

GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 JT.
Minutes of Regular Board Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

The Gresham-Barlow School District Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 in the council chambers of the Public Safety and Schools building, 1331 NW Eastman Pkwy Gresham, OR 97030. A Zoom link was provided for virtual meeting attendance.

Board Members present:

Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Cabinet Members present:

John Koch, Interim Superintendent
Dr. Tracy Klinger, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Angela Freeman, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Sara Deboy, Executive Director of K-12 Schools
Carla Gay, Executive Director of Innovation and Partnerships
Athena Vadnais, Director of Communications and Community Engagement
Dennis Clague, Director of Finance

Opening Items

1. Call Regular Business Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (7:01 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the board chair, Kris Howatt. Director Farrens led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call (7:01 p.m.)

All members of the board were in attendance at the meeting. Position 2, Zone 3 of the school board is currently vacant.

3. Approve Meeting Agenda (7:01 p.m.)

MOTION 101: Move to approve the meeting agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mayra Gómez and seconded by Holly Riegelmann, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

4. Land Acknowledgement (7:02 p.m.)

Director Gómez read the Land Acknowledgment in Spanish at the start of the meeting. Chair Howatt then read the acknowledgment in English, and shared that it is Pride Month and all students and staff belong here.

Citizens' Requests of Board

5. Guidelines for Public Comment (7:04 p.m.)

Chair Howatt reviewed the guidelines for public comment. There was one written comment received before the start of the meeting.

Jamie Justice, the parent of a 2nd grader at East Gresham Elementary School, expressed her concerns about her son being bullied, harassed, and experiencing bias. She also read some excerpts from the safety handbook that she feels should have been applied in her son's situation.

Consent Agenda

6. Minutes from Regular Board Business Meeting - May 7, 2025

7. Minutes from Regular Work Session - May 21, 2025

8. Monthly Financial Report as of 04/30/2025

9. Personnel Report: Employee Contracts

10. Policy Update

11. Approval of Consent Agenda (7:11 p.m.)

Chair Howatt reviewed items included in the consent agenda. The board discussed removing Policy FF and Policy JHCA/JHCB from the consent agenda. Policy FF is going to be further reviewed and does not require approval at this time. They will move Policy JHCA/JHCB to later in the agenda.

MOTION 102: Move to approve the consent agenda with removal of Policy FF and Policy JHCA/JHCB. This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by Mayra Gómez, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

Recognitions

12. Sam Barlow High School Theatre (7:14 p.m.)

Principal Jason Bhear led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Sam Barlow High School Theatre students for their accomplishments at the State Thespian Festival. Students Ania Vilius and Kamryn Michaelsen performed their state winning scene from The Miracle Worker.

13. Sam Barlow High School Art (7:22 p.m.)

Principal Jason Bhear led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Sam Barlow High School Art students for their accomplishments at the Mt. Hood Community College High School Art Exhibition.

14. Sam Barlow High School Band (7:23 p.m.)

Principal Jason Bhear led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Sam Barlow High School Band students for their accomplishments at the Mt. Hood Conference Festival and the OSAA State Championships.

15. Sam Barlow High School Choir (7:26 p.m.)

Principal Jason Bhear led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Sam Barlow High School Choir students for their accomplishments at the Mt. Hood Conference Festival and OSAA State Championships.

16. Gresham High School Choir (7:29 p.m.)

Interim Principal Ted Zehr led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Gresham High School Choir students for their accomplishments at the State Solo/Ensemble Choir Competition. Unfortunately, the students were not able to attend the meeting.

17. Gresham High School Softball (7:30 p.m.)

Interim Principal Ted Zehr led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Gresham High School Softball students for their accomplishments of becoming the Mt. Hood Conference Champions. He added that the coach has shared many times how thankful they are for the turf field, and how it helped them win the title by not having to cancel practices or travel to other fields to play.

18. Gresham High School Track and Field (7:33 p.m.)

Interim Principal Ted Zehr led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Gresham High School Track and Field students for their accomplishments at the Mt. Hood Conference Competition and for being named state qualifiers. Students were unable to attend the board meeting due to their track and field banquet taking place.

