

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 9, 2026

Board Members Present:

Sunita Garg, Chair
Justice Rajee, Vice-Chair
Dr. Vân Truong
Dr. Karen Pérez
Dr. Melissa Potter
Syed Qasim
Dr. Tammy Carpenter

Board Members Absent:

Student Representatives Present:

Isabelle Riley

Student Representatives Absent:

Chermia Clouser
Vihaan Paliwal
Jordyn Sargent

Staff Present:

Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Steve Langford
Steffanie Frost
Veronica Galvan
Stafford Boyd
Dra. Perla Rodriguez
Emma Graves
Aaron Boyle
Ron Umali
Dr. Tatiana Cevallos
Kara Yunch
Marcie Davis

Interim Superintendent
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Information Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Administrator for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Executive Administrator for Early Learning
Teacher on Special Assignment for Early Learning
Administrator for Facilities Development
Administrator for Maintenance
Administrator for Equity and Inclusion
Communications Coordinator
Executive Assistant

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via livestream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. STUDENT PERFORMANCES & RECOGNITIONS

A. *Bonny Slope Elementary School Music Performance*

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The meeting opened with a music performance by students from Bonny Slope Elementary School led by music teacher Claire Borwin.

B. Dedication to Education Retiree Award

The board recognized 130 retiring staff members for their service and highlighted Loni Gobel, a speech language pathologist retiring after 39 years, who was the recipient of the district's 2026 Dedication to Education Award for her long service.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Mike Schofield delivered his final report, thanking the board, leadership team, and partners for their support; noting successful budget work and the hiring of a new superintendent; and expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comments from four speakers and also received 37 written comments.

C. Public Hearing: 2026-27 Budget

The budget hearing started at 7:45 p.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The board heard public comments from seven speakers.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Spotlight: Spatial Proficiency & Elementary Furniture

The board heard an update on the district's spatial proficiency work for elementary classrooms, which is focused on how classroom design can better support student learning. Staff explained that this work began with the 2022 bond and includes new furniture standards along with ongoing training for teachers. The goal is not just updating furniture, but shifting classroom practices to create more flexible, movement-friendly spaces that increase student engagement, belonging, and collaboration. Early feedback from teachers and students has been positive, with noticeable improvements in participation and learning dynamics. Staff noted interest in expanding this work to middle and high schools, although funding limitations remain.

B. Facilities Department Report

The facilities team provided a high-level update on bond projects. The 2022 bond program is progressing well overall, with projects on schedule and within budget. Raleigh Hills Elementary has been completed, and the new Beaverton High School building is nearing completion with additional site work continuing into next year. The district continues to make progress on upgrades across the district such as roofing, HVAC and seismic improvements. Staff also noted external challenges, including rising construction costs and limited access to state seismic grant funding, and shared that planning for a future bond is already underway.

The board also received an update on maintenance and operations. Staff highlighted new apprenticeship programs in HVAC and electrical trades designed to build a pipeline of skilled workers and address staffing shortages. Early results are promising. In addition, the district's

energy and resource conservation efforts continue to bring in outside funding while improving efficiency. These efforts are helping offset rising utility costs through reduced energy use and long-term savings. During the discussion, board members asked about expanding solar energy use, improving custodial staffing and retention, and strengthening onboarding and training practices. Staff shared that retention is improving through mentorship, structured training and better onboarding processes.

C. Equity Advisory Committee Report

The board heard the annual report on the Equity Advisory Committee, which provides guidance to the superintendent on equity-related issues. The committee includes students, families, staff and community members, and meets regularly to discuss topics affecting underserved students. This year's work included developing guidance for cultural events, contributing input to the superintendent hiring process, reviewing access to career technical education programs, and promoting inclusive practices in schools. The committee also discussed ways to improve family engagement, support immigrant and refugee students, and strengthen inclusion in special education. Board members expressed appreciation for the committee's work and requested further updates about its recommendations and activities moving forward.

D. Financial Update

The board received an update on the district's financial outlook. Staff noted that the May state revenue forecast showed little change; however, the upcoming state budget environment may be more challenging due to federal pressures and shifting Medicaid costs. Staff highlighted a few key changes in the general fund. State school funding came in slightly lower than expected, and at the same time, salary costs continue to increase, largely due to higher use of substitute staff. This increase is tied to staff leave and expanded use of paid family medical leave, as well as professional development needs. The district is actively monitoring this trend and reviewing possible adjustments moving forward. There were also increased costs for supplies and materials, primarily related to absorbing some of the elementary math curriculum purchase this year to help ease next year's budget. Overall, the projected budget deficit has increased to about \$22 million, up from earlier estimates. Despite this, staff emphasized that the district remains in a stable financial position with strong reserves, allowing time to monitor trends and plan for next year's budget decisions.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Work Session, May 12, 2026
- ii. School Board Business Meeting, May 12, 2026
- iii. Budget Meeting, May 19, 2026

C. Public Contracts

D. Budget Appropriation Transfer for 2025-26 Budget

E. Appointment of Budget Officer for 2026-27

F. Appointment of Clerk and Deputy Clerks for 2026-27

G. Designate Custodians of School Funds for 2026-27

H. Designate Depositories for 2026-27

I. Appointment of Financial Auditor for 2026-27

J. Appointment of Legal Counsel for 2026-27

Dr. Karen Perez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Justice Rajee. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. *Adopt 2026-27 Budget*

Board members acknowledged staff and community input, noting ongoing financial challenges and the need for proactive planning.

First, Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve Resolution 26-609A to adopt the 2026-27 budget as submitted, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Second, Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve Resolution 26-609B to make appropriations as presented, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Third, Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve Resolution 26-609C to impose and categorize taxes as presented, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

B. *Social Studies Curriculum Readoption*

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the elementary social studies curriculum readoption as submitted and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

C. *Nonprofit Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption Renewal*

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the nonprofit affordable housing property tax exemption program as submitted and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed 6:1, with Dr. Tammy Carpenter opposing.

D. *Elect School Board Chair and Vice Chair*

Dr. Vân Truong moved to approve the election of Justice Rajee for board chair. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the election of Dr. Melissa Potter for vice chair and Dr. Tammy Carpenter moved to approve the election of Syed Qasim for vice chair. The board voted 4:2 to elect Dr. Melissa Potter as vice chair, with Dr. Vân Truong, Dr. Karen Pérez, Dr. Melissa Potter and Sunita Garg voting for Dr. Potter, and Syed Qasim and Tammy Carpenter voting for Mr. Qasim. Justice Rajee abstained.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

-none-

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members and the attending student representative shared reflections on a challenging year, including budget impacts and staffing changes, while expressing appreciation for staff, students, and community support. Comments highlighted graduations, student success, and community engagement, along with gratitude for board leadership, interim superintendent service, and retirees. Members closed with a shared commitment to support the incoming superintendent and continue improving outcomes for students.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.