



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

August 14, 2025

I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Craig Loughridge called the business meeting back to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Craig Loughridge, Vice Chair Linda Eskridge, Rob Cummings, Linda Eskridge, and Neal Lucht. Absent: Mark Lucht and Terrie Stafford

MRSD Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Ron Stewart/Capital Projects Manager, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Chris Shaw/Technology Director, Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

Also present: Dave Dahl/Pence, John Meyer, Owen Ritter

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. *Consent Agenda – July Meeting minutes, personnel report, superintendent's contract addendum*

Ms. McNeil made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

2. *Recommendation for Approval – Natalie Schaad OT contract*

Dr. Shobe reviewed the contract. The board asked about worker's compensation coverage. Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to approve the contract for Natalie Schaad. Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call – 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions.

D. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. *Capital Projects Update*

Dr. Ron Stewart and Mr. Dave Dahl engaged in a discussion with the board regarding the Early Work Amendment (EWA). Mr. Dahl stated Coffman and KNL Paving were awarded subcontractor agreements. There was discussion about the definition of disadvantaged and how Pence works with companies to submit more competitive bids. There was also discussion about advertising and how Pence reached out to contractors for the project. There were no further questions.

2. *Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report*

Mr. Tony Tiano reviewed the report and recent work at the High School and Clarkes. He thanked his staff, including custodians, grounds and maintenance crews, and Ms. Shalin Akins/Facilities and Technology Assistant, for their hard work this summer. There were no further questions.

3. *Communications Update*

Ms. Andrea Watson was absent. Dr. Mann discussed the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) award that he and Ms. Watson accepted at the end of July in Washington DC. He stated the first newsletter has been published, and gave an update on athletic events and cell phone policy communications. He also gave an update to the re-branding process and upcoming events.

4. *Financial Review*

Mr. Andy Campbell was absent. Dr. Mann stated he is confident in where the District is at financially as the new year begins. There were no questions.

5. *Teaching and Learning Report*

a. **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

Ms. Tamara Jackson discussed the recent training Morphology at ESD, a week-long training on the root of words, which is a continuation of last years training. She gave an update to the kinder camp starting next week, and the wrap up of summer programming.

b. **Student Services**

Dr. Robin Shobe stated SPED week will start next week, and that the department is fully staffed to begin the year. There were no further questions.

6. *First Reading of Policy – EHB/EHB-AR, IKJ/IKJ-AR(1) and (2), IIBGA/IIBGA-AR (1)(2)(3) and (4), JFCEB/JFCEB-AR*

Ms. Amy McNeil, policy committee member, gave an executive summary for each policy. There was discussion about the personal electronic device policy and what questions the community may have. Dr. Mann discussed concerns around safety and the brain science on cell phones and young adolescent brains. There was discussion about the basis of the policy – it can stay on a student's person, a backpack, or a locker. It cannot disrupt learning. There was also discussion about the consequences, how teachers and administrators will handle situations. Dr. Mann stated this is not the final policy and that the District expects revisions from OSBA to come out soon. There was discussion about approving the policies this evening, but the Board asked for time to review all policies. The work session on August 28 will be the second reading and recommendation for approval. There were no further questions.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann discussed the upcoming kinder camp next week. He stated an All District Welcome Back is scheduled for 8/25 and board members are invited to attend the keynote speaker. He thanked Dale and Julie Burghardt for their turf project donations and gave an update to the project timeline.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Neal Lucht commented on the Portland Police Bureau training at Rural Dell Elementary a couple weeks ago.

G. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- August 28th work session at 7pm at the District Office
- September 11th business meeting at 7pm at the District Office
- September 25th work session at 7pm at the District Office

H. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Eskridge made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lucht seconded the motion and Chair Loughridge adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary