

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on October 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles and Bob Brown. Board member Angel Ashdown was present via Zoom. Staff present in person were PHS Principal DeAnna Williams, and Admin Assistant Stephanie Griffith. IT Director Rusty Raymond operated and recorded the Zoom meeting in person. Staff members present on-line were Superintendent Aaron Miller and DWS Principal Lisa Wendel.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – the meeting was called to order by Korinn Hockett at 5:00 pm.
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors

2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

Gordon Clay asked to speak to the board for more than the public input limit of three minutes.

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to add Gordon Clay to the agenda as Item 4.a. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes, September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Hire Pamela Dickson, School Counselor
- 3.3 Approve Hire Phoebe Skinner, PE Teacher
- 3.4 Approve Resignation, Lauriel Wentling, Head Cook/Kitchen Manager

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

4.A Suicide Prevention, Gordon Clay

Gordon Clay discussed federal funding cuts to the Suicide Prevention Program. Updates to the SOS suicide prevention texting program were described. Gordon distributed materials to be available in the schools. Judy Miles noted the board made the "September is Suicide Prevention Month" proclamation at their September meeting. She expressed gratitude to Gordon for his efforts.

There was no public input.

Educational Spotlight: Katherine Hawthorne, Family Academy

Katherine Hawthorne updated the board on the 2CJ Family Academy, which is the district's home school option. Currently there are 23 students enrolled. Ideally students can enroll at any time. The program is not meant to take students out of district buildings, but to provide a home school option to local students with the support of the school district. Interested families should contact Katherine Hawthorne or Aaron Miller. The program is still evolving. Katherine has set up an email list and developed a newsletter to communicate with families and to recruit more. The Academy room and office is set up at Pacific high School. Tutoring is available. Field trips are being scheduled as well. Katherine is available to assist parents with meeting their educational benchmarks and goals.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Superintendent's Report

Aaron Miller's report is in the meeting materials. Family Engagement night hosted 363 attendees. Pumpkin Patch night had 36 participants. Aaron thanked the 2CJ staff for assisting with these events. The intercom buttons have been installed at both school entrances to complete the security upgrades. Supplies are being purchased and contractors scheduled to begin the Orchard Project for which we received \$50,000 from the Department of Forestry. Another meeting with the county is scheduled to discuss the vacant land across the highway from PHS. The Bond Project is still on the table. DWS needs additional classrooms, and rooms for potential pre-school program. Aaron is working with Angi Drury on a grant for a pre-school program. The OSBA convention is coming up in November and most all board members are attending, as well as Aaron. Reminder, October 27 is a data workshop for the board.

5.2 PHS Principal Report

DeAnna Williams reported she met with about 4 parents at a Principal's Coffee event where some of the new rules about backpacks, cell phones and the cafeteria were discussed. ASB students provided pastries for the event. Parents appreciated the reasoning for the new rules. ASB also met with DeAnna to further discuss the new rules. DeAnna asked ASB to come up with more ideas for student events and for holidays, and a full schedule for October was created. The monthly Staff Birthday celebration took place for September and went really well. This is a monthly event for all staff who have birthdays that month. The first fire drill was conducted with its new routes. Students are showing more interested in starting more clubs, including Philosophy and some types of Political Voice. DeAnna has asked students to draft their requests and gather names of interested students. There were over 300 people at the Community Soccer Day, which was the same day as the Greenhouse Project. Many hours were spent on improvements. Weekly drawings are taking place to reward students with 100% attendance. Field trips will be organized as well to reward those students.

5.3 DWS Principal Report

Lisa Wendel's report is in the board materials. Enrollment went down to 108 due to the 10 day drop policy. We were able to hire a PE teacher, Phoebe Skinner, and the kids are so excited to have her. We have also hired a school counselor, Pam Dickson, who will start in December. Kindergarten schedule is back to full days. Kathy Hegelson, our Literacy Coach, provided professional development to our teachers. She trained our new teacher, Mr. Fisher, and a substitute for Ms., Johannesmeyer. Kathy will return the end of January for follow up. The MTSS committee is underway. Hearing screening was done October 3. School conferences are this week. An assembly with Redfish Music is scheduled. PBIS Assembly is also scheduled, where teachers will provide games, recognition for good attendance, and to recognize student of the month. Mr. Fisher has professional clown experience and will be the MC. Eagle Pride week is next week; various activities are planned. Dental screenings are scheduled for November 3. Title 1 family night is scheduled as well. There are 14 kindergarten students at DWS building.

