

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting on September 10, 2025, covered several key points. Director Joe Behrman was re-elected and sworn in. The district reported a slight increase in enrollment to 1,979 students. Financial reports showed a \$5.78 million beginning fund balance, with a \$100,000 overspend on substitutes and \$40,000 on utilities. The district is offering free meals to all students, with high participation rates. The cell phone policy has been well-received, improving student engagement. The board approved the use of the CMGC delivery method for a \$2.499 million seismic grant, emphasizing cost savings and expertise.

Board members in attendance: Director Walper, Director Behrman, Director Lohmeier, Director Martinez, Director Wheeler, VC Johnston (virtual) and Chair Riedel. Also in attendance: Superintendent Carpenter, CFO Scott Pillar and Board Secretary Denise Pemberton.

Action Items

- Approve the use of the CMGC delivery method based on the finding of fact and authorize an RFP solicitation for the CMGC. Director Behrman made a motion to approve and Director Walper seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Outline

Board of Directors Meeting Introduction and Oath of Office

- Chair Riedel calls the board of directors meeting for September 10, 2025, to order and Superintendent Carpenter leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- SDenise Pemberton conducts a roll call, confirming the presence of all directors and the vice chair.
- Director Joe Berman takes the oath of office, reaffirming his commitment to the Constitution and laws of the state of Oregon.

Approval of Agenda and Board Reports

- Chair Riedel asks for a motion to approve the agenda, which is moved by Director Wheeler and seconded by Director Walper.
- Chair Riedel calls for Board of Directors reports, starting with Director Walper

- The consent agenda was motioned by Director Wheeler and seconded by Director Lohmeier. Motion carried 6-0
- Director Walper shares his experiences visiting the first day of school at the elementary and junior high levels, highlighting the positive interactions.
- Director Behrman praises the district's handling of the weather issue and the communication efforts during the start of the school year.
- Director Wheeler and Director Martinez provide updates on their respective activities, including youth football and the end of their children's schooling in the district.

Youth Football Update and Back-to-School Experiences

- Director Wheeler provides an update on the youth football season, noting the large number of participants and the mixed outcomes of the first week.
- Director Wheeler also shares anecdotes from the first home football game and the unique challenges faced during a game at Crook County.
- Vice Chair Johnston and Chair Riedel offer their perspectives on the smooth back-to-school process and the successful hosting of a varsity volleyball game.
- Superintendent Carpenter highlights the district's efforts in transportation and the positive feedback received from the community.

Communications and Specialist Reports

- Maggie Kelly, the Director of Communications reports on various projects, including addressing inconsistent student attendance and hosting a resource night for Spanish-speaking families.
- Maggie mentions the successful implementation of a cell phone policy and the positive feedback received from staff and parents.
- Maggie highlights the district's innovative media production for football games and the collaboration with high school staff for homecoming events.
- Maggie also discusses the rise committee's activities and the district's efforts to improve student health surveys and the cell phone policy.

Financial and Economic Conditions

- Scott Pillar presents the enrollment report, noting a slight increase in enrollment and the impact of the 10-day drop period.
- Scott Pillar discusses the financial report, highlighting the drop in the beginning fund balance and the need to zero out special revenue funds.
- Scott Pillar explains the state's economic forecast and the importance of preparing for better budgets in the future.
- Scott Pillar provides updates on seismic projects, including the high school gym and the commons project, and the process of assessing and improving general contractor selection.

Superintendent's Report and Recognitions

- Ryan Carpenter recognizes Bettina Boles for being named Volunteer of the Year by Health Creation and Orchid Health..
- Carpenter celebrates the achievement of Estacada Middle School no longer being identified as a target school by the Oregon Department of Education.
- Carpenter announces the district's new policy of offering free meals to all students, which has been well-received and is increasing participation.
- Carpenter discusses the implementation of the new cell phone policy, which has been successful in promoting student engagement and reducing violations.

Career Technical Education and Home School Students

- Carpenter outlines the district's efforts to build a strong career technical education program in collaboration with the Malala School District.
- Carpenter highlights the district's efforts to support home school students who attend the district for elective programs, noting the need to update policies to address this issue.
- Carpenter discusses the potential impact of the OSAA's reclassification process on the district's athletic programs and the need for the board's input on this matter.
- Carpenter mentions the district's ongoing efforts to secure grant funding for air conditioning and climate control in classrooms.

English Language Learners Report

- Jennifer Behrman, Director of Teaching and Learning, presents the annual report on English language learners for the year 2023-2024.
- Behrman highlights the increase in the district's English learner population and the success of recent arrivals in achieving proficiency.
- Behrman discusses the demographic breakdown of English learners and the languages spoken in the district.
- Behrman shares the district's success in increasing the number of students graduating with the biliteracy seal and the high percentage of students attending college or trade school.

Public Comment and Motion for CMGC Delivery Method

- Public comment is opened, with a community member suggesting the district consider energy-efficient upgrades for River Mill School.
- Another community member, Jonathan Metcalf, offers to help the district navigate the CMGC process and suggests including local bids and contractors in the RFP.
- The board discusses the CMGC delivery method, with Scott Pillar explaining the benefits and the process of soliciting RFPs.

- The board votes to approve the use of the CMGC delivery method for the seismic grant project, with additional discussions on ensuring thorough design and vetting of proposals.
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm