



# **CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT**

## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm**

**Executive Session Meeting at approximately 8:00 pm**

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1 ( <i>Arrived at 6:45pm</i> )
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - At Large

Absent members were: Rose Solowski

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The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Kendra Hughes	Early Learning Administrator
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Shields***

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **1. *Approval of March 11, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda***

Chair Shields called for a vote to approve the agenda with the modification of having the Powell Butte School Report take place after approval of the minutes. The vote passed unanimously with five affirming votes.

### **2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)**

#### **1. *Music in Our Schools Month Recognition***

Board Members each read a portion of the proclamation into the record acknowledging March as Music in Our Schools Month.

#### **2. *Centennial High School Principal - Dr. Alexa Pearson***

Superintendent Owens introduced Dr. Alexa Pearson, the new Centennial High School Principal and provided a brief overview of her experience. Dr. Pearson shared her excitement to be back in the District.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. *Approval of February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes*

Director Standley moved to approve the February 25, 2026 minutes as presented. Director Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five affirming votes.

### 4. REPORTS (due to change of agenda)

#### 1. *Powell Butte Elementary School Report - Jared Austin, Principal and Dianne Reyes, Assistant Principal.*

The Board received a presentation on the Powell Butte Elementary preschool program, led by Principal Austin. He highlighted its' alignment with Roadmap 27, Goal #1, and School Improvement Plan priorities; including literacy, attendance, and social-emotional learning (SEL). The preschool team, including Early Learning Administrator Hughes and classroom staff, were recognized for their work, with attendance reported at 83%, the highest in the school.

The presentation emphasized the program's impact, noting that two out of three kindergarten students are entering more prepared. Assistant Principal Reyes outlined the program structure, explaining that preschool students participate in a full school day that includes literacy, math, art, science, SEL, and school events. Board members expressed appreciation for the program and asked questions regarding enrollment and waitlists. Discussion also included student transitions to neighborhood schools, transportation considerations, and field trip opportunities. Board members shared support for early learning initiatives and commended the staff for the program's intentional design and positive outcomes.

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM - *Chair Shields*

The following individuals provided public testimony:

Cassidy Rogers      Drew Rosa      Lexah Oliveira

### 6. REPORTS

#### 1. *Student Representative Report - CHS Student, Easton Hopkins and Yahir Castro*

The Student Board Representatives were not in attendance.

#### 2. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- District Office Art Display by Powell Butte Elementary Students
- Profile of a Graduate Pilot Leadership Work Session (4 of 5)
- Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting #1
- Classified Appreciation Event
- Meeting with Mayors
- Bargaining with Centennial Education Association (CEA)

Superintendent Owens answered specific questions regarding next steps and the timeline of CEA Contract approval.

### 7. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Standley moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with six affirming votes.

1. *Site Council Minutes*
2. *Miscellaneous Items*
3. *Financial Statements*
4. *Enrollment Reports*
  1. *Student Count*
  2. *Class Size Analysis*
5. *Human Resources*
  1. *Confirm Board Authorization for Superintendent of Offer Employment Contracts for 2026-2026*
  2. *Approve Retirement of Licensed Staff Member (s)*
  3. *Approve Employment of Licensed Staff Member (s)*
6. *Business/Operations*
7. *Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)*
  1. *Second Read of Policy JECA- Admission of Resident Students*
8. *Student Services*
9. *Student Travel*

## **8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - Chair Shields**

### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no old business items. Chair Shields reminded the group about the Superintendent Policy Committee's work and suggested providing progress updates. Director Standley noted that Director Newman will now facilitate her group, which is reviewing Policy BK – Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures.

### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new business items.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Superintendent Owens mentioned a number of items that will be included at next month's Board meetings, including:

- Pleasant Valley Elementary Report
- Proclamation: Arab American Heritage Month
- Roadmap '27 Trimester 2 Update
- Centennial Education Association Contract Approval
- Policies

Director Standley asked for the following items to be discussed at an upcoming meeting: CEA Board Report, moving Board meetings days for the upcoming school year, and Mt. Hood Repertory Theatre happenings at CHS this summer. Director Hardin thanked the staff for their service and hard work in making the high school events happen.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Shields adjourned the regular business meeting at 7:31 pm stated the group will be convening into Executive Session.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) and ORS 192.660 (2)(k) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to

carry on labor negotiations and consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school.

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 7:42pm. Attendees include: Chair Shields, Vice Chair Mohring, Director Linn, Director Hardin, Director Standley and Director Newman.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Southerton, Chief Communications Officer Andregg, Director Wright, and Executive Assistant Grindle were also present for the discussion of safety matters.

At 7:57 pm, Director Wright left the executive session and CDR Labor Law Attorney, Chris Duckworth joined the meeting. At that time a discussion ensued regarding labor negotiations.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 9:44 pm.