19. Gresham High School Disc Golf (7:34 p.m.)

Interim Principal Ted Zehr led the board, administration, and all those in attendance in recognizing Dallas Garber for his accomplishments in being ranked in the top 100 among all age groups nationally for Disc Golf.

20. State Seal of Biliteracy Recognitions (7:36 p.m.)

Leah Hinkle provided information on the State Seal of Biliteracy, including how students can earn this for their diplomas. Following Ms. Hinkle's explanation, Araceli Farias shared this information in Spanish. Underclassmen who tested will continue to have their scores banked and they will be candidates for the Oregon State Seal of Biliteracy in the future. After submission of this agenda item, four additional students earned their biliteracy seals bringing the total to 46 students. The additional students were Emily Granados, Diego Ascencio Rodriguez, Aylin Luna Torres, and Francisco Martinez Ventura. Students were awarded their medallions to wear at graduation.

21. Recognition of Dra. Mayra Gómez's Service as a School Board Member (7:51 p.m.)

Board members recognized Director Gómez's service on the board. They thanked her for her service, her perspective, and for always advocating for students. They noted that her support and leadership has always been about putting the students first. They wished her well as she begins her work in Washington.

Recess/Reconvene

Board Recess (7:56 p.m.)

The meeting was recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation Report

22. Update from the Foundation (8:12 p.m.)

Justin Fox provided an update from the foundation, and shared that this year they funded 16 grants totaling just under \$62,000. This is an increase from last year's amount of \$36,000. They also have a new website ready to roll out, and their 30th Anniversary Golf Tournament will be August 18th at Persimmon Country Club.

Superintendent and District Leadership Report

23. Update from the Superintendent and District Leadership (8:15 p.m.)

Interim Superintendent Koch provided an update on meetings and activities he has participated in over the past month. He began by recognizing work done by their facilities department overnight at Powell Valley Elementary School. The school had experienced plumbing challenges during the day, and they discovered a tree root intrusion caused the main drain pipe to fail. There was concern they would have to close the school for the day if they couldn't fix the problem. Terry Taylor and Alan Crapser knew exactly who to call, and were able to bring in big trucks to excavate the area and get the pipe fixed overnight. By 5:15 a.m. that morning they knew they would be able to open school for the day. He thanked the facilities staff for always being there when they are needed.

Next, Mr. Koch introduced new administrators who will start in July. Michael Sweeten has accepted the position of Executive Director of Human Resources, replacing Dr. Angela Freeman. He brings a diverse background to the district, including experience as an elementary school principal, dual language immersion instructor, and a career that began as an instructional assistant. Diane Santos, who was on a temporary contract, is transitioning to a contract status to continue in her role as Program Director of Pathways and Extended Programs. Alyssa Lund was selected as the new Special Education Program Director. She couldn't be at the meeting in person, but is attending online. Pete Bejarano will assume a new role as the Director of Finance. He has been with the district for five years, and prior to that he served as an auditor for public and charter schools. Becky Watt will be the new Director of Accounting. She brings lots of experience from the private sector, including several years as an auditor. They are excited about the hires this year.

Mr. Koch expressed his sincere gratitude for the seven years Director Gómez dedicated as a board member, noting that those years included incredible highs, significant challenges, and many successes for the district. He shared that her core values of community and acceptance from when she started teaching in the district have remained a guiding force.

He closed his comments by extending his deepest gratitude to the incredible staff, families and community for another year of dedication and growth. Staff continued to demonstrate unwavering commitment across all areas of student development, and the staff's dedication to social-emotional learning and support of students is strong. This summer marks a significant transition as the district welcomes their new superintendent Dr. Tracy Klinger. They are incredibly excited about the vision and leadership she has brought and will continue to bring to the district, and look forward to continue building on their successes. He thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the superintendent these past six months.

Board Reports and Requests

24. Updates from Board Members (8:24 p.m.)

Board members summarized various meetings and other activities they participated in during the past month. Topics included the following:

- Participating in Shark Tank at CAL and helping a student get supplies to start a mobile detailing business.
- Attending CALibration and the Life Skills celebration.
- Attending the GBEF meeting that morning.
- Attending the Sam Barlow High School senior picnic today and playing security to keep students from going into Downtown Gresham.
- Attending the Adult Living Program (ALP) graduation which was very joyous with singing, dancing, and comedy acts; it was a packed house with lots of support.
- Attending the Evening of Excellence at Sam Barlow High School and congratulating student for their successes.
- Going to the Grad Walks at some of the schools today and reminding seniors to enjoy these moments.
- Recognizing the Barlow Flag Football program going to state; this is the first football team at Barlow to bring home a state title in football.
- Thanking the staff for a great year, and for all the difference they made for students; wishing staff a fun and relaxing summer break.
- Thanking Mr. Koch for stepping in the last six months and taking over the helm for the district.
- Seeing the end of year concerts and the progress performers made over the course of the year.
- Attending the NHS cording ceremony; being the keynote speaker for Gresham High's ceremony.
- Congratulating the seniors and their families for all the effort they poured into their kids since kindergarten.
- Encouraging attendance at a community event, the Eastside Theater production of Matilda.
- Recognizing Dr. Angela Freeman for her work in the district, along with Dennis Clague; thanking Dr. Dawn Joella Jackson for the tremendous support she has given to the board.
- Attending the FAB Lab Senior Fashion Show at MHCC.
- Participating in the 3rd grade career day at East Gresham by invitation.

Director Gómez shared that this is her last board meeting, and she hopes she is leaving a legacy of integrity. She prides herself on centering students regardless of their backgrounds, and wants them to always have what is best for them. She hopes she is remembered for leading with integrity, and not as the first Latina on the board. She also doesn't want to be the last Latina on the board. Director Gómez thanked the board members for being so supportive and listening to each other. She is looking forward to everything Dr. Klinger is going to do for the district.

Recess/Reconvene

25. Board Recess (8:40 p.m.)

The board took a recess earlier in the meeting. They did not take a recess at this time.

Committee Meeting Minutes and/or Reports

26. District Equity Committee (DEC) Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2025 (8:40 p.m.)

The minutes of the District Equity Committee Meeting on May 15, 2025 were provided for the board to review. There was no discussion of this agenda item.

27. Policy Review Committee Minutes, May 16, 2025 (8:40 p.m.)

The minutes of the Policy Review Committee Meeting on May 16, 2025 were provided for the board to review. There was no discussion of this agenda item.

Associations Reports

28. Gresham-Barlow Education Association (GBEA) (2 minutes) (8:40 p.m.)

Matt Wallace, a teacher at East Gresham Elementary School, was in attendance to report on behalf of the Gresham-Barlow Education Association (GBEA) employees. He began by thanking Dr. Gómez for her years of service, decision-making, and volunteerism for the community. He also wished Mr. Clague well on his new adventures, and shared that he will miss the morning coffees and conversations with Dr. Freeman noting that she was always candid and respectful.

Mr. Wallace shared that the Association continues to value the time invested in students and the community. He thanked parents, staff, and community members who have advocated for them, noting that the personal stories shared were powerful and will continue to make an impact. They will continue to fight for student's needs and what they deserve. The current state funding level falls short of the quality education model. They are rallying tomorrow for the supports that students need and deserve. He extended the association's heartfelt gratitude to retiring teachers, sharing that their dedication has made a lasting impact.

29. Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) (2 minutes) (8:44 p.m.)

Erika Fuller, an attendance secretary at Sam Barlow High School, was in attendance to report on behalf of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) Chapter 8 employees. She announced their executive board for next year. She will be returning as co-president along with Jessica Houck as the other co-president. Tia Ross will continue to serve as 1st Vice President attending the board meetings, Mitzi Eason will be 2nd Vice President in charge of communications, Tina Ray returning as 3rd Vice President in charge of political action, Anna Fenwick returning as Treasurer, and Tanya Allen returning as secretary.

Ms. Fuller pointed out that Renni Ferguson is not on the list for the executive board because she is retiring at the end of the school year. She shared how Ms. Ferguson has served as an incredible asset to the district since she was hired in January of 2002. Along with her fun-loving work with kids, she has also worked many unpaid hours on the executive board, first as the secretary, then as the co-president. Ms. Fuller shared that it has been an honor working with Ms. Ferguson as co-president for so many years, and working through budget cuts, RIFS, 5 contract negotiations, and surviving the day the whole executive board quit at her house, on her birthday. She closed by thanking Ms. Ferguson and noted how she will be so missed. Mr. Koch shared a story about working with Ms. Ferguson at Clear Creek, and shared his thanks for the great positivity, time, devotion and service that she gave the district.

