

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on September 15, 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 Angel Ashdown. Bob Brown arrived at 5:45 pm. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, PHS Principal DeAnna Williams, DWS Principal Lisa Wendel, Business Manager Tara Garratt and Admin Assistant Stephanie Griffith. IT Director Rusty Raymond operated and recorded the Zoom meeting in person.

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

Item 3.9 was added to the consent agenda.

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to add item 3.9, surplus equipment, to the consent agenda. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes, August, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Minutes, July, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 3.3 Approve Revised Minutes June 9, 2025 Regular meeting
- 3.4 Approve Hire, Robyn Culley, SPED Aid
- 3.5 Approve Hire, Kayla Kemp, SPED Aid
- 3.6 Approve Hire, Kathy Scott, SPED Aid
- 3.7 Approve Hire, Brendan Fisher, 4th Grade Teacher
- 3.8 Approve Hire, Katherine Hawthorne, Family Academy Teacher
- 3.9 Approve Surplus – twin scoreboards with controllers

Angel Ashdown moved and Carol Hacherl 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

There was no public input. Judy Miles suggested comments be turned off of the Zoom meeting after the public input portion of the meeting, as comments are considered public input and would be out of order.

Driftwood School Principal Lisa Wendel presented information on the Driftwood School Wellness Center ("The Eagle's Nest"). Lisa and staff had visited the Salem Keizer Wellness Center last year, to learn how their program worked. Students learn self-management skills for stress and emotions, promoting a more positive and regulated school community for both students and staff. The centers offer a safe space for students to practice coping techniques. "Quiet Rooms" have been eliminated in favor of the Wellness Centers, due to more positive outcomes. Lisa also included information from the Yale "Ruler" Center for Emotional Intelligence approach. Many of their methods are being implemented in the DWS Center.

Aaron Miller noted the Wellness Center ties into the district's maxims of learning to navigate challenges with grace. Carol Hacherl asked how the center ties into the Sources of Strength and Wayfinder programs. Lisa responded those programs are still in place, the Center is just another layer.

This program has resulted in a decrease in office discipline referrals. Korinn Hockett asked how kids are transported to the center. Lisa stated some are scheduled and others are given passes to go to the center when needed.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Superintendent's Report

Aaron introduced students Brianna Huggins and Lauren Sichting. They are this month's student representatives. Aaron Miller's report is in the board materials. The COPS grant work on front doors and entryways is just about complete. We are ordering fencing and trees for the Orchard grant, which is a federal grant of \$51,000. A volunteer installation day is scheduled for October 11. The orchard will tie in with the horticulture program and is located at the old cranberry bogs. The Curry County Commissioner is still on board with housing across the highway from PHS. They have asked the district to take the lead of expressing what we want to have happen. The new scoreboards on the soccer field have been installed. Enrollment is at 228, down about 6 from last year. The number reported to ODE was 226. Funding is on track. One of the board policies is that the board approves curriculum. For Family Academy, there are currently 20 kids in 12 to 13 families. They are continuing to use the curriculum they have used in the past, and purchasing more. Aaron asked the board how they want to address the issue. The district is directing parents to the ODE approved list of curriculum. Not all of them are using that list. Judy Miles asked if Family Academy counts toward graduation rates; they do. Kate Hawthorne is conducting research to be sure regulations are being observed, and being sure chosen curriculum meets standards. As a pilot program, this is the time to research and learn what works. Aaron encouraged board members to direct questions and suggestions to him. All curriculum purchased belongs to the district and can be shared. There is also a possibility of reselling used curriculum.

