



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

Guests attended via the Zoom App

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3

Absent members were: Melissa Standley and Jess Hardin

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations
April Olsen	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Marin Miller	Director of Human Resources
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Solowski*

Chair Solowski called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1. *Approval of July 9, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda*

The board discussed a motion to suspend Policy BCB, which governs the election of board officers, and postpone the election until the July 30th meeting to ensure all members, including a new member, could be present.

Vice Chair Shields moved to amend the agenda to include this proposed suspension. Director Mohring seconded the motion. There was some concern raised about whether this set a new precedent, but it was clarified that similar actions had occurred in the past. The amendment to the agenda was approved unanimously, allowing the motion to suspend Policy BCB to be formally heard and debated before the officer election.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. *Board Member Oath of Office - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens congratulated re-elected Board Members; Director Linn, Director Shields, Director Mohring and welcomed newly elected Director Newman. The oath of office was administered.

2. *Election of Officers (Motion to Suspend policy BCB)- Chair Solowski*

Vice Chair Shields moved to suspend policy BCB until the July 30, 2025 meeting. Director Mohring seconded the motion. Vice Chair Shield stated that the intent of this motion is to ensure full Board participation and allow new members more time to become familiar with board dynamics before voting on leadership positions. She commented that she had confirmed that suspending the policy is permissible under OSBA guidance and that state law (ORS) as long as an organizational meeting take place before the end of July.

Board members held a discussion regarding this motion and shared differing perspectives. Some emphasized the importance of inclusivity, transparency, and ensuring all voices are heard before making leadership decisions. Others expressed concern about setting a precedent for delaying important votes and questioned whether the absence of members was sufficient justification for postponement. There was also discussion about whether the delay would affect the board's workload or strategic planning timeline, with consensus that it would not.

After debate, the board voted on the motion to suspend Policy BCB and postpone the election of officers to July 30th. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote, with Chair Solowski, Vice Chair Shields, and Director Mohring in favor, and Directors Linn and Newman opposed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Approval of June 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes*

Vice Chair Shields moved to approve the June 18, 2025 minutes as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed with four yes votes and one abstention (Director Newman).

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

5. REPORTS

1. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- Summer Learning
- Student Success Plan Grant Reductions
- Healthy Meals Incentive Recognition Award
- Capital Projects
- Long Range Facilities Planning
- Executive Order Prohibiting Student Cell Phone Use
- Invitation Sister City Delegation Visit Sokcho, South Korea
- Annual Superintendent's Cabinet Retreat

Board members deliberated on the Governor's new Executive Order for student cell phone use. Specific topics discussed included: potential implementation concerns (e.g., field trips), policy timelines, enforcement, other district's approaches, state-level guidance, and gathering community feedback. Chair Solowski asked about the use of high school students as Educational Assistants. Dr. Katsuda confirmed that they are officially hired in this capacity by the District.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Vice Chair Shields moved to approve Confirmation Items as presented. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Site Council Minutes**
- 2. Miscellaneous Items**
- 3. Financial Statements**
- 4. Enrollment Reports**
- 5. Human Resources**
 - 1. Employment of Administrator*
- 6. Business/Operations**
 - 1. Designate US Bank (Powell Blvd and Hood Ave) as Depository for CSD Funds for 2025-26*
 - 2. Designate CSD Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Person for 2025-26 School Year*
 - 3. Resolution to Indemnify and Hold Harmless District Personnel and Directors for Asbestos Related Defense and Settlement Costs*
 - 4. Appoint Pauly Rogers & Co as CSD Auditor for 2024-25 Fiscal Year*
 - 5. Designation of Newspaper for CSD Legal Notices Publications*
 - 6. Designate District Appointed Officers*
 - 7. Appoint Garrett, Hemann, Robertson Et al PC; Hungerford Law Firm; and Jim Shannon of Mersereau Shannon LLP; Perkins Coie; Dunn Carney and CDR as District Legal Counsel*
 - 8. Appoint Brown & Brown Northwest Insurance Agency as Agent of Record thru June 30, 2026*
- 7. Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)**
- 8. Student Services**
- 9. Student Travel**

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- 1. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.
- 2. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Solowski commented that at the upcoming retreat, Board Members are encouraged to bring a personally significant object to share with the team. The group discussed the importance of revisiting the board operating agreements and the superintendent agreement as a foundation for how they work together. Agenda planning included: conversations about staying connected with school communities, recognizing students, and reviewing committee representation assignments in advance. Several potential retreat and policy topics were raised, including reviewing the field trip/travel policy, which may require reconvening the policy review committee as needed. Key governance issues were also discussed, such as the Board's role in political engagement, the possibility of adopting a Board attendance policy, and the complexities around implementing Board stipends and managing Board-related expenses, especially given ethical and budgetary considerations.

There was also interest in deepening school outreach by attending school events rather than inviting schools to Board meetings. Additional ideas included: hosting an inclusive, community-wide annual picnic, increasing student representation by learning from other districts, and continuing work on long-term facilities planning. Environmental concerns were highlighted, especially regarding heat and the need for shaded play areas, with suggestions to explore grant opportunities for solutions. Lastly, upcoming community events were noted as opportunities for the board to engage with families and community members.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Solowski adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.