

# Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2025

The Board of Directors meeting on May 14, 2025, covered several key updates and decisions. Director Walper praised Deep Creek Learning Academy, while Director Behrman highlighted graduation preparations and a new podcast. Director Berman thanked staff for ongoing communication. Superintendent Ryan reported on high school performing arts successes and the May break's importance. The finance report showed \$2.8 million in April revenues, \$3.3 million in expenditures, and a projected \$6.2 million ending fund balance. The board approved a \$167,604 contract for the Director of Finance, Scott Pillar. They also voted to reconfigure schools starting in 2026-2027, consolidating grade levels to address space issues.

Directors Present: Director Walper, Director Behrman, Director Johnston and VC Riedel. Also present: Superintendent Carpenter, Senior Accountant Tanner Simmons and Board Secretary Denise Pemberton.

## Action Items

- Finalize the details and logistics of the 7-12 school structure to ensure appropriate separation between grade levels.
- Provide frequent updates and engage the community throughout the 14-month planning process for the reconfiguration.
- Conduct an RFP process to potentially change the district's auditor.
- Director Behrman approves the Director of Finance contract, seconded by Director Walper. Motion Carries. 4-0

## Outline

### Roll Call and Agenda Approval

- VC Riedel calls the Board of Directors meeting for May 14, 2025, to order.
- Ryan Carpenter confirms readiness.
- Superintendent Carpenter leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll call is conducted ,confirming the presence of a quorum
- VC Riedel asks for a motion to approve the agenda.
- Director Johnston moves to approve the agenda, which is seconded by Director Behrman and carried 4-0

### Director Reports

- Director Walker thanks Superintendent Ryan for taking him to Deep Creek Learning Academy and encourages others to visit.
- Director Behrman discusses a busy month, including graduation, FFA plant sale, and a new podcast series.
- Director Behrman highlights the success of the Track and Field senior night and the splash pad ribbon cutting.
- Director Johnston thanks staff for ongoing communication and progress reports, noting the importance of standards for middle schoolers.
- VC Riedel discusses the success of high school performing arts, including state choir and jazz band placements, and the International Theater Arts competition.

## **District Reports: Communications and Operations**

- Maggie Kelly provides updates on communications, including quarterly mailers, graduation preparation, and the results rollout presentation.
- Maggie Kelly celebrates the improvement in the parent experience survey score from 3.8 to 4.01.
- SDani Randall discusses community engagement opportunities, including kindergarten connection events and summer park series events.
- Lori Dyson provides updates on technology, including new cameras in the high school cafeteria, Chromebook donations, and seismic upgrades.
- Lori Dyson also discusses transportation updates, including the delivery of a new bus and the installation of two-way radios.

## **Finance and Accountability Report**

- Tanner Simmons presents the finance report, highlighting revenues of \$2.8 million in April and \$45.4 million year-to-date.
- Expenditures for April were \$3.3 million, with a year-to-date total of \$33.7 million.
- The projected ending fund balance is \$6.2 million.
- Tanner Simmons discusses the reconciliation of payments with Summit Learning Charter and the progress on the Community Eligibility Provision application.
- Tanner Simmons mentions the engagement with Clear Trail CPAs for the interim audit and the slowing down of purchasing to prepare for the next fiscal year.

## **Superintendent's Report**

- Ryan Carpenter thanks the board and executive directors for their community engagement and visibility.
- Superintendent Carpenter explains the purpose of the May break, emphasizing its importance in reducing fatigue and burnout among staff.
- Superintendent Carpenter discusses the \$2.4 million seismic grant project and the closure of the high school main gymnasium.

- Superintendent Carpenter provides updates on contract negotiations with the teachers' union and the board's upcoming decision on school reconfiguration.
- Superintendent Carpenter highlights the success of the podcast and the display of a student's art in Washington, DC.

## **School Reconfiguration Discussion**

- Jennifer Behrman provides a recap of the growth and capacity community meeting, outlining the final recommendation for school reconfiguration.
- The recommended option is to create a K2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-12 school configuration, with seventh and eighth graders moving to the high school.
- Jennifer Behrman mentions the positive feedback received from the community, including suggestions for a bond to address long-term growth and capacity issues.
- Jennifer Behrman and Superintendent Carpenter discuss the benefits of the recommended option, including the separation of grade levels and the convenience of having all teachers in the same building.
- The board votes to approve the recommended option for school reconfiguration, with a commitment to ongoing communication and planning. Director Behrman motions to approve option #1 of the school reconfiguration, seconded by Director Johnston. Motion carries. 4-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm