

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on February 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, Principal DeAnna Williams, Business Manager Tara Garratt and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Griffith. Staff present on-line was DWS Principal Lisa Wendel. IT Director Rusty Raymond recorded the meeting.

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors
- 1.3 Swear-In Student Representative MJ Lewis: MJ Lewis was sworn in by Superintendent Miller.

#### 2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

Item 7.1 Old Business Request to establish Turning Point USA club chapter was moved to Item 4, to be discussed prior to public input.

#### 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes, January 26, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Minutes, January 12, 2026 Work Session
- 3.3 Accept Resignation, Rachelle Lamon (Second Grade Teacher)

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 School Club Approval – Club America/Turning Point USA

Aaron Miller stated that, according to district policy, he would be taking the decision of club approval or denial out of the board's hands. It appears we missed a step in the approval process; Aaron was to approve or deny the club charter and then pass it on to the board. The club charter paperwork was incomplete. Aaron stated he was denying club approval at this time. He commended students Brianna Huggins and Solomon Feliciano for their eloquent presentation at the January board meeting, and encouraged them to seek approval of the club on their own. Aaron stated there were too many factors of the request that go against district policy.

#### 5.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Nineteen people signed up for public comment. Korinn Hockett pointed out that each visitor is allowed three minutes, which would result in 57 minutes of public comment. The board chair has discretion to limit overall time. Korinn asked board members to decide if a time limit should be placed on overall public comment.

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to allow all 19 visitors to speak. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Visitors signed up for public input regarding Item 4.1 School Club Approval: Club America/Turning Point USA. The board recognized the following visitors: Joshua Huggins, Kelly Fleming, Mark Brenner, Joe Culley, Marie Chastain, Bret Cecil, Nick Diemer, Cherie Amason, Mary Wahl, Eric Carter, Caroline

Roberts, Gary Doran, Diana Larson, Joy May, Aimee Munford, Lena Hawthorne, Abby Bradbury, Becky Harrison and Steven Dahl. Joshua Huggins initially declined to comment, but returned. Kelly Fleming declined to comment based on the decision made on Item 4.1. There was a mix of arguments both for and against club approval. Board meetings are recorded on YouTube; specific comments are available on line. The board thanked all visitors for their input.

#### Educational Spotlight: Amanda Carlton

Teacher Amanda Carlton highlighted the PHS Journalism program. PHS publishes a newspaper, "The Jolly Roger", regularly. Amanda introduced students Ashton Wood (editor) and Skyla Larson (assistant editor). Amanda noted that at the recent Fall Media Day, Ashton Wood won the newswriting contest. Every student in the PHS journalism class placed or got honorable mention in the competition of over 1,200 students. Ashton recently conducted an interview with Senator Merkley, and has since been asked by a Brookings news outlet to work with them.

## 6.0 REPORTS

### 6.1 Student Representative Report

Mary Jane (M.J.) Lewis said club activity was going strong. The Drama Club has a performance scheduled May 15-16. Basketball has wrapped up its season. The Speech and Debate club participated in the Rotary competition and the club placed first, second and third.

### 6.2 Superintendent Report

Aaron Miller's report was distributed in the meeting. Aaron stated the anticipated 5% state budget cuts will not happen; most likely 2%.

### 6.3 PHS Principal Report

DeAnna Williams' report is in the board materials. Some Nubian goats and a bearded dragon have been adopted by the Horticulture class. Students are selecting the on-line classes that were approved at the last board meeting.

### 6.4 DWS Principal Report

Lisa Wendel's report is included in the meeting materials. The DWS team that was scheduled to visit Cornelius school Early Success Academy all fell ill. The trip was postponed and instead the team will visit Yoncalla, which is more comparable to our district

### 6.5 Transportation and Maintenance Report

Chad Berry's report is included in the meeting materials.

### 6.6 Technology Report

Rusty Raymond reported the Connected Seniors program was going well. There are five open spots available. The purpose of the program is to allow high school students to help senior citizens improve their computer skills. The program is set up at the Port Orford library.

## 6.7 Financial Report

Tara Garratt's report is included in the meeting materials. It now includes an Appropriations Report. Carol Hacherl thanked Tara for the additional information.

## 7.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Out of State Travel Request - Volleyball Team, Ashley Moore

Coach Ashley Moore is requesting permission for the Varsity Volleyball team to attend a tournament in Oahu, Hawaii. This has been approved by Aaron Miller, Ben Stallard, and DeAnna Williams. The trip is five days and four nights. It includes an historical immersion tour, (WWII memorial site), and a cultural night. The team will be fund-raising to pay for the trip. A deposit of 25% down is due six to eight weeks before the tournament. Therefore fund raising must begin soon.

Angel Ashdown moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to approve the Volleyball Team trip to Hawaii. Judy Miles asked if all insurance requirements had been met. Aaron replied that they had. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### 7.2 Licensed Staffing Recommendations

Aaron Miller stated there is a March 15 deadline to notify licensed staff of renewal or non-renewal of their contracts. Lists of licensed staffing renewal recommendations for Pacific High and Driftwood School are in the board materials. There are no non-renewals this year.

Judy Miles moved and Bob Brown seconded to approve the renewals as presented in the board materials. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### 7.3 Administrative Staffing Recommendations

The list of administrative staffing renewal recommendations is in the board materials. There are no non-renewals this year.

Carol Hacherl moved and Judy Miles seconded to approve the renewals as presented in the board materials. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## 8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

### 8.1 School Board Timeline Review and Calendar

The timeline was reviewed. Superintendent evaluation materials will be distributed.

## 9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

## 10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Korinn Hockett attended the Bonds and Ballots conference. A hard copy of meeting handouts is with Stephanie Griffith. Carol Hacherl stated the conference was very informative. There is 90-page Bond Manual on the OSBA website. Korinn noted the timeline needs correction - budget meetings will be at 5:00 pm. Carol will correct the timeline. April 6 at 5:00 is superintendent evaluation. SEI filing is due April 15. There are no board members up for re-election this year. Judy Miles and Korinn Hockett thanked the visitors for attending the meeting. Aaron asked the board to come with ideas for the next board meeting about how they want to recognize accomplishments and community involvement.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Policy Review Project
- Board recognition of community involvement (Angel Ashdown will bring thank you cards)

14.0 Executive Session

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bob Brown moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Korinn Hockett adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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Korinn Hockett  
Board Chair

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Aaron Miller  
Superintendent/Clerk