



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

February 13, 2025

I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office VIRTUAL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Amy McNeil called the business meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending virtually included: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Mark Lucht, Linda Eskridge, and Neal Lucht. Absent: Student Rep Madison Talarico

MRS D Administrators present virtually: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Director of Human Resources, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Dr. David Atherton/Principal Molalla High School, Amy Chapin/Associate Principal Molalla High School, Mike Lord/Associate Principal, Athletic Director Molalla High School, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School, Kerri Tatum/Associate Principal Molalla River Middle School, Larry Conley/Principal Rural Dell Elementary, Cathy Mitchell/Principal at Mulino Elementary, Christy Newman/Principal at Clarkes, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There was none.

C. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Talarico was absent. She sent her report via video, which was sent to the Board members to view. She gave an update on Share the Love events going on the month of February.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda – January Meeting minutes, personnel report

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vice Chair Loughridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

2. Recommendation for Approval – Budget Committee vacancies

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to approve the press release for the budget committee vacancies. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Recommendation for Approval – MHS/Colton HS Cooperative Agreement

Chair McNeil, Dr. Mann, and Mr. Mike Lord gave background information on the request from Colton High School to form a cooperative for the upcoming track season. Mr. Lord stated there would be 6-8 athletes from Colton joining Molalla for track and field this year, and it would not be a significant cost to Molalla River School District. There was discussion about liability coverage. Vice Chair Loughridge made a motion to accept the cooperative agreement as

presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was discussion about OSAA. The motion passed unanimously with a hand vote.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. *Communications Update*

Ms. Andrea Watson updated the Board on Mr. Randy Dalton winning the Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year award, and the team is working on his submission for the National Award. She discussed the upcoming design open house for the community at the Molalla River Middle School on February 11. She recapped the Bond Oversight Committee meeting on February 4. She also stated inclement weather notification processes have been updated and the new communications tool Rooms was launched as a pilot at the High School.

2. *Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report*

Mr. Tony Tiano stated heat is running as planned in all buildings, including both boilers at the middle school. He stated the District should be notified in May of the potential seismic grant for Mulino. There was discussion about the facilities budget and where it stands at this point in the year.

3. *Financial Review*

Mr. Andy Campbell reviewed the finance report for this month and stated the 25-26 fiscal year budget prep is underway. There is no update to the State School Fund yet, he expects an estimate from ODE in early March. He also gave an update to the projected PERS rate increases and has completed the analysis for the 25-26 budget. He will share more at the March business meeting. There was discussion about the District renewing the bonds that help offset PERS costs. The bonds expire in 2027. There was also discussion about the District's reserve.

4. *Teaching and Learning Report*

a. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Ms. Tamara Jackson asked if there were any questions about the report and stated the K-12 science adoption is underway. There was discussion about the committee and the proposed curriculum, and when that will be available for the public to view. The Board asked Ms. Jackson about high dosage tutoring for K-5 and if there is a similar system at the secondary schools. Ms. Jackson is checking with principals for specific details.

b. Student Services

Dr. Robin Shobe asked if there were any questions about the report. There was discussion about outside placement enrollment numbers and open staff positions. There was also discussion about potential legislative updates on specific special education bills.

5. *Turf Update*

Dr. Mann and Mr. Mike Lord recapped previous discussions on the potential artificial turf installation at Heckard Field. They reviewed the timeline and discussed funding opportunities. Dr. Mann stated the District has set aside \$1m towards the project, and asked the Board to approve a resolution to empower administrators like Mr. Lord to go forward and gain financial support from the community. Ms. Eskridge made a motion to approve Resolution 2024.2025.006. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was discussion on the District not

spending any more than the already allocated \$1m. Ms. Eskridge read the resolution out loud. There was no further discussion and the motion passed via a hand vote.

6. Elementary Capacity Study Update

Dr. Mann recapped the process for the elementary capacity study by Flo Analytics and when we should expect the results. He thanked Ms. Nelzen for compiling the data for the 7 year look at student enrollment. There was discussion about Molalla Elementary and Rural Dell specifically having challenges in facility space with high enrollment numbers. There was also discussion about a time frame to make any changes like adding modular classrooms or boundary changes.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann discussed the conservative financial approach and reserve the District has traditionally had, and the prudent stewardship of funds has keep the District from having to lay off employees. He gave an update to the District Swim meet in Madras scheduled for the weekend. Due to inclement weather here and over in Madras, the administrative team will watch the weather and decide before Saturday on the high school swim team's attendance. He stated he will be attending the Oregon State FFA Convention on March 20-21 and will see Molalla Alumni Dale Nelzen, who is currently state FFA President, give the final speech of his year long term of office.

G. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings thanked everyone for their well wishes. Mr. Mark Lucht thanked Dr. Mann, Ms. Jackson, and Dr. Shobe for the conversation last week and asked board leadership to request scorecard milestones to be published for the board. Ms. Eskridge wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day and well wishes to Mr. Cummings. Vice Chair Loughridge reminded everyone of the rescheduled Clarkes Grange Share the Love fundraiser, it is now February 17 from 4-7pm. Chair McNeil thanked the administrative team for making hard decisions when it comes to inclement weather.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 25th policy committee meeting at 5:30pm at the District Office
- February 27th work session at 7pm at the District Office
- March 13th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office

I. ADJOURN

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with a hand vote at 8:09pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary