



Minutes

The Board of Education

Molalla River School District

September 12, 2024

I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office (Board Room)

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Amy McNeil called the business meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, Mark Lucht, Linda Eskridge, and Terrie Stafford. Absent: Student Representative Madison Talarico

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Director of Human Resources, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications (virtual), Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Ron Stewart/Capital Projects Manager, Amy Chapin/Associate Principal Molalla High School, Larry Conley/Principal at Rural Dell, Cathy Mitchell/Principal at Mulino, Les Womack/Principal at Molalla Elementary, Christy Newman/Principal at Clarkes, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School, Kerri Tatum/Associate Principal Molalla River Middle School, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also present: Mitche Graf, Sierra Graf, John Meyer, Jimmy Lanahan, Miki Bragg/OTAK, Bob Collins/OTAK, Shaun Stuhldryer/OTAK, Alec Holser/Opsis Architects

A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Ofc. Jamil Kassab

Chair McNeil introduced Officer Jamil Kassab of the Molalla Police Department and District Safety Resource Officer (SRO). She thanked him for his 5 years of service as the SRO for Molalla, and she stated families appreciate his presence in our schools. Officer Kassab thanked the District Staff and Board for the opportunity to work for and with them to keep our schools safe. He stated it has been a honor to serve the District for 5 years. He also stated he is the SRO lead for Clackamas County Schools, so he will continue to be involved with school safety. Chair McNeil presented Officer Kassab with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Directors for his 5 years of service as the SRO for Molalla Schools.

B. INTRODUCTION OF SRO JEFFEREY HILLHOUSE

Officer Kassab introduced the new SRO, Jefferey Hillhouse. Officer Kassab thanked SRO Hillhouse for his commitment and heart for kids. He stated he believes it will be a seamless transition with SRO Hillhouse stepping into the position. Dr. Mann thanked Officer Kassab for his service and is grateful for SRO Hillhouse filling that role. SRO Hillhouse started his career as campus monitor and a coach at the High School, and has a huge heart for Molalla students. SRO Hillhouse thanked Officer Kassab for his leadership and role in school safety, and is excited to impact Molalla youth with positive relationships.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mitche Graf commented on the new free lunch program for the District.

D. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There was none.

E. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Talarico was absent. No report given.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. *Consent Agenda – August Meeting minutes, personnel report*
Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Eskridge seconded the motion. The Board asked about the open position for Director of Technology. Ms. Jennifer Ellis stated there were 13 applicants and interviews should start soon. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.
2. *Policy Second Reading*
Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to accept the policies as written: BBF, BBFC, CB, CBC, CCG, EBCB, EBC/EBCA, EBC, EBCA, GBN/JBA. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously via hand vote.
3. *Recommendation for Approval – Bond Oversight Committee*
Dr. Mann gave a brief history of how the Bond Oversight Committee was formed. He stated the approval today is for the Board to give the Superintendent direction to convene this committee based on the information stated in the charter. The Board asked about the protocol in reporting any issues. Dr. Mann stated any committee member may follow Board Policy KL – Public Complaints if there are issues. Vice Chair Loughridge made a motion to direct the superintendent to convene the Bond Oversight Committee as presented. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was discussion about changing the words “Board of Education” to “Molalla River School District” in the committee charter. The motion passed unanimously via hand vote.

G. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. *Capital Projects Update and OTAK Team Introduction*
Mr. Stewart introduced Ms. Miki Bragg and Mr. Shaun Stuhldryer from OTAK. They stated they are excited to be part of the middle school project and gave a brief history of their previous K-12 school building experience. The Board asked about updates on risk and issue, and how it would be given to the Board. Ms. Bragg stated they use a risk management log that can be given to the Board as often as requested. Mr. Stuhldryer explained SmartSheet and how that informs them of any risks.
Mr. Stewart introduced Mr. Alec Holser of Opsis Architects. Mr. Holser stated he is excited to be here and gave a brief history of his experience building schools in the area. He is impressed with the fast start the team has had on getting down to the design process. He thanked the Board and stated he represents his team and they are excited to get to work.
2. *District Improvement/Scorecard update*
Dr. Mann gave an update to the scorecard process with Studer Education. He shared how the District created the scorecards and shared a timeline for reporting to the Board. In November/December the administration team will meet and review the scorecards, which are based on the 5 pillars. In January/February the Board will get an update. There was discussion about what will be in the reports as well as how the District will adjust the goals based on the results.
3. *Communications Report*
Ms. Watson gave an update to communications. She stated the format of the report she has been giving the Board will be changing to represent the new school year. She also updated the Board on the website, the Bond Oversight Committee, staff and community newsletters, and

the new logo. She also gave the Board an update to the new notification system through the website and the errors that occurred the first week of school have been fixed.

4. *Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report*

Mr. Tiano shared pictures of recent finished facilities projects. There was discussion about an unexpected issue at Rural Dell with the well. There was also discussion about the District's lift stations and septic tanks, which are pumped every summer.

5. *Financial Review*

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any questions regarding his report. He stated the District Audit field work wrapped up last week, and the report should be done by October/November. There was also discussion on the sale of the bonds and the interest earned from that. The Board asked about current enrollment, and Mr. Campbell stated the District should have September numbers in a week or two.

6. *Teaching and Learning Report*

a. **Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

Ms. Jackson and Mr. Randy Dalton gave a presentation on the upcoming 6th grade Outdoor School, which will be held at Camp Gray in Newport operated by OMSI.

b. **Student Services**

Dr. Shobe stated the department is close to being fully staffed. She also gave an update on the successful ESY (Extended School Year) program at MES over the summer, as well as the successful kinder camp.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann updated the Board on the middle school building project. He also reported the football game against Sweet Home High School is being moved to Saturday due to a threat at Sweet Home High School, and that the District supports them in erring on the side of caution. He talked about the measles outbreak in Clackamas County, as well as his new governor-appointed position as a board member of the OEBC (Oregon Employees Benefit Board).

I. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Cummings commented on Outdoor School and the bond. Ms. Eskridge commented on 9/11 – 23 years since it happened, and the bond passing. Ms. Stafford commented on the state of the district. Chair McNeil commented on attending the District Welcome Back in August with Ms. Eskridge. She also thanked the Bond Oversight Committee members for their commitment. Mr. Neal Lucht and Mr. Mark Lucht thanked everyone for their hard work.

J. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 24th Policy Committee meeting at 6pm at the District Office.
- September 26th work session at 7pm at the District Office
- October 10th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office

K. ADJOURN

Ms. Eskridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with a hand vote at 8:32pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary