

Special School Board  
Meeting/Retreat/Workshop  
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 via in person at  
Menucha

Menucha Retreat & Conference Center/Wright  
Hall  
38711 E Historic Columbia River Highway  
Corbett, OR 97019

1. Assemble in Wright Hall at Menucha – The following board members were present: Michelle Vo, Board Chair; Todd Mickalson, Board Vice Chair; Bob Buttke; David Granberg; Leah Fredericks; Ben Byers and Dylan Rickert. Also present were administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. Kristen Miles, Director of Board Development, OSBA was the facilitator.

2. Introductory Comments / Orientation with Menucha staff at 5:40 p.m. – We gathered in Wright Hall and Board Chair Vo called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. No orientation from the Menucha staff. The harassment and anti-racism discussion will be a separate focus.

2.1. Board Roles and Responsibilities Workshop Facilitation with OSBA Information/Discussion Item – Ms. Miles introduced herself and her role for OSBA and as a board member at her community’s school. She mentioned her meeting with the Board in 2019 regarding the charter district pros and cons. She asked each member present to introduce themselves and what they would like to gain from the evening.

Board discussion.

Ms. Miles posed that there would be scenarios to work through, appropriate resources and laws to peruse for the best use of time, and interaction to gain understanding of how the board impacts student learning. (Resource handouts included in February 21, 2024 agenda packet.)

3. Family style dinner for Board members and facilitator from 6:00 p.m. – 6:43 p.m. in the dining hall at Menucha.

4. Continuation of Board Roles and Responsibilities Workshop Facilitation with OSBA Information/Discussion Item – 6:44 p.m. Ms. Miles shared presentation online and discussion was shared about why the School Board matters. The will of the Board carries on with the strong culture of trust and collaboration. The Board discussed current successes and challenges. Scenarios regarding effective boardsmanship with “all means all” and “all students can and will learn.” Evidence based standards of performance were noted that lead towards vision-directed planning to engage staff and community in development of a shared mission focus on student learning and effective leadership. Further discussion around the topics of accountability for reaching results to align with the strategic vision and goals, the careful sharing out in communications while using data for continuous improvement, organization around cultural/climate responsiveness, innovation and creativity, conduct and ethics, and respect for mutual roles and responsibilities of Board and Superintendent.

5. Adjournment - 9:00 p.m.