

Board of Directors Meeting

June 10., 2026

7:00 pm

Overview

The Board of Directors meeting on June 10, 2026, covered various updates and approvals. Directors reported on recent school events, including graduations, spring concerts, and senior assemblies. The Communications Department highlighted upcoming events and preparations for next year. The enrollment report showed a consistent drop in numbers, but overall growth. The financial report noted a surprise drop in the ending fund balance, aiming to hit \$5.6 million for the next year. The superintendent presented the final draft of the 2026-2027 budget and discussed reconfiguration plans. The board approved the budget, amendments, and tax categorization, ensuring compliance with state laws.

Directors Present: Director Behrman, Director Lohmeier, Director Martinez, Director Wheeler, VC Johnston and Chair Riedel. Also present: Superintendent Carpenter, Director of Finance Scott Pillar and Board Secretary Denise Pemberton.

Action Items

- Maggie Kelly - Create the visual district calendar for 2026–27 (fridge/bulletin version) and finalize events before July so families have back-to-school dates
- Maggie Kelly - Confirm Rise committee membership over the summer (check members' willingness to serve for next two-year term) and bring any new applications to the board if vacancies occur
- Maggie Kelly - Interview and hire multimedia interns for fall athletics (to prepare football and soccer stadium multimedia coverage)
- [Erin Gardenhire- Implement MAP interim assessments K–8 (three times per year) as the district interim assessment system, and present interim growth data to the board as required by SB 141
- Ryan Carpenter - Develop and finalize the three-month summer school program plan for the ODE grant (June: high school credit recovery; July–August: K–8 programming), including staffing, bus routes, and schedules to enroll up to ~300 students
- Ryan Carpenter - Manage summer reconfiguration logistics (hire moving company, schedule packing/moving days, box and move staff and classrooms so reconfigured buildings are ready for next school year)

- Ryan Carpenter - Continue the search and hire a certified teacher for the new Forestry CTE pathway (seek candidate with industry experience and science certification for dual-credit options)
- Ryan Carpenter - Relocate the DCLA alternative program back on-campus (place it in the current agriculture building area), and reassign the agriculture classroom into the science hallway with a new direct access door and improved classroom space
- Work adjustments and transfers in June to try to reach the target beginning general fund balance (~\$5.5–5.6M) and finalize the budget amendment resolution details
- Finalize auditor selection process (re-issue/push RFP if needed) and bring recommended auditing contract to the board for adoption in August

Outline

Board of Directors Meeting Introduction and Pledge

- Chair Riedel calls the meeting to order and requests everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Superintendent Carpenter leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Denise Pemberton lists the present directors and confirms a quorum.
- Denise confirms the agenda is properly notified and Director Behrman motions to approve it seconded by Director Wheeler. Motion carries 6-0

Board of Directors Reports

- Director Behrman expresses excitement for the upcoming graduation and spring events.
- Director Martinez expresses kudos to the graduating students and looks forward to the weekend.
- Chair Riedel highlights recent school events, including spring concerts, senior assembly, and Disney's Spring Flame.
- Vice Chair Johnston congratulates Chair Riedel on his Citizen of the Year for his volunteer actions.
- Vice Chair Johnston mentions the upcoming graduation and thanks staff for their hard work.

Communications Department Report

- Maggie Kelly provides an update on the Communications Department's activities.
- The department is capturing end-of-year events, including grad walk, field day, and eighth-grade promotion.
- Maggie thanks staff for their efforts and mentions Chair Reidel's interview about graduation numbers.
- The department is preparing for next year's calendar and back-to-school communication.

- Maggie highlights completed projects, increased athletics and arts promotion, and the Rise committee's engagement.

Community Engagement and Summer Plans

- Dani discusses community engagement activities, including a well-attended career technical education night.
- The department is preparing for summer events, including the park series and safe routes to school.
- Dani mentions ongoing communication about next year's reconfiguration and school times.
- The department is working on creative ways to inform the community about high-traffic areas for students.
- Dani emphasizes the importance of community engagement and preparation for the next school year.

Enrollment and Financial Reports

- Scott presents the enrollment report, noting a consistent pattern of enrollment drop from the start to the end of the year.
- Scott highlights the district's growth year-over-year, which is a positive trend compared to the statewide decline.
- The general fund financial report shows a surprise drop in the ending fund balance, but efforts are being made to adjust it.
- Scott explains the budget amendment resolution, which allows for transfers to maintain a solid ending fund balance.
- Scott mentions a good meeting with the charter school and the ongoing audit response process.

Superintendent's Report and Budget Proposal

- Ryan Carpenter celebrates the successful school year and highlights various performances and events.
- The district received positive highlights from the Oregon School Board Association for its graduation rates.
- Carpenter presents the final draft of the 2026-2027 budget, emphasizing community collaboration and transparency.
- The district has been communicating the budget proposal with the community and employees.
- Carpenter outlines the reconfiguration plan for next year, focusing on balancing the capacity load of schools.

Spring Sports Updates

- Andy Mott provides an overview of the spring sports season, including historic achievements and awards.
- Boys tennis, girls tennis, esports, baseball, track and field, softball, girls golf, and boys golf all had strong seasons.
- The choir and band programs also had successful seasons, with the choir winning district championships.
- The district hosted various tournaments and events, including the Hurricane at the Hedge tournament and a four-team softball tournament.
- The district honored five students who signed to compete in college in athletics or arts.

Discussion and Approval of Budget Items

- The board discusses and approves the consent agenda motioned by VC Johnston, seconded by Director Wheeler including the staff report and the social sciences instructional materials adoption is motioned by Director Behrman, seconded by VC Johnston. Both motions carried 6-0
- Superintendent Carpenter explains the decision to adopt the MAP assessment for accountability, despite concerns about its length and relevancy.
- The board adopts the budget amendment resolution to appropriate funds and categorize taxes. Motioned by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Behrman. Motion carried 6-0
- The board adopts the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 motioned by VC Johnston, seconded by Director Lohmeier. Motion carries 6-0
- The meeting concludes with no further comments from the audience.
- Adjourned 8:13 pm