



## Minutes

### The Board of Education Molalla River School District

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February 12, 2026

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

Vice Chair Linda Eskridge called the business meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Amy McNeil, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, Mark Lucht (virtual) Student Representative Josiah Lopez, and Terrie Stafford. Absent: Chair Craig Loughridge

MRS D Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Supt, Director of Human Resources, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Esperum/Grants Accountant, Chris Shaw/Technology Director, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications, Mike Lord/Athletic Director, Associate Principal Molalla High School, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also present: Kristofer Tanning/ZCS

**A. PUBLIC MEETING RECESSES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR HEARING**

*1. Hearing Explanation*

Vice Chair Eskridge recessed the business meeting and began the Public Hearing for the CM/GC contract for ZCS Engineering. Mr. Kristofer Tanning from ZCS Engineering discussed the seismic upgrades planned at Mulino Elementary. He explained the public hearing is a requirement of the CM/GC process. He stated this project was published in the Daily Journal of Commerce, and only one comment was submitted electronically by a contractor. There was no further discussion.

*2. Public Input*

There was none.

**B. HEARING CLOSES AND BUSINESS MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Eskridge called the business meeting back to order at 7:08pm.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**D. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There was none.

**E. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Josiah Lopez stated the Share the Love kickoff assembly was January 31. On Saturday February 1 there was a Bazaar with food trucks at the High School. He stated the Share the Love Bingo was tonight, as well as the Clarkes Grange dinner. The online auction has over 100 total items. He gave a winter sports update and stated state testing starting this week for all juniors. The board wished him a happy birthday, which was in a couple weeks.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. *Consent Agenda – January Meeting minutes, personnel report, surplus*  
Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
2. *Resolution 2025-2026.007 – Construction Manager/General Contractor*  
Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-2026.007, authorizing an exemption from the competitive bid process to select a CM/GC Contractor for the Mulino Elementary School Seismic Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
3. *Recommendation to approve – Clackamas ESD Local Service Plan*  
Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to approve the Clackamas ESD Local Service Plan. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
4. *Recommendation to approve – Budget Committee Vacancies*  
Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to declare the two budget committee vacancies, Positions 2 and 6, with terms expiring in 2028. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
5. *Recommendation to approve – Naming of Holden Track*  
Dr. Mann thanked Terry and Cheryl Holden for their \$500,000 gift to the community for the turf project. He stated in the agreement with Dale and Julie Burghardt, they have requested that the track at the Burghardt Sports Complex be named the “Holden Track,” He discussed next steps. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion for the Board to act to rename the track at the Burghardt Sports Complex the “Holden Track.” Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.
6. *Recommendation to approve – Shuholm Family Gift*  
Dr. Mann stated Board Policy KH requires large gifts to the district be approved by the Board. He stated the Shuholm Family has donated \$100,000 for the purpose of the turf project. Ms. McNeil commented on the Shuholm Family generosity, as well as others who have donated. Mr. Cummings made a motion to accept the \$100,000 from the Shuholm Family. Ms. McNeil seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. The Board thanked the Shuholm Family for their incredibly generous donation.

**G. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. *Financial Review*  
Mr. Andy Campbell gave a monthly financial review. He stated the budget season has started, with the budget account owners reviewing new sheets for 26-27. There has been no update on any budget reduction for this year or next year from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). He stated ODE should be sending the first estimate for the state school fund (SSF) in March. There was discussion about PERS and the district’s PERS Bonds, which will expire in the 27-28 school year. Mr. Campbell stated he will present PERS information to the Board soon. He stated the 24-25 Audit was complete and submitted to ODE today with a clean unmodified option. There was no further discussion.
2. *Grants Update*

Ms. Amanda Esperum gave a general grants update and the fiscal year process with account managers. She stated there are no updates or reductions to any grants yet, but the district is planning a 2.5% reduction for the Student Investment Account (SIA) grant and the High School Success (HSS) grant. She stated even with potential reductions there would be no major impacts on student programming. She explained each grant, both State and Federal, the District receives and what it provides to students and staff. The Board thanked her for her report. There were no further questions.

#### **H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mann gave a middle school project update, which is on time and on budget. More concrete footings and the gym slab were poured this week. He stated he and Ms. Andrea Watson, along with Wenaha, Wright Public Affairs, and Morrow County School staff, presented at the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) Bonds, Ballots, and Buildings conference about how to pass a bond in rural communities. He discussed the upcoming work session and the mid-year scorecard presentation. He also shared his frustration with ODE and a recent letter regarding the district's work with English Language Learners (ELL) students. He stated he has scheduled appointments with ODE staff to discuss the letter and how the district will move forward. The Board asked Dr. Mann to send them a copy of the letter from ODE for review. He invited the Board to join him at some upcoming Share the Love events, and he is excited for the panic button presentation by high school students at the work session.

##### *1. Department Reports*

There was a discussion about a supplemental budget that will be discussed in a future meeting.

#### **I. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Cummings thanked the Burghardt, Holden, and Shuholm families for their gifts supporting the turf project. Ms. McNeil gave congratulations to Coach Emmely Briley and the High School Robotics Club for making it to the State Competition. Ms. Stafford commented on the middle school Vanguard Event. Mr. Lopez thanked the Board and Dr. Mann for all they do for students. Vice Chair Eskridge thanked all the families for their donations to the turf project. Mr. Neal Lucht commented on the Share the Love campaign and the drive and passion to continue supporting families in need in our community. He stated the learning opportunities and character building that come from the campaign are like no other. No further comments.

#### **J. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- February 25<sup>th</sup> policy committee meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- February 26<sup>th</sup> work session at 7pm at the District Office
- March 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting at 7pm at the District Office

#### **K. ADJOURN**

Ms. McNeil made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion and Vice Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

*Chair*

*Superintendent*

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*Board Secretary*