Action Items

30. Budget Adoption, Making Appropriations, and Imposing the Taxes (8:51 p.m.)

Chair Howatt noted that during the Budget Hearing earlier, they received questions regarding components of the budget, and she asked Superintendent Koch for more information. Mr. Koch noted there were very good questions asked, and if they are not answered sufficiently, he is happy to meet and go over them in more depth. The first question asked how next year's budget is supporting new safety systems and MTSS. Mr. Koch shared that they have enhanced systems but not through the budget, it is through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant. They have

enhanced about 100 of their cameras for gun detection, which does come out of the budget. Those things haven't been impacted as they have tried to stay away from the safety part. Whenever they lose people there is an impact. They tried to stay away from MTSS, but it will still be impacted. They started with cuts outside of the classroom.

Another question was around why the budget showed an increase of 3 FTE in the Admin budget. Mr. Koch noted that this was a question all of them were confused by since they aren't hiring new administrators or posting new positions. They did a lot of research on this and found that a number of those positions were funded through SIA, Measure 98, and ESSER grant funds. Superintendent Hiu had told finance that the positions weren't going to be here next year, meaning they wouldn't come from the grant funds. When they dug into this budget, they realized that error. People were there, but were not properly accounted for in the budget. It looks like an increase, but they are not new hires. Mr. Koch noted that they met with the GBEA Leadership to communicate and clear this up.

The last question had to do with set asides. The curriculum set asides are being adjusted to purchase curriculum over multiple years, and they will have to continue doing this. For the turf fields, they didn't set aside as much and they have modified some of that. In 2015 they tried other funding avenues for turf and the community didn't like that either. Board members noted public bodies approve appropriations, and the process starts with a budget committee. The district staff prepares the budget which goes through public review. They are now at the point where they adopt the budget or not. The district can't spend a dollar that is not appropriated. The board appropriates at a fund level, and the budget is set with flexibility for the district to move around. In general, the board appropriates an amount and the district conducts business with that amount.

MOTION 103: Move to ratify Resolution 2026-01 to adopt the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the total amount of \$286,594,641 now on file at the district's administrative business office. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by David Ligatich, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

Following the motion, the board noted that during the budgeting process there were concerns brought up by the budget committee, and they dove into a lengthy document. Most board members have periodic one on ones with the superintendent, and those questions were dove into at a line item level. They would vouch for that part of the process and thanked the budget committee for their work.

MOTION 104: Move to ratify Resolution 2026-02 to appropriate funds in the amount and purposes as outlined in the resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by Holly Riegelmann, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

MOTION 105: Move to ratify Resolution 2026-03 to impose the taxes provided for the adopted budget at the Permanent Rate of \$4.5268 per \$1,000 of assessed value for General Fund operations; and, to impose taxes in the amount of \$23,654,755 for bonded debt; making these taxes hereby imposed and categorized for the tax year 2025-26 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by Shawn Farrens, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

31. Policy JHCA/JHCB – Immunization and School Sports Participation *pulled from Consent Agenda (9:05 p.m.)*

This item was pulled from the consent agenda due to a small change that needs to be made. Instead of saying 7th-12th grade, it needs to list it as 6th-12th grade. There are two places in the policy where this needs to be changed.

MOTION 106: Move to approve the policy JHCA/JHCB with the correction of 7-12 grade changing to 6-12 grade on both pages. This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by Blake Petersen, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

32. Date, Time, and Place of 2025-26 Board Meetings (9:07 p.m.)

Chair Howatt shared that this item is being presented for a first reading. She would like to discuss moving meetings back to Thursdays instead of Wednesdays. From the standpoint of work and labor for employees, she would like them to go back to Thursdays and not have meetings on Wednesdays. It did not seem like attendance changed much with the day change for meetings. They will also need to discuss schedules with the two new board members joining the board.

