



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J
School Board Meeting Minutes

WORK SESSION of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD

September 15, 2025

Zoom Webinar & In-Person Meeting
88834 Territorial Rd.
Elmira, Or 97437

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1): The work session of the Fern Ridge School Board was called to order by Chair Grover at 5:39pm.

In attendance were Directors Lisa McCann, Kathleen Pizzola, WC Grover, Brian Kirkpatrick and Superintendent Gary Carpenter. Mark Gent attended via Zoom.

We have a shared vision in the Fern Ridge School District: Provide excellence for every student so that each will reach their greatest potential.

Thank you to the members of the public who have joined us. As a reminder, School Board meetings and work sessions are meetings of the Board held in public, providing an opportunity to observe the Board's discussion and actions.

In an effort to conduct official Board business, we ask that the audience be respectful and refrain from questions, comments, and unnecessary noise while the Board conducts the meeting. Also, please note that all Board meetings are live streamed and posted on the School Board area of the website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 2):

2. A. Board Operating Agreement: The document that was adopted in August was reviewed with Director McCann and Director Gent's amendments. There was a time of discussion around the item prioritization and additions with grammar adjustments and clarifying language. Superintendent Carpenter will draft up the Board Operating Agreement with changes for the board to review by the end of the week and then be presented for a second reading in October.

2. B. Board Goals: Keep the same three goals for the board that have been presented and add to Superintendent Goals the topic of student safety. The action items of each goal were discussed and examples were presented and discussed.

2. E. Board Stipends: The board discussed performing a survey and polling the community as to what the preference is to pursuing the stipend option for Fern Ridge School Board. Superintendent Carpenter proposed investigating how other schools have done this and having a plan in October.

LATE ITEMS/CLOSING COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 3):

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 4): The work session was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Attest: _____
School Board Representative

Gary E. Carpenter, Jr., Superintendent