5.4 Transportation and Maintenance Report

The report is included in the meeting materials.

5.5 Technology Report

Rusty Raymond reported he is working on getting the bugs out of the new security system. Rusty is working with Broadband to create a program called "Connected Seniors". This program connects senior citizens with kids in the community, who can teach them how to access social media and work with computers. The program in Gold Beach is very successful. We are looking for a space to conduct this program. They need at least 10 participants for one-on-one sessions with ten students. More chrome books have been ordered for Family Academy.

5.6 Financial Report

Tara Garratt's report is in the meeting materials. Aaron stated he believes the district is in solid financial shape. The single audit report has been completed with no findings.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Division 22 Standards

Aaron Miller reported the district has met all required standards (PE minutes, diploma requirements, graduation, etc.) as an educational entity within the community. Aaron reviews the standards annually and reports to the board in October, with a final report to ODE by November. One exception to compliance requirements, is the instructional materials section. Family Academy curriculum has not been approved by the board. Families have the choice of curriculum, and we have certain restrictions on what we can purchase. But because the academy is just starting there has not been time for the board to review its curricula. Per ORS 581-022-2355 the district is not in compliance. At November's meeting Aaron will ask the board to review the curricula and approve it so that we are in compliance with Division 22. Aaron will get as much information to the board as possible ahead of the meeting, likely in the form of website links. Aaron requested the board approve Division 22 Standards with the one scheduled correction.

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to approve the Division 22 standards with the note that section 581-022-2355 will be corrected at the November board meeting. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed.

6.2 OSBA Election

The board reviewed the ballot and were encourage to go on line to learn more information about the candidates. The vote is due by December 15.

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded schedule the vote for the November board meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

None.

8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

8.1 School Board Timeline Review and Calendar

Data workshop on October 27 will include Integrated Guidance reporting, third grade reading, 8th grade math, 4-year graduation rate, attendance, and more. Food will be provided. The workshop is recorded for the public to review.

8.2 Policy Manual Review

Carol Hacherl provided a memo summarizing the process so far. All required policy updates have been performed by the district for at least the past ten years. However, not all policies have been updated as they are provided by OSBA.

Comprehensive policy review service can be provided at some cost. After some discussion it was recommended Aaron check with Tara Garratt regarding available funds to conduct the update, whether its this year or next year. If the money is not available this year, the board can decide how to prioritize updates. This information will be presented at the November board meeting.

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to allow administration to review this year's budget to include an extensive OSBA policy update. The discussion will continue at the November board meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

9.1 DBEA – Budget Committee

Carol Hacherl pointed out how the policy describes a quorum in a budget meeting.

9.2 GCBD/GDBD – Sick Leave

9.3 IF – District Curriculum

9.4 IIA – Instructional Materials

9.5 JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices

9.6 JFCEB-AR

9.7 JHCA – Immunization

9.8 JOA - Directory Information

Aaron Miller clarified there are times when student information is released that is appropriate (example military recruitment, and yearbooks). DeAnna Williams assured the board at registration parents are given the opportunity to restrict inappropriate access to their child's information.

9.9 JO/IGBAB-AR Education Records et al

Carol Hacherl moved and Bob Brown seconded to approve policies as presented in their second reading. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Judy Miles reminded the board there is the ESD Roadshow one. Public Meeting Law will be presented, and all board members are required to take this course once during their term of office.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Staff survey, Superintendent evaluation
- Policy Update Budget
- OSBA Vote
- Division 22 correction
- Executive Session, Superintendent evaluation check-in

ADJOURNMENT

Judy Miles moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to adjourn the meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Korinn Hockett adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Korinn Hockett
Board Chair

Aaron Miller
Superintendent/Clerk