

# Work Session / Regular School Board Meeting

via ZOOM/Owl

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Board

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A Board Work Session and Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM via ZOOM-Owl, virtual platform, as school was closed due to a water boil notice from Corbett Water District. The meeting was beset by power outages caused by extreme wind causing panelists to drop in and out of the meeting. Board members present were Dylan Rickert; Ben Byers; David Osborn, Vice Chair; Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson and Zac Arndt. Board member Leah Fredericks had an excused absence. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead; Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director was online but not participating as a board panelist; and Dennis Clague, Chief Financial Officer (online at 6:14 p.m.). Student Representatives Leena Saied and Olivia Young were also present at their reporting time. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

## 1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair

6:00 p.m. Work Session/7:00 p.m. Regular Board meeting

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### 1.1. Work Session 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent and Dennis Clague, CFO presented a PowerPoint slide show with the 2026-2027 Budget Priorities, based on similar priorities to last year but decreased spending capacity. Several potential budget scenario variables were covered, hoping for the best but planning for the worst. There will be more accurate numbers from the State in March.

Board discussion regarding Revenues (RV) and Expenditures (XP), PERS, and priorities to not touch classrooms but still have sports, music, student safety, etc. Wishing for further discussion and comments in February and later with the Budget Committee and our values.

Dr. Fialkiewicz hoped to find ways to cut around the fringes, restructure some things and shift responsibilities. We are not alone, as other districts are cutting positions.

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1.2. RECESS - 6:47 p.m. The Board recessed from the Board Work Session.

1.3. Call to Order/Flag Salute 7:00 p.m. The Regular School Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David Osborn and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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1.4. Review and Acceptance of Agenda – It was noted that under items 8.2 and 10. there were wrong calendar attachments (updated in BoardBook Premier on 1/22/26). The Board discussed they will make corrections for budget priorities at the time of the Resolution under 8.2.

Sis Childs moved to accept the agenda as amended and Ben Byers seconded.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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1.4.a. Board Chair Report Information Item – The Board Vice Chair, David Osborn, announced:

a. Superintendent Search - next steps on January 28 where we will have the portfolio of those candidates who made the first cut, and where we will work out stakeholder inputs for scheduling around the February 11 interview meeting.

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley reminded the Board members of the confidentiality agreement.

b. OSBA funds - Rural Caucus (action item under item 10) A signed Agreement for Service to be returned to OSBA.

c. Bonds, Ballots and Buildings Conference, Friday, February 6, deadline for online registration, January 23, 2026 (contact Robin) - David Osborn is planning to attend and bring knowledge back to the Board.

d. Board Development Program - attachment from OSBA – encourages the Board to go to training opportunities.

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2. Introduction and Comments of Guests and Representatives

Vice Chair Osborn read procedures for public comment as established by Policy.

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7:12 p.m. -7:23 p.m.

- a. Audrey Winebarger, CACE Union Co-President – sent an email to the Board on December 26 and gave her verbal follow up. about concerns and ultimatums by February 1 regarding perceived business office issues such as access to business software reports and the change in systems in July, paycheck issues, W-4's, email responses, W-2's, business office help ticket system, stipend payments, contribution payments, PERS and Social Security reporting, an ignored grievance, and other breaches of contract and loss of trust.

Vice Chair Osborn mentioned Board Policy KL and thanked her for comments to take to heart.

### 3. STUDENTS

#### □ 3.1. Student Representatives Report to the Board

Oliva Young and Leena Saied – Ms. Saied reported on sports team score. Ms Young reported on post Winter break and the start of Personal Finance classes with Mr. Cooper. The winter formal is set for January 30 at Camp Angelos and the theme is “A Night in Lights”. Boys basketball had a game at the Moda Center and encouraged support of the high school teams. February 9 begins forecasting of classes for next school year and a virtual family meeting is scheduled for February 12.

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7:28 p.m.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes Action Item

Ben Byers moved and Zac Arndt seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.64-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the minutes of the Board Work Session/Regular Board meeting of November 19, 2025 and the Regular Board meeting of December 17, 2025.

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#### **Attachments:** (2)

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Malinda Carlson moved and Sis Childs seconded;

#### **5.1. Consent agenda \*\*Resolution items 1.65-26\*\* -1.69-26\*\* - Action Items**

**9.2\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 1.65-26\*\* — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the recall of Vicki Savoy, .83 FTE Temporary K-6 Educational Assistant back to 1.00 FTE K-12 Counselor, effective January 6, 2026.

