



Alsea School Board Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025
6:00 PM
Alsea School Staff Room

Alsea School District 7J
301 South 3rd Street
Alsea, OR 97324
(541) 487-4305

Board Members Present: Risteen Follett, Jamie Olsen, George Laiblin, Russ Ceperich, Soren Rounds
Board Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Stacy Knudson, Lora Nickle
Present Online: Joe Harris, additional staff and patrons joined the meeting online.

1. Call to Order – 6:00 PM

- a. Flag Salute
- b. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as presented.

2. Consent Agenda -

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. August 11, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting
Jamie Olsen would like to have her request for the edit on July 22, 2025 minutes to be placed directly under the requested area instead of at the end of the Consent Agenda list to avoid confusion.
 - ii. August 28, 2025 - Urgent School Board Meeting
- b. Hire:
 - i. Josh Cleveland - Bus Driver / Kitchen Assistant
 - ii. Dwain Price - Bus Driver
- c. Monthly Financial Checklist - August 2025
Soren Rounds approved the consent agenda with the requested edits to August 11, 2025 minutes. Russ Ceperich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Patron Comments: None

4. Reports

- a. Superintendent and K-12 Principal Reports
Stacy Knudson presented her report to the Board. The documents are available online.
 - i. Enrollment Report
Lora Nickle updated the Board on the enrollment numbers as of September 1, 2025. At that time our total enrollment was 230. Don Staehely wanted to let the Board know that even though this is lower than in previous years the 2025-26 budget was for enrollment of 225.
- b. Athletics and Activities
Joe Harris was present online to present his report to the Board. The document is available online.
- c. Business Manager Report
Stacy Knudson let the Board know that Don Staehely could not be present for tonight's meeting. She let the Board know that if they have any questions or concerns they could ask her or please email Don.
- d. Seismic Report
Chris and Nancy Giggy presented their report to the Board. The documents are available online. This will be their last report to the Board as the Bond and Seismic upgrade (phase 1) has been completed.
- e. Safety Committee Report
Lora Nickle presented her report to the Board. She stated that due to the construction the



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Committee has not held a Safety Committee meeting for this year. She did let them know that our playground was inspected by our WHA risk manager and the recommended addition of bark chips.

5. **New Business – None**

6. **Old Business -**

7. **First Reading *(Shaded words are new/strikethroughs are deleted)**

- a. JFCEB - Personal Electronic Devices
- b. JFCEB-AR - Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exception
The Board discussed at length recommending preferred language and edits.

8. **Second Reading**

- a. GBC - Staff Ethics
The Board discussed. Jamie Olsen motioned to adopt policy GBC - Staff Ethics with recommended formatting modifications and grammar correction. Soren Rounds seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- b. GBC-AR - Staff Ethics
Stacy Knudson spoke to the Board about the attorney recommendations. The Board discussed. Jamie Olsen motioned to approve GBC-AR as presented. Russ Ceperich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Board Comments -**

Russ Ceperich thanked Stacy Knudson for the heavy lifting she has done since stepping into the Interim Superintendent position.

10. **Future Agenda Items –**

Risteen Follett recommends holding an Executive Session before the October Board Meeting to do a check-in with Stacy Knudson. She would also like to add under New Business in October the next steps in hiring a Superintendent.

11. **Key Dates**

- September 8 - First day of school for students
- September 8 - Regular School Board Meeting
- September 9 - MS Fall sports pictures
- September 10 - Picture Day
- September 10 – Open House, 5:30-7:00 PM
- September 11 – Strategic Planning Meeting, 4:15-6:00 PM
- September 23 – School Board Work Session, 6:00 PM
- October 1 – Vision Screening
- October 8 – Picture Retakes
- October 13 – Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM

12. **Adjournment – 7:03 PM**