

Regular School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

CMS Cafeteria and via ZOOM/Owl  
31520 E Woodard Rd Troutdale OR 97060

Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, December 17, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the CMS Cafeteria and via ZOOM-Owl virtual platform. Board members present were Leah Fredericks, Chair; Dylan Rickert; David Osborn, Vice Chair; Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson, Ben Byers and Zac Arndt. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead, Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director and Dennis Clague, Chief Financial Officer. Student Representatives Olivia Young and Leena Saied were also present. **NOTE:** The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

## 1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Meeting was in person and virtual at the CMS campus. There were between 24 and 36 attendees virtually and approximately 21 in person.

### 1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute 7:00 p.m.

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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### 1.2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley announced changes to the agenda, adding coaches under 5.1 consent agenda, item 9.2.

#### 1.2.a. Board Chair Report Information Items

a. Student concerns – Chair Fredericks has taken to heart that our number one priority is student safety and is proud that our students supported each other and their walk out is a message to listen. The Board is looking at situation. Details that affect can't immediately be shared. Thanks for showing up and connecting.

Dr. Fialkiewicz recognized the pain, destruction and deep upset and apologized for the stress. Technology adapting quickly. There are implications for action on AI generated and altered content. It is a serious matter to be considered. School board policy will be worked on as well as student handbooks regarding harmful digital content. Better preparation to respond appropriately in the future.

b. Superintendent Search - next steps – Chair Fredericks recapped the meetings held with staff, students and community to meet with the search firm, McPherson & Jacobson, LLC. They will share their results at the January 7, 2026.

c. Corbett Rural Scholarship Award – Chair Fredericks announced the \$1500 OSBA development training and thanked the Rural Caucus. We have also received a couple of conference scholarships which is important to the Board.

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2. Introduction and Comments of Guests and Representatives

**Presenter:** Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, read aloud the procedures on the agenda.

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a. Todd Mickalson - Corbett Youth Football – moved to Superintendent’s report under item 6.

7:11 p.m.

b. James Barker- parent/alumni/patron, spoke about barriers to education and his frustration with supports not granted for MHCC coursework as related in emails received from CSD.

7:15 p.m.

3. STUDENTS

☐ 3.1. Student Representatives Report to the Board

Leena Saied reported on speaking with the Superintendent search consultants the week of December 8 about insights on what students are looking for in a future leader given funding issues. And she also spoke about the student walk-out over the AI situation.

7:16 p.m.

Olivia Young reported that it was the end of the semester December 18 and they will hold the winter formal over the break.

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3.2. News Releases from ODE Information Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – announced the recently released At-A-Glance profiles from ODE. Our grade 3 reading needs some work but the high school graduation rate and grade 9 on track to graduate is over 95%.

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4. Approval of and Extension of Minutes Action Item

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12.57-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approved the minutes of the Board Work Session/Regular Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2025, and the November 18, 2025, Special School Board meeting minutes. Requested extension for the Board Work Session/Regular Board meeting minutes of November 19, 2025.

The Board voted 6-0; 1 abstention from David Osborn.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Ben Byers moved and David Osborn seconded:

**5.1. Consent agenda \*\*Resolution items 12.58-25\*\* -12.62-25\*\* - Action Items**

**9.2\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 12.58-25\*\* — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the following winter sports coaches: HS Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Justin Isaacson; HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach – Volunteer, Vernon Smartlowit; MS Girls Basketball Head Coach, Neel O'Donnell; MS Head Wrestling Coach, David Rau, MS Boys Head Basketball Coach, Greg Noles and MS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Jeremy Cummings.

**9.3\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 12.59-25\*\*- RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the transfer of 1.00 FTE GS Counselor, Mandi Young, to 1.00 FTE GS Learning Specialist, effective December 19, 2025.

**9.4\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 12.60-25\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the increase in hours for Summer Bell-Watkins, .50 FTE Intervention Specialist to .75 FTE Intervention Specialist, effective January 26, 2026 - June 2, 2026, using funds from the high dose tutoring grant.

**9.5 \*\*RESOLUTION NO. 12.61-25\*\* - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the transfer/recall of Vicki Savoy, 1.00 FTE K-12 Counselor, to .83 FTE Temporary K-6 Educational Assistant, effective January 6, 2025.

**9.6\*\*RESOLUTION NO. 12.62-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the transfer/recall of Erica Boykins, 1.00 FTE SBMH School Social Worker to 1.00 FTE K-12 Counselor, effective December 20, 2025.

The vote of the Board was 7-0.

6. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report Information/Discussion Items

a. Student Concerns – items were covered in the Chair's report.

b. Todd Mickalson, patron/parent/past Board member – spoke about the five acres purchased from Jeff Mershon next to the school property. He and Dan Graft, who

donated time, used track hoe and cleared some blackberries, piled some and burned some. Company donated excavator. Corbett Youth Football has invested money to get the field on the far south ready next summer and plans on investing more. A bigger dozer is still needed. Mr. Mickalson believes three regular sports fields would fit, perhaps soccer and football. Spring burning for debris and planting grass. A permit for erosion might not be necessary, and school should take on if it needs to be done, as well as water sprinklers and drainage.