5.2 PHS Principal Report

DeAnna Williams reported she has made some changes this year and is enjoying getting to know everyone. She has implemented some safety measures, including locks on the lockers, with backpacks and cell phones to be locked away all day. Kids are becoming more comfortable with these new measures. She asked that lunch be eaten in the cafeteria to reduce rodent issues and increase safety of the students. She has ordered a games cart and a TV for the cafeteria as well as frisbees and balls for days when the weather is good. Lanyards have been ordered so students can go to clubs during lunch and we can keep better track of where they are. A once a month birthday celebration is planned, so employees can better know and appreciate each other. DeAnna brings in coffee and treats. Work experience forms have been updated and she has met with students to develop their experiences. They can get up to two credits for that. She has updated the safety pass binders and emergency procedures. There are three exits to the high school and students are to meet down at the track. Safety drills will be scheduled. Open House went well; about 100 people showed up; there was good food and conversation.

5.3 DWS Principal Report

Lisa Wendel's report is in the board materials. Staffing needs have increased; we still need a PE teacher and Counselor. Kindergarten is a half day schedule through 9/12, and begin attending a full day as of today (9/15). Open House and Title 1 meetings on Thursday, the Fall Festival is planned for 10/3. Release times are going better this week; some issues have been addressed.

5.4 Transportation and Maintenance Report

There was no report this month; it will be submitted for the October meeting.

5.5 Technology Report

Rusty Raymond reported he has been busy getting teachers what they need, helping with the set-up of Family Academy, making sure staff have appropriate access to ODE reporting. More cameras will be installed, which involves mapping and wiring. Rusty is also gathering old IT equipment to be surplus.

5.6 Financial Report

Tara Garratt's report is in the meeting materials. The ending fund balance for 24-25 is higher than what was budgeted. Some of the grants look over-expended, but that is because funds are released in smaller portions. Title grants are funded and ready to go. Tara stated she had the worksheets from Jackie Olsson that Carol Hacherl had requested, and will format her reports in that manner.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approve Aaron Miller's Contract

The only changes were addition of a life insurance policy, start and end dates, and salary which increased with cost of living.

Carol Hacherl moved and Bob Brown seconded to approve Aaron Miller's contract as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 September Suicide Prevention Month

Aaron Miller read a proclamation that September is Suicide Prevention Month.

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

6.3 Student Board Representative Selection

Aaron Miller stated he wants to let ASB officers decide who will represent the students. MJ Lewis had been selected to represent, but she was not in attendance today. Instead, students Brianna Huggins and Lauren Sighting were in attendance. They reported they were working on Fall Fest and School Spirit Week. They reported some kids were having a hard time adjusting to the new safety rules. The students believed it was their duty to provide feedback to the board from their fellow students. Judy Miles commended the girls for speaking on behalf of the student body and not just for themselves, and that there is a hierarchy to address any issues. Aaron Miller stated he would work with the ASB advisor about formal procedures.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Board Book Process

Board members had expressed interested in going back to the old practice of utilizing Board Book software on laptops during the board meeting. Issues in the past were that board members could not remember their passwords and had trouble following along. Stephanie Griffith reported she was happy to provide training at the next board meeting to see if the board preferred the on-line method.

There was some discussion as to whether a special training workshop should be scheduled.

Judy Miles moved and Bob Brown seconded to schedule a training workshop for Board Book. Angel Ashdown questioned if a separate workshop was needed. Bob Brown voted in favor. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, and Angel Ashdown voted against a special workshop. Motion denied.

Judy Miles moved and Bob Brown seconded to begin using Board Book in future board meetings. Stephanie Griffith and Rusty Raymond will send tutorials and log in information prior to the next board meeting so board members can train ahead of time. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

8.1 School Board Timeline Review and Calendar

Board members discussed having a data review workshop in late October. Aaron would present student data collected so far, his interpretation of it and how to proceed/improve. It was decided to have the workshop on Monday 10/27 at 5:00 pm.

9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Aaron Miller reported that Carol Hacherl and Stephanie Griffith have been collaborating to review board minutes and the online policy manual to reconcile missing or outdated policies. It was decided to purchase "Policy Update Plus" from OSBA to provide additional policy update support.

- 9.1 DBEA – Budget Committee
- 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
- 9.9 JO/IGBAB-AR Education Records et al

10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Angel Ashdown 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 7:09 pm.

Korinn Hockett
Board Chair

Aaron Miller
Superintendent/Clerk