33. Alternative Education Programs (9:11 p.m.)

Ms. Gay reviewed information included in the board agenda packet and noted that the wrong ORS was listed. The board agenda showed it as ORS 581-022-1350, and it should be ORS 581-022-2025. The board asked if anything had dropped off or been added to the list. Ms. Gay confirmed that nothing has been added or dropped off. They had Kartini Clinic last year which would be the newest one. Board members asked for clarification that these are recommendations the district would make, not parents. Ms. Gay confirmed this is correct, and the recommendations have to be approved by the district because they pay for the slots.

MOTION 107: Move to approve the recommended alternative education programs for 2025-26 as presented.

This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by David Ligatich, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

After the motion, Ms. Gay received notice for the REY Graduation that they have 76 graduates. When they talk about alternative options and funding them it boosts their graduation rates. Investing in their own internal programs they've been able to hang on to more students and graduate them.

34. K-12 Transformative Social Emotional Learning Adoption - Second Reading (9:15 p.m.)

Ms. Gay shared that this was presented for a first reading at the May 21st work session, and she reviewed information included in the board agenda packet.

MOTION 108: Move to approve the purchase of the K-8 Wayfinder Social Emotional Learning Curriculum 3-year subscription, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$430,000. This motion, made by Mayra Gómez and seconded by David Ligatich, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann

Aye: 6, No: 0

Following the motion, board members asked if this is an unfunded mandate. Dr. Klinger noted that they have new standards that were added, and there is a requirement for social-emotional standards. A lot of the content is integrated in other areas. It is an unfunded mandate, and they are using SIA funds to support the curriculum. The state would argue back that that is what SIA is meant to be used for.

35. Tuition & Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year - Second Reading (9:20 p.m.)

Dr. Deboy shared that this item was being presented for a second reading and approval. Many fees have been kept flat from the pre-pandemic fee limits they had. At some point during the pandemic they had ESSER funds that allowed them to not charge fees. The district is reinstating those fees, but in effort to help people adjust, they have kept all sports participation fees flat. The AP exams are now optional and they have removed outdated things like PE fees. There is a \$10 increase for family athletic passes and a small increase for yearbook. Dr. Deboy noted there are also options for reduced and waived fees.

At the work session the board requested that this be separated into two motions. Tuition is a method of transfer. Some districts don't want to release students to attend another district so families can choose to pay tuition. The board asked for clarification around the student body fee at the middle school level. Dr. Deboy shared that the fee covers the extras such as awards, guest speakers, or assemblies. The student body fee contributes to that pot of money.

MOTION 109: Move to approve the 2025-2026 proposed fees as presented. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by Shawn Farrens, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

MOTION 110: Move to approve the non-resident tuition in the amount of \$11,139 as presented. This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by Blake Petersen, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

Following the motion, board members asked if they were a parent of a student coming from an outside district, if they are required to pay the tuition fee. Dr. Deboy clarified that the district they are coming from has to release them, and Gresham-Barlow has to accept the transfer. If the student wasn't released from the other district, they could still come to this district if they pay the tuition fee.

36. 95 Percent Group Literacy Materials (9:26 p.m.)

Mrs. Lasher reviewed information included in the board agenda packet, noting that the next four years is a duration of their phonics curriculum. The not-to-exceed amount includes some contingency.

MOTION 111: Move to approve to expand the amount of 95 Percent Group purchases with a not to exceed amount of \$420,000. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by Holly Riegelmann, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

37. Resolution to Transfer Budget Appropriations (9:28 p.m.)

Mr. Clague shared that when appropriations are made at the beginning of the year they are estimating. Things get categorized through the year and some areas come in higher or lower. When this happens they do a budget transfer at the end of the year to true things up. Additionally, they had some appropriations required that were discussed in the audit review due to the audit changes. The overall budget remains the same, it just adjusts where the money is spent.

MOTION 112: Move to approve resolution number 2025-12 to transfer budget appropriations as presented in the resolution. This motion, made by Shawn Farrens and seconded by Holly Riegelmann, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

38. Contracts in Excess of \$250,000 – Kitchen Renovations (9:31 p.m.)

Mr. Clague shared that by board policy, contracts in excess of \$250,000 need to be approved by the board. This comes from the continued excess in the nutrition services fund. The costs have not increased as much as anticipated, but trends will change going into next year. They are allowed three months of operating expenditures. In order to spend down the excess, they have come up with a plan to renovate kitchens by getting new equipment, flooring, and a comprehensive upgrade they've done in the last two years.

