



**FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J**  
School Board Meeting Minutes

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**WORK SESSION of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD**

**November 17, 2025**

**Zoom Webinar & In-Person Meeting**  
88834 Territorial Rd.  
Elmira, Or 97437

**CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1):** The work session of the Fern Ridge School Board was called to order by Chair Grover at 5:31pm.

In attendance were Directors Kathleen Pizzola, WC Grover, Brian Kirkpatrick and Superintendent Gary Carpenter. Mark Gent attended via Zoom and conference call. Lisa McCann arrived at 5:37pm.

We have a shared vision in the Fern Ridge School District: Provide excellence for every student so that each will reach their greatest potential.

Thank you to the members of the public who have joined us. As a reminder, School Board meetings and work sessions are meetings of the Board held in public, providing an opportunity to observe the Board's discussion and actions.

In an effort to conduct official Board business, we ask that the audience be respectful and refrain from questions, comments, and unnecessary noise while the Board conducts the meeting. Also, please note that all Board meetings are live streamed and posted on the School Board area of the website.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 2):**

**2. A. OSBA Election Ballot:** Chair Grover opened the floor for motions to support candidates.

Director Pizzola made a motion that the Fern Ridge School Board support Adrian Pollut for the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee, position number 6. There was no second and the motion failed.

Director Gent made a motion for Judy Newman, seconded by Chair Grover. There was no discussion. The motion fails with Director Gent and Grover voting yes, Director Pizzola voting no, and Director Kirkpatrick abstaining. 2-1-1. There was a time of discussion that the question will be asked of OSBA if it has to be three votes to pass a motion or just the majority of those present.

Chair Grover made a motion to support Nichole DeGraff for Board of Directors, position number 6, seconded by Director Pizzola. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Gent, Kirkpatrick, Pizzola, Grover and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

**2. B. Board Stipends:** The board discussed whether or not to move forward with implementing

board stipends.

**2. C. K-2 / 3-5 Model:** Superintendent Carpenter presented slides to illustrate the pros, cons and logistics of the two elementary schools going into this reconfiguration for the next school year. There was a time of discussion.

**2. D. Superintendent Evaluation Process:** As the board had passed the designated time for the work session, it was decided to move this item to item 10: Late Items/Closing Comments/Board Involvement of the regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 3):** The work session was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Board Representative

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Gary E. Carpenter, Jr., Superintendent