



## Minutes

### The Board of Education Molalla River School District

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May 8, 2025

**I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McNeil called the business meeting back to order at 7:01pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Linda Eskridge, Neal Lucht, Terrie Stafford, Mark Lucht, Student Representatives Madison Talarico and Josiah Lopez.

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Chris Shaw/Technology Director, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Les Womack/Principal Molalla Elementary (virtually), Christy Newman/Principal Clarkes Elementary, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also present: John Meyer, Courtney Annas, Kenny Schoenfeld, Mary Hannan, Eric Johnston, Amy Johnston, Claudia Quevas, Albert Garcia, Greg Newman, Ken Ortega

**A. PARTNERSHIP RECOGNITION – TODOS JUNTOS**

Dr. Mann asked Mr. Dalton to introduce Todos Juntos and what they do for the District. Mr. Dalton stated it is a non profit that started 25 years ago with Mr. Eric Johnston. He stated they create connections for students and are amazing partners with the district. Ms. Amy Johnston introduced a former student Ms. Claudia Quevas. She stated she immigrated to Molalla in 1994, and it was a difficult transition to a new country and a new town. She met Mr. Johnston and stayed involved in Todos Juntos through her time in the District, and now serves as a Board member. Mr. Johnston stated he started Todos Juntos to work with Hispanic youth and families, but over the years it has expanded to all students and families in the community. He stated the after school programs and activities allow the team to build relationships with students and families that need the support. Chair McNeil and Vice Chair Loughridge presented Todos Juntos with the Golden Apple Community Partner Award.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**C. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to change item IF5a to be presented after ID. Chair McNeil seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a hand vote.

**D. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Talarico stated this is her last report as Board representative as she will be graduated by the June meeting. She updated the Board on the art show at the high school last week, and a blood drive will be held on May 14. Senior projects are done and being presented. With 16 days left of school, the

seniors are counting down. May 28<sup>th</sup> is the final concert choir show for the year, with alumni participating as well. Ms. Talarico stated she is the senior spotlight artist for that concert. Chair McNeil presented Ms. Talarico with a thank you gift. Ms. Nelzen swore Mr. Josiah Lopez in as the next Student Representative to the Board of Directors.

#### **E. TEACHING & LEARNING REPORT**

Ms. Tamara Jackson stated her gratitude for teachers during teacher appreciation week. She gave an update to the recent Multicultural Night at Molalla Elementary, and thanked Mr. Les Womack for his work on the event. She reviewed the science curriculum adoption process, and introduced the staff on the adoption team: Ms. Courtney Annas (elementary), Ms. Mary Hannah (middle school), and Mr. Kenny Schoenfeld (high school).

Ms. Annas reviewed the process leading up to the final choice in science curriculum for the elementary. She stated it was narrowed down to 3 choices, and at the end Mystery Science was the winner. She stated it checked all the boxes.

Ms. Hannan stated the process was the same for middle school curriculum as the elementary. They narrowed it down to 2 choices, and piloted those choices at all grade levels. She stated STILE integrated easier with the content they already use and checked all the boxes for the team as well.

Mr. Schoenfeld stated the science teachers at the high school reviewed the options together. He stated they currently do not have curriculum and have created all it as a team. The team chose McGraw Hill at the end.

Dr. Mann thanked the team for their work and stated this was a presentation. There is no action item at this time, and they would come back next month and have a recommendation for adoption. Ms. Jackson stated there were hard copies available of the curriculum in the public library.

#### **F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. *Consent Agenda – April Meeting minutes, personnel report*

Vice Chair Loughrdige made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

2. *Surplus – modulars, warehouse, furniture from middle school*

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to surplus the modular buildings, the warehouse, and all contents from the middle school. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

3. *Superintendent Contract Extension*

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to extend Dr. Tony Mann's current contract by one year, ending on June 30, 2028. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

4. *Second Reading of Policy: AC, AC-AR(1) and (2)-Non Discrimination and Civil Rights, GBN/JBA, GBN/JBA-AR(1) and (2) – Sexual Harassment, suggested to delete both AR's, JBA/GBN, JBA/GBN-AR(1) and (2) – Sexual Harassment (student), suggested to delete both AR's*

Mr. Mark Lucht thanked the policy committee for taking a second look at these policies. Ms. Eskridge made a motion to accept the policies as presented. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was discussion about the AR's. Ms. Eskridge amended her motion: to accept

the policies and AR's as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

5. *Recommendation for Approval – 25-26 Oregon Outreach contract*

Dr. Mann stated Molalla River School District has had a partnership with Oregon Outreach (OOI) for 15 years. He stated it is a great alternative pathway to support students. There was discussion about the seat waiver time and postponing the approval until more information could be given. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to postpone action on the contract approval until the June meeting. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

**G. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. *Student Transportation Report*

Mr. Andy Campbell gave an update to the long-standing relationship Molalla River School District has had with First Student, back to 2009. He stated the proposal is for review only tonight, and at the June meeting the Board will be asked to approve the new contract. Mr. Greg Newman and Mr. Ken Ortega from First Student reviewed the proposal with the Board. There was discussion about cameras on buses and parents access to discipline information. The Board and Mr. Campbell discussed his recommendation. The Board thanked First Student for working to change the culture of the bus barn and for safety and quality being first and foremost. There was discussion about the bus accident a few months ago and when electric buses will be required in Oregon. There were no further questions.

2. *Communications Update*

Dr. Mann stated Ms. Watson was not present tonight and that she is working on a press release for the Burghardt Stadium Complex project.

3. *Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report*

Mr. Tony Tiano stated Mulino Elementary was awarded a seismic grant. He gave an update to the middle school project and his recent meeting with the team regarding all the mechanical systems in the new building. There were no further questions.

4. *Financial Review*

Mr. Andy Campbell gave an update to the 25-26 budget. He stated there is no update from the State regarding the 25-26 state school fund amounts. He is also working on end of year expenses and preparing the upcoming audit. He reminded the board to submit any 25-26 budget questions for next Thursday's meeting.

5. *Teaching and Learning Report*

a. **Student Services**

Dr. Robin Shobe gave an update to the IDEA application due next month, and recent observations of early childhood special education (ECSE) students that will be entering the District as kindergartners in the fall. She stated the team is also preparing for extended school year (ESY) summer school. The Board and Dr. Shobe discussed the District Scorecard for Students. There were no further questions.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mann stated he enjoyed watching Todos Juntos receive their award tonight, as they are the second partner to receive the Golden Apple Award. Molalla Communications is the first. He also stated there are 16 days left to graduation on June 7.

**I. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Cummings reminded everyone to vote in the May 20<sup>th</sup> election. Ms. Stafford stated it was good to see new faces in the audience tonight. Ms. Talarico thanked the board for all their work behind the scenes and for allowing her to experience being part of the Board. Mr. Lopez thanked Ms. Talarico for the recommendation to serve, and thanked the board for their inspiration of wanting to help others. Vice Chair Loughridge thanked his fellow board members for being parting of a great team. Mr. Lucht seconded that comment. Mr. Mark Lucht commented on the middle school groundbreaking and the June work session on the District scorecards. Chair McNeil seconded Vice Chair Loughridge's comment and thanked Dr. Mann for his service for another year.

**J. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> budget committee meeting/work session at 7pm at the District Office
- June 12<sup>th</sup> budget hearing/business meeting at 6:45pm at the District Office
- June 25<sup>th</sup> policy committee meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- June 26<sup>th</sup> work session at 7pm at the District Office

**K. ADJOURN**

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with a hand vote at 9:06pm.

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*Chair*

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*Superintendent*

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*Board Secretary*