

MINUTES
Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors
WORK SESSION

June 3, 2025

8:00 am | Board Room and Virtual | 107 NE 10th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Present: Patrick Gregg, Chair
Beth Harrison, Vice-Chair
Ryan Lehnert
Jill Pace
Mason Murphy
Anne Keeler
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services (arrived at 8:39 a.m.)
Kevin Dinning, Director of Human Resources
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary
Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs

Absent: Position 4 Vacant
Kevin Headings, Superintendent (with prior notice)

The meeting was in person and offered virtually.

1. Opening and Call to Order *Board Chair*

Chair Gregg welcomed everyone and called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Meeting Audio/Video Recorded

Chair Gregg stated that this meeting is being audio and video recorded.

2. End-of-Year Reports – Washington/McKay/Sherwood Principals

Due to incorrect communication, Sherwood Elementary, Sunridge Middle School, and Pendleton High School are presenting their end-of-year reports today. Washington and McKay Elementary will present at the June 9, 2025 regular board meeting along with the PELC.

Principal TJ Presley from Sherwood Elementary reported on Goal 1: Pursuit of Instructional Excellence. He reviewed Fall vs Spring Reading and Math scores. The growth is primarily due to Staff Focus, MTSS Screeners, the Intervention Specialist, and Phonics Growth. Assistant Principal Faith Lindley spoke to Goal 2: Responding to the Needs of All Students. This included the DESSA Behavior Screening, MTSS, SEL, Brain Smart Start/Professional Development for Paraprofessionals, the Calm Down Corral, and Community and Family Engagement.

Principal Piper Kelm gave a cut-and-dry report reflecting the year at Sunridge Middle School. Focus Area 1: Increased Attendance and Focus Area 2: Increase OSAS Scores in Reading and Math. She provided progress highlights, action steps implemented, Stakeholder communication, instructional focus, assessment comparison, a conclusion, and next steps. She ended with disciplinary data for the past two years.

Principal Patrick Dutcher and Assistant Principal Curt Thompson of Pendleton High School began by stating that there is a group of adults working very hard for all the students throughout their schooling career within the Pendleton School District. They highlighted the Class of 2025 Graduation and Student Achievements for both the

PHS and Hawthorne campuses. It included attendance and enrollment trends, postsecondary plans and college acceptances, and athletics and military pathways. They finished with the upcoming changes to CTE, science expansion and schools to careers.

All the principals were available for questions about their reports.

3. **Tier III Report** *Kevin Headings*

Due to Kevin Headings absence, the Tier III report will be given at the June 9, 2025 regular board meeting.

4. **Action Items**

4.1. **Human Resources** *Kevin Dinning*

4.1.1. **Approve Personnel Report**

Mr. Dinning presented a revised personnel report for consideration and action.

NEW HIRE	Confidential	Austin Zaugg	Accounts Payable Assistant	PSD
	Certified	Haydyn Wallender	ELA Teacher (2025-26 SY)	SMS
		Bailey Weinke	PE Teacher (2025-26 SY)	SMS
RETIREMENT	Classified	Lisa Lake	Paraprofessional	SHE
LEAVE of ABSENCE	Certified	Annalise Oertwich	Grade 5 Teacher	SHE
RESIGNATION	Certified	Noah Eckstine	Grade 6 Science Teacher (Effective 6/9/2025)	SMS
	Classified	Meagan Gear-Sims	Paraprofessional (Effective 6/6/2025)	WES
		Carmen Urtecho	Paraprofessional (Effective 6/6/2025)	PHS

Director Harrison motioned that the personnel recommendations for the June 3, 2025, work session be approved as presented. Director Lehnert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Review Agenda – June 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting** *Board Chair*

No additions or deletions.

6. **Agenda Items for Future Work Sessions** *Board Chair*

7. **Suggestions and Comments from Visitors** *Board Chair*

No suggestions or comments.

8. **Information**

8.1. **First Student, Inc. Update** *Matt Yoshioka*

Nothing to report at this time.

8.2. **Budget Hearing – June 9, 2025, 5:45 p.m.,** *Michelle Jones*

Mrs. Jones reminded everyone of the Budget Hearing at 5:45 p.m. before the regular board meeting on June 9.

9. **School Visit Reports**

Adopt-A-School Assignments:

PELC – Mason Murphy

McKay – Ryan Lehnert

Sherwood – Jill Pace

Washington – Beth Harrison

SMS – Anne Keeler

Director Keeler was a chaperone on the McKay grade 3 field trip which included a trip to the UAS range at the Pendleton airport.
Director Lehnert and Director Pace went to the field day at McKay.
Director Pace attended Hawthorne Alternative High School’s graduation.

10. **Adjournment** *Board Chair*

With no further business brought forward for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Patrick Gregg, Board Chair

Kevin Headings, Superintendent

Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Date