an upcoming meeting to provide a legislative preview and an opportunity to discuss bills, emerging issues, and topics of importance to the Board. Priorities identified included: state funding and funding formulas, special education caps, accurate student weighting, public transportation, school facilities, equity among districts, and the need for additional funding to accompany new requirements.

   Members also discussed the impacts of instructional minutes, academic standards, assessments, screen time, and technology use in schools, as well as maintaining the quality of education. Additional discussion focused on understanding the legislative process, the potential impacts on East County, aligning Board priorities with Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) priorities, and opportunities to engage in advocacy earlier in the legislative cycle.

   The Board was also informed of the K-12 Advocacy Day scheduled for Thursday, March 18th, and members were encouraged to coordinate with partner associations regarding participation.

2. ***NEW BUSINESS***

Chair Mohring provided summary documents and guiding questions for all 11 policies. The Board reviewed the materials and discussed the recommended direction and next steps for each policy. Superintendent Owens provided an overview of the policy development and approval process.

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1. *First Read of AR (with option to adopt) - GCBDA/GDBDA - Family and Medical Leave Marin Miller*
   Mr. Miller provided an overview of the changes to this AR. He said he is presenting this for awareness as it does not need Board action. Board members made suggested changes and asked that he bring it back for a second read.

2. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BBAA - Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities- James Owens*
   Director Hardin moved to approve policy BBAA with any necessary grammatical changes. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BBE - Vacancies on the Board- James Owens*
   Director Hardin moved to approve policy BBE with any necessary grammatical changes. Vice Chair Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BCB - Board Officers- James Owens*
   Vice Chair Solowski moved to not adopt policy BCB as presented and keep with our current policy. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ayes, zero nays and one abstention (Director Standly had stepped away).

5. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BCE - Board Committees- James Owens*
   Director Hardin moved to approve policy BCE as presented. Vice Chair Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BCF- Advisory Committees to the Board- James Owens*
   Director Hardin moved to delete policy BCF as recommended. Director Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BD - Board Meetings - James Owens*
   The group decided to table this policy and bring it back at a later date.

8. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BDC - Executive Sessions- James Owens*
   Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve policy BDC with any grammatical corrections, if needed. Director Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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9. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BDD - Board Meeting Procedures- James Owens*
   Director Newman moved to approve policy BDD with any necessary grammatical changes. Director Shields seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BDDC - Board Meeting Agenda- James Owens*
    Superintendent Owens provided an overview of the suggested changes to this policy. The Board deliberated in great length around the number of hours in advance Board materials should be posted. Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve the policy as presented. Director Linn amended the motion for posting requirement to be 72 hours (rather than 48 hours). Vice Chair Solowski accepted the amendment and Director Linn seconded the amended motion. By hand vote the motion carried with five aye votes and two members opposing (Director Shields and Director Standley).

11. *First Read of Policy - (with option to adopt) BDDG -Minutes of Board Meetings- James Owens*
    Vice Chair Solowski moved to approve policy BDDG with any grammatical corrections, if needed. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *Chair Mohring*

Superintendent Owens mentioned a number of items that will be included at next month's Board meetings, including:

- Upcoming work session is a virtual meeting
- Division 22 Report
- Legislative Session Update report with Lisa Merrick
- Superintendent evaluation components
- Financial Statement Review from Director Southerton
- Budget Committee applicant interviews
- Policies

The Board discussed the OSEA bargaining schedule, which has not yet been developed, and was informed that leadership is discussing next steps and will provide additional information at a future meeting. Members also discussed concerns regarding the loss of athletic participation opportunities following the forfeiture of the remaining varsity football games and potential alternatives for students. Additionally, members requested an update on the screen time report and best practices for age-appropriate technology use and were encouraged to attend Friday night's game to show support for the senior football players.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mohring adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

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