Dr. Fialkiewicz noted for the record that there are no track plans at this time.

Mr. Mickalson wondered if easement road is Corbett School District's property, and/or restrictions for traffic and water.

Board discussion on cross country course usage.

Sis Childs thanked Todd Mickalson and Dr. Fialkiewicz thanked him and those responsible for the purchase of the property.

7:37 p.m.

Mr. Mickalson suggested support in class scheduling grace and return to old ways to help alleviate problems for student athletes and workers leaving early and missing coursework, continuation of spirit events, helping coaches push out to the community for volunteers and leadership in fundraising and better communication, as we lost four student athletes to other schools.

Chair Fredericks directed Mr. Mickalson to speak with Dr. Fialkiewicz regarding coordination efforts.

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c. Superintendent Goals:

**Goal 1: The Corbett School District #39 General Fund will show a larger Ending Fund Balance at the end of FY 25-26 than it did at the end of FY 24-25 as evidenced by fiscal year-ending reports. This will be monitored monthly using General Fund financial statements and projections.**

**Goal 2: The trust level of staff members towards the superintendent will be higher in March 2026 than in November 2025 as measured by monthly, randomly sampled pulse surveys. The pulse survey will be a one-question survey: "I trust in the Superintendent's overall ability to make the right decisions for the district" answered on a 5-point Likert scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree.**

More information under financials in item 8. for the Ending Fund Balance (EFB). It is smaller than last month but still a projection.

Ben Byers gave the methodology surrounding the pulse survey, to split it into two sections for participants and discussion, half in January and half in February, each survey is open for two weeks. Google could not be used, so new method going forward.

Board discussion.

There might be a prepared board communication from the District that goes out with the next survey.

7:52 p.m.

#### 7. Principal / Director/ Supervisor Reports

a. Cassie Duprey - CGS Principal - Enrollment updates: number of students/Application for next year and High Dosage Tutoring Supplement

Ms. Duprey announced that the application to attend is open on the website with 52 applicants: 10 are kindergarten, 10 are 9<sup>th</sup> graders and the rest are 6<sup>th</sup> graders and other transition years. March 30 is closing and on March 31, siblings of current students are given priority. Invitations are sent the first week of April.

The high dose tutoring will supplement the district with about \$60,000 over two years. It will pay for increasing hours from .5 FTE to .75 FTE for extra support from Ms. Summer Bell-Watkins, Intervention Specialist. Vicki Savoy, EA, will help with third grade reading as well. We are keeping two counselors.

Ben Byers appreciated all the shifting efforts due to the funding changes.

7:55 p.m. b. Jeanne Swift - Student Services Director/Assistant Superintendent

introduced Cathy Noles, Youth Transition Specialist, funded through Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation. This is competitive funding, so our program is strong.

Ms. Noles and four students gave YTP reports. A handout was given to the Board. Ms. Noles explained that this year students have been helping with selling tickets or working concessions and learning money management or on the fields helping with grounds keeping. They earn \$16.50 per hour and we receive about \$68,000 in funding, and about \$66 for every hour Ms. Noles works. Approximately 12 weeks are used for hands on intern work in the community with education classes at MHCC on Fridays, and six trades that rotate each term. Ms. Noles helps teach self-advocacy and interviewing classes for about 52 students and works with the MHCC Advisory Board.

Past graduate, Matthew, spoke about working at Apollo Plumbing and eventually being hired there.

8:02 p.m. Bailey Sample, started work at Emanuel Hospital as a junior and now works at Mt. Hood Legacy's Family Birth Center, as a certified nursing assistant. She wants to eventually study nursing or midwifery.

8:04 p.m. Colin, studied automotive at MHCC and is on track to be sponsored by Gresham Ford.

8:06 p.m. Jada reported on working the snack shack, doing classes on interviewing and presenting the elevator pitch for prospective employers.

Chair Fredericks commented that she looks forward to and appreciates this yearly report.

Board discussion.

Ms. Noles said funding through federal to state was confirmed on October 1.

Dr. Fialkiewicz thanked Ms. Noles and her students. While lots of larger programs lost funding, our exemplary YTP was increased.

c. Sara Brounstein, CAPS Principal, reported on the 8th Grade Mexico Trip and gave the Board a handouts. She mentioned that her predecessor, Lori Luna, pioneered this trip and Mark McIntire, CAPS Spanish/Math/Learning Specialist/Rock Band teacher, goes with one other teacher yearly. Katelyn Selzer White to go this year. We are thrilled to offer again, with a cost of \$1,000-\$2,000 per student, usually helped with fundraising. There are 10 who have paid the deposit, out of about 20- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. While they are there, they attend school.

