



**Multnomah ESD Board of Directors'**  
**Board Regular Session Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

**2022-2028**

Areas of Focus

- #1 – Create a high quality learning environment for all
- #2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities
- #3 – Build a culturally responsive workforce

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Renee Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 in accordance with the agenda and Public notice of the meeting.

Board Members Present: Renee Anderson-Chair  
Danny Cage  
Katrina Doughty  
Denyse Peterson  
Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie  
Helen Ying

Board Members Absent: Jessica Arzate-Vice-Chair

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Paul Coakley, Superintendent  
Bernadette Adeniran, Director of Human Resources  
Doana Anderson, Director of Business Services  
Todd Greaves, Director of Student Services  
Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent  
Marifer Sager, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs  
Heather Severns, Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

Guests: None



2. **APPRECIATION/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**-Board Chair Renee Anderson opened with an educational reflection highlighting **Juneteenth** as a critical moment in American history. She shared a personal story from her childhood about racial injustice and resilience, followed by a reading from Maya Angelou's poem *Still I Rise*. Renee emphasized the importance of all students learning their own history and that of others as part of a comprehensive American education.
3. **LGBTQIA2S+ PROCLAMATION**-Board member Danny Cage read the proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month, affirming MESD's support for inclusivity, dignity, and equality for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**-There was no request for public comment.
5. **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**
  - a. Union Representative Reports
    - i. Heather Hanley, AFSCME President-There were no representatives present.
    - ii. Phoenix Blickle & Jess Rohrbacher, MESDEA Co-Presidents-There were no representatives present.
  - b. Superintendent's Report-Dr. Coakley reported on end-of-year celebrations, graduations, and particularly impactful stories from Rivercrest students overcoming addiction and celebrating their first graduation as a program.
    - i. MESD received three national awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)
      1. Excellence in Educational Podcasting for Leaders Build Leaders with Dr. Coakley
      2. Merit Award for MESD's LinkedIn strategy
      3. Golden Achievement Award for the agency's website, Supporting All Kids
    - ii. Dr. Coakley also provided an update on statewide advocacy and legislative developments
      1. SSA Budget held steady at \$1.1 billion.
      2. Funding maintained for high school success and universal school meals.



3. Cuts and consolidations impacted the Student Success Plans (from \$42.9M to \$20M), Grow Your Own programs, and outdoor school funding (cut by \$12M).
4. Title I summer learning programs and Preschool for All proposals are at risk or paused.
5. Dr. Coakley expressed thanks to MESD staff and incoming legislative liaison Lisa Merrick.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### a. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of the May 20, 2025 Board Regular Session Minutes
- ii. Resolution 25-029-Approval of the June 2025 Personnel Recommendations
- iii. Resolution 25-030-Approval of amended Board Policies IGBAB/JO & JO/IGBAB-Student Education Records
- iv. Resolution 25-031-Approval of Amended Board Policy JF/JFA-Student Rights and Responsibilities
- v. Resolution 25-032-Approval of Amended Board Policy KAB-Parental Rights

**Motion:** Director Danny Cage moved to approve the Consent Agenda  
Director Helen Ying seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Board Director Denyse Peterson inquired about distinguishing between resignations and layoffs listed. HR Director Bernadette Adeniran clarified that both were present and that full details would be shared following bumping process clarifications.

**Update 7/15:** Denyse Peterson asked that the minutes reflect that she had her hand raised to ask a question regarding Resolution 25-029 noted in the discussion recorded above. She was not voting. Her vote on the consent agenda will be changed to abstain.

**Action:** The motion carried with Directors Anderson, Cage, Doughty, Squiemphen-Yazzie, and Ying voting aye. Director Denyse Peterson abstained from the vote. Motion passed 5-0.



b. Action Agenda

- i. Resolution 25-033-Approval of Supplemental Budget, Appropriation Adjustments and Budget transfers.

**Motion:** Director Helen Ying moved to approve Resolution 25-033  
Director Danny Cage seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** none

**Action:** The motion carried with Directors Anderson, Cage, Doughty, Peterson, Squiemphen-Yazzie, and Ying voting aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- ii. Resolution 25-034-Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Appropriations for All Finds and Declaration of Taxes Imposed. Chief Finance Officer Doanan Anderson noted that this approval would be with the understanding it reflects current knowns and will likely need future adjustments due to unresolved state-level funding issues.

**Motion:** Director Danny Cage moved to approve Resolution 25-034  
Director Helen Ying seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** The motion carried with Directors Anderson, Cage, Doughty, Peterson, Squiemphen-Yazzie, and Ying voting aye. Motion passed 6-0.

## 7. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Board Finance Committee-There were no questions.
- b. Board Policy Committee-This committee did not meet
- c. Superintendent Evaluation Committee-This committee did not meet.
- d. OAESD-No comments were made
- e. OSBA- No comments were made



- 8. BOARD MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**-Superintendent Coakley and Board members recognized Director Helen Ying for her years of service, leadership on policy and racial equity, and her dedication to students.

Board member Helen Ying thanked the Board and MESD staff and reaffirmed her continued support of the MESD Scholarship Program.

Chair Renee Anderson, in her final meeting as board chair, reflected on the Board's shared commitment to equity and thanked colleagues for their dedication. She recognized Helen Ying's contributions and celebrated the collaborative efforts throughout the year. The meeting closed with birthday wishes for Dr. Coakley.

## **9. ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

- a. July 15, 6:00 p.m.-Board Regular Session meeting-(Virtual via Zoom)

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next regular session meeting will be July 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.