



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Virtual Meeting Format

All participants attended via the Zoom App

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Work Session Meeting at 6:30 pm

Executive Session at ~ 9:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - At Large
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2

Absent members were: David Linn and Michael Newman

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Shields

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

1. Approval of January 28th, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

Director Standley moved to approve the agenda with flexibility. Director Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. Centennial High School Assistant Principal (Temporary) - Mark Martens

Superintendent Owens introduced Mark Martens, the new temporary CHS Assistant Principal and provided a brief overview of his experience. Mr. Martens expressed his excitement about being part of the team and the work he is doing at CHS.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of January 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Director Solowski moved to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes as presented. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

5. REPORTS

1. Roadmap '27 First Trimester Report - Dr. Tasha Katsuda, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Katsuda provided a presentation on the Roadmap '27 First Trimester Report, outlining Centennial School District's progress toward its five strategic goals for the 2025–26 school year. The presentation highlighted student achievement data from fall assessments, student perceptions of safety, belonging, engagement, and voice, as well as attendance and graduation readiness indicators. Key actions include strengthening Professional Learning Communities, implementing structured literacy, advancing culturally responsive practices, and refining Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. The presentation also outlined next steps focused on improving instructional consistency, data literacy, equity-based practices, and preparing students for postsecondary success, with additional graduation data to be reported following state validation.

Board members engaged in conversation and asked clarifying questions regarding the data and next steps.

2. 2020 Capital Bond Financing Update - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations and David Williams, Piper Sandler

Director Southerton introduced David Williams from Piper Sandler to review the District's 2020 General Obligation Bonds and repayment considerations. Mr. Williams' presentation outlined possible refinancing options for the existing General Obligation debt to accelerate repayment, improve cash flow, and reduce long-term interest costs. Historical interest rates, property values, and the District's current debt position were reviewed.

Board Member questions focused on payment impacts, refinancing risks, taxpayer considerations, and timing. Director Southerton shared that refinancing the bonds could save approximately \$2.8 million in interest while maintaining the previously communicated \$1.19 tax levy. He reviewed timeline considerations, highlighting that Board direction would be needed by late February or early March to avoid a mill rate drop and allow required filings with county offices. It was also noted that a mill rate drop could make future bond approvals more difficult given anticipated facility needs.

3. Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- Profile of a Centennial Graduate Pilot Leader Work Session (*second of five*)
- Pre-Session Legislative Breakfast Briefing; January 29, 2026
- MESD Lobby Day; February 13, 2026
- Visit to Amazon Robotics Facility in Troutdale
- Facilities Team Recognition - Gresham Fire Department Community Award

Chair Shields called for a break at 8:19 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:30 pm.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

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

- 1. Site Council Minutes**
- 2. Miscellaneous Items**
- 3. Financial Statements**
- 4. Enrollment Reports**
- 5. Human Resources**
 - 1. Approval Resignation of Licensed Staff Member(s)**
- 6. Business/Operations**
- 7. Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)**
- 8. Student Services**
- 9. Student Travel**

1. *CHS Key Club District Convention*
2. *OASC Spring Leadership Conference Trip 2026*

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Policy Committee - *Pam Shields, Chair*
Chair Shields provided an overview of the Superintendent's policy committee as discussed during the last meeting. She reviewed the list of identified policies, facilitator responsibilities, timelines and process. She explained a District administrator was added to each group. Following committee review; recommendations should be brought to the Superintendent and Board Leadership before returning to the full Board for adoption.

2. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Read of Policies IIA (and ARs) - Instructional Materials- *April Olson, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*
Chair Shields reminded the group proposed policy and AR are presented as first read.

Superintendent Owens explained this policy and AR (Instructional Materials) were presented last spring and since that time there has been further suggested revisions from OSBA. Director Olson walked the group through the detailed changes in both the policy and six Administrative Rules that accompany; highlighting specifically who selects materials, where reconsiderations are directed, who makes the decisions on reconsiderations and appeals.

Director Olson answered Board Member questions and a group discussion ensued, specifically around members of the reconsideration committee.

2. First Read of Policies JOA - Directory Information- *James Owens, Superintendent*
Superintendent Owens provided the group with an overview of the suggested changes to policy JOA - Directory Information. He explained the changes were recommended due to the State Board of Education making changes to education records. He highlighted the deletion of grade level in the policy and how this can be addressed with permission slips as needed. Board members did not have any questions and agreed to put this item in confirmation items for the next meeting.

3. First Read of Policies JFG AR- Student Searches- *Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations*
Director Southerton shared the proposed changes to JFG AR - Student Searches. He explained updating this AR aligns with current practice and is more student centered. He highlighted the suggested changes and Board members engaged in a discussion. They provided feedback to include language to whom the student is comfortable with, offering them a choice when a search needs to take place. Director Southerton indicated that he can make the suggested changes and return back to the Board for second read at the next meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *James Owens, Superintendent*

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

- Executive session before and after next week's regular business meeting

- Black History Month
- Meadows Elementary School Report
- Facility Planning report with DLR Group
- MESD Local Service Plan
- CHS Student Recognitions
- Student Transfer Process Report and Recommendations for 2026-27
- Second Read of Policies

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shields adjourned the regular business meeting at 9:38pm and stated the Board would be going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) and ORS 192.660 (2)(k) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school.

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 9:40 pm. Attendees include: Chair Shields, Vice Chair Mohring, Director Solowski, Director Standley and Director Hardin.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Southerton, Director Wright, Mr. Miller, Ms. Andregg and Ms. Grindle were also present.

The group discussed and deliberated on upcoming labor negotiation matters.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 10:29 pm.