**9.3\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 1.66-26\*\* — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the recall of the transfer of Mandi Young, from 1.00 FTE GS Learning Specialist, back to 1.00 FTE GS Counselor, effective January 5, 2026.

**9.4\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 1.67-26\*\* — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the recall of Erica Boykins, 1.00 FTE K-12 Counselor to 1.00 FTE SBMH Social Worker, effective January 5, 2026.

**9.5\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 1.68-26\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the continuation of Anna McNeely-Miles as a 1.00 FTE Social Worker, due to continuation of the SBMH grant from January 1, 2026, until at least February 6, 2026.

**9.6\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 1.69-26\*\*-RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the FMLA leave for Rebecca Young, 1.00 FTE 4th/5th Grade Teacher, effective January 5, 2026-February 4, 2026.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

#### 6. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report Information Items

a. School Board Recognition Month – Dr. Fialkiewicz thanked our esteemed board members for all the extra work they do and their certificates will be presented when we meet in person again.

b. Grant updates – SBMH grant paperwork was submitted and resulted in a confirmation that it stays in effect through February 6. We will hear before that time if our goals were also extended.

7:34 – 7:36 p.m. Vice Chair Osborn paused the meeting for electrical outages and thanked all for bearing with the meeting.

7:37 p.m. Dr. Fialkiewicz continued with the SBMH grant update. They may extend the grant for another year if breach of contract litigation is successful. We will keep updated information in front of the Board, as we may be at risk to have to pay back any funds after December 31. The good news is that the SBMH staff is on deck for another month. Board discussion about monies, staying hopeful and realistic transitions for staff and hearing from them about impacts.

The Department of Education will look at annual reports and may use any appeals process for overturning decisions.

- b. Oregon Public Education and Immigration Enforcement FAQ from OSBA – these have been shared with staff and it is understood that they are not allowed on campus without warrants.

Board discussion.

Dr. Fialkiewicz assured the Board that ICE is not allowed on campus, and the building administrators are backups.

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The following goal one will be covered under the fiscal report.

**Goal 1: The Corbett School District #39 General Fund will show a larger Ending Fund Balance at the end of FY 25-26 than it did at the end of FY 24-25 as evidenced by fiscal year-ending reports. This will be monitored monthly using General Fund financial statements and projections.**

**Goal 2: The trust level of staff members towards the superintendent will be higher in March 2026 than in November 2025 as measured by monthly, randomly sampled pulse surveys. The pulse survey will be a one-question survey: "I trust in the Superintendent's overall ability to make the right decisions for the district" answered on a 5-point Likert scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree.**

Ben Byers explained the methodology and attempted non-bias of the pulse survey sent anonymously through Survey Monkey for goal two. It was done with two staff groups, one during November-December and the other January-February with the help of Chris Wingler, Technology Director. There were some issues with it going to spam, but it was resolved. It will be summarized for March evaluation of the Superintendent.

**Attachments:** (3)

7. Principal / Director/ Supervisor Reports

a. Enrollment updates: number of students/Application for next year were presented by Dr. Fialkiewicz. 1173 enrolled. Lots of students going to other charter and online schools, with a decline of approximately 30 students since the beginning of the school year. We

have 114 applications for next school year so far with 45 kindergartners, 19 sixth graders, 11 ninth graders and 10 fifth graders. Target is 1200 students for 26-27.  
Board discussion.

b. Sara Brounstein - CAPS Principal and Katelyn Selzer White, 6th-8th Grade Teacher  
Action Item

Ms. White reported on the spring 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade out of state field trip. The trip will also include John Neighbors, 6th-8<sup>th</sup> grade CAPS teacher on the May 20-21 outing.

7:55 p.m. The fifth graders will also be joining as a passing of the torch from the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and it ties to their curriculum as well. They will be in the Gorge with travels to Maryhill, Beacon Rock and Bonneville Dam for their energy unit.

Zac Arndt moved and Malinda Carlson seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.70-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the CAPS overnight field trip scheduled for May 20-21, 2026 to Washington.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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## 8. FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

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### 8.1. Reports Information Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, introduced Dennis Clague, CFO, for presentations. In the Board packet were the TSCC 2025-26 Annual Report at <https://www.tscmultco.com/annual-report/> and the PERS Actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2024.

7:59 p.m.

Mr. Clague presented the December financials including trends with operational changes. IRS filing penalties are being appealed due to late payroll tax filings and are in projected expenditures. We have reached out to MESD and OASBO for help. There will be two W-2's that will be generated for 2025. No seismic grant was received and the SBMH grant is set for close out unless extended, about \$65,000-\$75,000 monthly. Tax revenues have come in strong from October through December.