Board members asked how the six schools for renovations were selected. Mr. Clague shared that it has been on a two-year cycle. Some schools need a new oven so that was prioritized. They worked with facilities and nutrition services to create a priority list of needs. The board noted that nutrition services is funded by reimbursement, and asked if those

funds can be used for any items or if there are stipulations for what they are used for. Mr. Clague confirmed that there is a list of applicable items, and equipment is high on that list. They haven't used the funds for staffing because if the funding goes away, they would lose staffing. The board asked how the construction firm was selected, and Mr. Clague shared that there was a bid process and Perlo was the lowest bid.

MOTION 113: Move to approve the contracts for Perlo Construction for the renovations of the kitchens at Powell Valley Elementary School, Gordon Russell Middle School, Dexter McCarty Middle School, Sam Barlow High School, East Orient Elementary School, and Highland Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$2,139,012. This motion, made by Holly Riegelmann and seconded by Mayra Gómez, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

After the motion, board members noted that they looked through the contracts, but didn't see a list of the work being done. Mr. Clague noted he will get that list to the board. The board asked if this was mainly for repairs, and Dr. Deboy clarified that it is not just repairs, but also additional equipment. Some of it is flooring, electrical replacements, and renovation of walls that need to get removed or added to improve the flow of the line for visibility.

39. iReady Reading Assessment & Personalized Instruction (9:38 p.m.)

Mrs. Lasher reviewed information included in the board agenda packet. The board asked if the listed amount is mostly for the licenses, or if it includes workbooks. Mrs. Lasher shared that it is the diagnostic assessment, as well as the instructional path. Lessons are also available in Spanish.

MOTION 114: Move to approve the purchase of iReady assessment and personalized instruction in the amount of \$440,841.80. This motion, made by Blake Petersen and seconded by Mayra Gómez, Carried.

Aye: Shawn Farrens, Mayra Gómez, Kris Howatt, David Ligatich, Blake Petersen, Holly Riegelmann
Aye: 6, No: 0

Information Items

40. Out of State Travel Report (9:41 p.m.)

Dr. Deboy shared that this is a semi-annual report on out of state trips, and reviewed the trips listed in the table. Board members asked if there was a reason why the cost for Deep Creek Damascus band was \$0 while it was \$215 for Gordon Russell. Dr. Deboy noted that they can request up to a certain amount and use fundraising. The board also pointed out that a lot of these trips are exclusively from Barlow feeder schools. Dr. Deboy agreed, noting that it is a complicated situation in how their pathways of study are shared with CAL. She added that DECA for Gresham High also did the in-state competition this year. They always need to ask those questions to make sure the high schools have the same opportunities. The board noted that regardless of how a trip is funded, there is still a cost for the student. They would like to see at least an estimated cost per student and estimated out of pocket amount to show the difference. They would also like to know how to engage community partners to make these opportunities available across the district.

41. Gresham Civic/Downtown Urban Renewal Plan (9:46 p.m.)

Mr. Clague shared that the City of Gresham is making an urban renewal proposal, and as part of that process the plan has to be presented to government entities. Any comments can be supplied by July 10, 2025. The plan would reduce the amount of revenues from the district, which would offset the state school fund. Due to the length of the document, the board asked for this to be included on the next board work session for additional questions and discussion.

42. Monthly Financial Report as of 04/30/2025 (9:50 p.m.)

The board did not have any questions regarding the financial report. They did not discuss this item.

Closing Items

43. Announcements (9:50 p.m.)

Chair Howatt reviewed the announcements included in the board agenda packet. A Zoom link for virtual meeting attendance will be provided for upcoming meetings.

June 18, 2025: Regular Board Work Session – 6 p.m.

Partnership Room
Center for Advanced Learning

July 2, 2025: Regular Board Business Meeting – 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Public Safety and Schools Building

44. Adjournment (9:51 p.m.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Sarah Avery
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Board of Directors

Note: These minutes were approved by the board on _____:sa