Board discussion, questions and support.

d. Angela Davis, Athletic Director, gave a winter sports update. 77 athletes registered and a welcome to new coach for girls' basketball, Tim Melcher, playing a varsity schedule. Softball coach interviews to be held after winter break. Ms. Davis echoes Mr. Mickelson's request for more fields, especially to fulfill facility use requests for practice fields. We are back in the coastal range league after reclassification to compete and receive benefits with similar schools. Wrestling and swimming head to Mollalla and basketball games all happen over winter break. The boys HS basketball team plays at Moda Center in Portland against Portland Christian on Saturday, December 27.

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, mentioned he received a letter of support for the reclassification of leagues for geographic and competition reasons and seems to be better compromises than where we were previously.

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#### **8. FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS**

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, reported that a board member reached out with questions about the financial report's General Fund (GF), so adding projection. The deficit of almost \$2.5 million is for the remainder of the year, due to overspending, until we look at current year to date (YTD) for any surplus in Revenue (RV) over Expenditures (XP). At the bottom of the first page of the financial report is the current YTD about \$82,000 EFB. We had issues with the IRS regarding incorrect filings and penalties, and are appealing. Reached out to the MESD when these took place. They have also appealed and will help us. The projection in the GO Bond of \$-270,000.00 balances out with the current YTD of \$705,000.00 projected through the remainder of the year to get to zero.

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8:28 p.m.

#### **8.1. Report Information Item**

Dennis Clague, CFO- The projected penalties from the IRS are \$160,000.00, as part of the PEFB. The GF RV is tracking, taxes are strong, SSF is on track with the expected



deductions. More activities in the Federal Fund with claiming yet expected and some monies to carry over. The SIA and HS Success is spent first and then claimed, so fluctuates. The PGE projected cost of \$457,000.00, since the Western Bus has now been approved. In the Local/State Grant RV there is small seismic assessment. The GO Bond payments will show up in December. Capital Projects are unchanged. He is working on a cash flow report with Local Government Investment Pool information to show actuals and gains each month, front loaded and then projected on the back end and also an ADM report with mostly ADMw trends for next month. He will include information in the slide deck and summary.

Board discussion, questions and thank you for additional data, work and context on financial reports.

Mr. Clague said IRS penalties mostly due to late filing of W-2's over the last two years, about \$81,000.00 penalty and \$18,000.00 interest. Hoping to get clearance to spread out payments.

Dr. Fialkiewicz thinks it will be about six months for the IRS appeal process, depending on abeyance. The electric bus fund grant money has infrastructure funding that has been agreed upon to be used to knock down the kilowatt hours by a third over 10 years.

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### 9. PERSONNEL

#### ☐ 9.1. Vacant Positions Information Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, read aloud:

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-2026 school year for: Temporary/Substitute Bus Drivers and High School Head Varsity Softball Coach for spring season.

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#### ☐ 9.2. See Consent Agenda Items \*\*9.2 -\*\*9.6

### 10. POLICY

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley suggested this is a good time to approve the Mexico trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at CAPS.

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12.63-25 - RESOLVED** that the Board approve the CAPS 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids out of country trip to Mexico (as discussed under item 7.c).

The vote of the Board was 7-0.

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#### ☐ 11.1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - ORS 192.660...no executive session at this meeting.

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### 12. Matters for the Good of the Order

Board Directors

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- A. Sis Childs expressed concern about students feeling safe with AI concerns. She pledged to do all she can within her power as a Board member to keep them secure.
  - B. Ben Byers commented that it has been a rough year for many reasons. He hopes that all rest at winter break, and give grace and take care to rejuvenate over the holidays.
  - C. David Osborn visited CAPS and talked with them about the student walk out and hopes that this understanding can be shared, and encouraged other Board members to visit campuses.
  - D. Malinda Carlson also did school visit to CMS. The singing at morning meeting was terrific. She is also concerned about AI situation, and will keep promises.
  - E. Dr. Fialkiewicz thanked the Board members for their support in meeting with students and himself, so that we are on the same page. His morning meeting article in AASA about morning meetings is set to publish in January and he will send over once published.
  - F. Brie Windust announced winter formal for CHS is January 30.

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### 13. COMING EVENTS

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, read aloud:

- a. Winter Break - Friday, December 19- Sunday, January 4, 2026
- b. Monday, January 5, 2026 – In-service
- c. Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Back to School
- d. Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - Special School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria, Woodard Rd.
- e. Friday, January 9, 2026 - Friday school day
- f. Thursday, January 15, 2026 - end of Semester 1 CHS
- g. Friday, January 16, 2026 -- Assessment CHS
- h. Monday, January 19, 2026 - MLK Day, no school
- i. Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - Regular School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. CMS Cafeteria, Woodard Rd.

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14. ADJOURNMENT- The Board adjourned at 8:54 p.m.