The report is based on budgeted actuals and projections. ADM is tracked and actual numbers lag in our funding after 1.5 years. Reconciliation is done every year in May. The General Fund (GF) ties to cash flow quite a lot. Anticipated Ending Fund Balance (EFB) is \$177,000.00. Unappropriated (EFB) and Contingency now about \$460,000.00.

Board discussion.

The Board acted upon the Board priorities.

Ben Byers moved and Sis Childs seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.75-26 – RESOLVED** that the Board accept the 2026-27 Budget Priorities from the workshop prior to the Board meeting, carrying forward the same priorities from the 2025-26 Budget Priorities.

The vote of the Board for Resolution No. 1.75-26 passed 6-0.

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**Attachments:** (3)

8.2. Revised Budget Calendar for 2026-27 FY Action Item  
8:40 p.m.

Mr. Clague explained that this did not affect any dates.

Ben Byers moved and Malinda Carlson seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.71-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board re-approved the 2026-2027 Budget Calendar as attached in the Board packet (the attachment was corrected in BoardBook "Extras" on January 22) and summarized in Board discussion.

Ms. Windust shared the calendar on screen with revised dates.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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9. PERSONNEL

**Presenter:** Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent

**Description:** FMLA for 1.00 FTE Custodian, Kasey Denson, effective January 13-February 23, 2026.  
FMLA for 1.00 FTE CAPS/SBMH Secretary, Kuwaiola Ahina, effective February 23-May 25, 2026.

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9.1. Vacant Positions Information Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, read aloud:

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-2026 school year for: Temporary/Substitute Bus Drivers and High School Head Varsity Softball Coach for spring season.

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9.2. See Consent Agenda Items \*\*9.2-\*\*9.6

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10. POLICY

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent explained date changes for CHS conference now on April 2 and CGS Conference now May 14.

Revise School Calendar for 2025-2026 Action Item

Ben Byers moved and Sis Childs seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.72-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board re-approved the 2025-26 school calendar as attached in the Board packet.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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10.1. See 1.4.a.

Vice Chair Osborn said discussion in February regarding what to use the scholarship dollars for. We need to return signature copy to OSBA.

Dylan Rickert moved and Zac Arndt seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.73-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the Rural Caucus Scholarship Agreement for Service as presented in December and also attached to the board packet.

**Attachments:** (1)

The vote of the Board was 5-0; one abstention from Ben Byers.

8:48 p.m.

Vice Chair Osborn announced - 11. Recess from Public Session – The board recessed from public session and into:

8:50 p.m. 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORS 192.660(2)(b) - To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing. All employees and Board members as announced at the beginning of the meeting were in attendance except for Derek Fialkiewicz and Dennis Clague. Student Representatives Leena Saied and Olivia Young were not in attendance.

9:55 p.m.

At 9:56 p.m. the Board 1. Reconvened from Executive Session.

9:57 p.m. Vice Chair David Osborn said that the Board had not made a decision and are working on a remedy to the complaint.

13. Complaint      Action Item

David Osborn moved to table the following resolution to January 28 and Ben Byers seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 1.74-26 - RESOLVED** that the Board decides whether an investigation is **warranted or not**, and, furthermore, if so warranted, whether to refer or not to a third party investigator.

The vote to table the resolution was approved 5-1; Dylan Rickert opposed.

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14. Matters for the Good of the Order

a. Dylan Rickert expressed showing a bit of grace to those who work in the District Office. With focus on the classroom, show understanding with limited resources that they have available.

b. Ben Byers acknowledged through a lot of hardship around, the first and foremost has happened to the students. He understands being there during prior incidents and not knowing all of the information in the same shoes as a community member. We are trying to follow policies, and he personally apologizes for himself and recognized that every board member takes student safety as top priority.

15. COMING EVENTS

David Osborn read aloud:

a. Friday, January 23, 2026 - Friday School Day and Mid-Term for GS/CAPS/MS

b. Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - Special School Board meeting, CMS Cafeteria, at

Woodard Rd. via in person and virtual, 7:00 p.m.

c. Friday, February 6, 2026 - Inservice

d. Wednesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 12, a.m., 2026 - Superintendent Candidate Interviews

e. Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - Regular School Board meeting, CMS Cafeteria, at Woodard Rd. via in person and virtual, 7:00 p.m.

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16. ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 10:03 p.m.