Minutes — July 9, 2026

The Board of Education
Molalla River School District

I. ***BUSINESS MEETING - 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, Rob Cummings, Neal Lucht, and Mark Lucht. Absent: Chair Craig Loughridge, Amy McNeil and Terrie Stafford.

MRSD Administrators present: Jennifer Ellis/Assistant Supt, Director of Human Resources, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Chris Shaw/Director of Technology, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching and Learning, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant.

Also Present: Kyla Hill

A. PUBLIC COMMENT
Ms. Kyla Hill, parent of a recent graduate, commented on her son's experience at Molalla High School.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
There was none.

C. Election of Board Leadership

1. *Board Chair*
   Vice Chair Eskridge nominated Craig Loughridge as Board Chair for the 26-27 school year. Mr. Neal Lucht and Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.
2. *Board Vice Chair*
   Mr. Mark Lucht nominated Linda Eskridge as Board Vice Chair for the 26-27 school year. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.
3. *Policy Committee Membership*
   Mr. Cummings, Ms. Stafford (absent) and Ms. McNeil (absent) will continue to be the directors on the policy committee for the 26-27 school year.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. *Consent Agenda – June Meeting minutes, personnel report, surplus*
   Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.
2. *Resolution 2026-2027.001 – Enabling Resolution*

Mr. Mark Lucht read the full resolution out loud for the record. Mr. Neal Lucht seconded the motion. There was a question regarding bonded employees. The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

3. *Recommendation for Approval – Oregon Outreach Contract*
   Mr. Andy Campbell reviewed the board agenda cover sheet and reminded the board this is a yearly contract that requires approval. There are no changes this year. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept the Oregon Outreach contract as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was a question regarding handling unexpected spending and budgeting. The motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.
4. *Recommendation of approval – Narrative summary Superintendent's Evaluation*
   Mr. Mark Lucht stated he edited the summary the Board was given by Mr. Greg Mckenzie. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve the narrative summary for 25-26 as presented. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. *Financial Review*
   Mr. Andy Campbell gave a monthly financial review. He reported the district is now in a new fiscal year, and his team is working to close fiscal year 25-26. He stated the third year for the Federal free lunch program for students will begin this year. Mr. Campbell presented the district's current construction excise tax rate and made a recommendation to increase the rates to reflect the current ones. The district charges at the 2019 rates, and an increase in rates would have a significant financial impact. He stated the Board will be asked to approve a resolution at their next meeting. There was discussion regarding the financial impact of the rate increase, and how the federal free lunch program works.
2. *First Reading of Policy*
   Vice Chair Eskridge asked Ms. Nelzen to read the summary of the policy changes out loud. Ms. Nelzen updated the board on changes in the following policies: BBAA, BD, BD/BDA, CBG, EBB, GBA/GBA-AR, GBN/JBA, JBA/GBN, and KBA/KBA-AR. There was discussion regarding CBG – Superintendent's Evaluation and a request was made to send back to the policy committee to change the frequency of the superintendent's evaluation back to every year.
3. *Discussion – Instructional Time/Executive Order*
   Ms. Ellis reviewed the explanation of the Governor's executive order 26-06. She stated Ms. Tamara Jackson and Dr. Mann submitted the required information to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on May 22. She stated the district does not have to recover any time, so there will be no changes to the instructional minutes this year. There was discussion regarding whether to include parent teacher conferences and professional development as part of the instructional minutes.

F. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Ms. Ellis explained to the board that there is no Student Services report this month, as the Student Services Director position has not been filled yet. She stated the team would be interviewing candidates on July 21. She thanked Mr. Chris Shaw and his team for updating all staff laptops this summer. She stated the District Office staff are working hard this summer to get a lot of things done for the upcoming year and they look forward to the quiet time. She also commented on Summer

School, which began this week. Grades K-8 are all at Molalla Elementary this summer, and credit recovery for high school students is being held at the high school.

1. *Department Reports*
   There was no discussion.

G. *BOARD COMMENTS*

Mr. Cummings commented on the new construction at the middle school and Burghardt Stadium and thanked all employees that work over the summer. There was discussion regarding the potential eminent domain resolution. Mr. Neal Lucht thanked the team for the accomplishment of acquiring all the signatures needed. Mr. Mark Lucht commented on the district scorecard and would like board leadership to work with staff to get a report out to the broader community.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- July 23rd work session meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- August 13th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- August 27th work session at 7pm at the District Office

I. ADJOURN

Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mark Lucht seconded the motion and Chair Loughridge adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

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Chair ***Superintendent***

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Board Secretary