

**Multnomah ESD Board of Directors'
Board Regular Session Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

2022-2028

Areas of Focus

#1 – Create a high quality learning environment for all

#2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities

#3 – Build a culturally responsive workforce

MESD Board Equity Lens- <https://www.multnomahesd.org/board-equity.html>

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Katrina Doughty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 in accordance with the agenda and public notice of the meeting.

Board Members Present: Renee Anderson
Jessica Arzate
Danny Cage
Katrina Doughty
Susie Jones
Denyse Peterson
Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie

Board Members Absent: none

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Paul Coakley, Superintendent
Doana Anderson, Director of Business Services
Angela Hubbs, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Bernadette Adeniran, Human Resources
Heather Severns, Board Secretary
Marifer Sager, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Guests: none

2. **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**-Board member Danny Cage read the land acknowledgement.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- There was no public comment

4. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Union Representative Report

1. Susan Allen for AFSCME – There were no representatives from AFSCME
2. Jess Rohrbacher and Phoenix Blickle, Co-Presidents for MESDEA- There was not a representative from MESDEA at the meeting to give a report.

B. Superintendent's Report-

1. Dr. Coakley welcomed the Board back and spoke briefly about the summer and the accomplishments from last year. Every program, school and department achieved their goals of the organizations that are aligned with the strategic plan. None of this work could be done without our dedicated staff or our Board. The financial landscape was rough across the state but we kept a sharp focus on our goals.
This year we need to recognize that we are starting the year with less. Less staff, resources, departments, schools, and programs. We have even scaled back on some of the services we had in place that we thought were best for students. The thing that remains the same are the needs of the students we serve. Also our goals and our strategic plan are the same. Regardless of the financial setbacks our kids need us, our staff and our community. Dr. Coakley highlighted that we need to lead by example and give our best selves everyday. He looks forward to another great school year and serving with the Board.

5. ACTION ITEMS**A. Consent Agenda**

1. **Approve July 15, 2025 Board Regular Session meeting minutes**
2. **Board approval of Hassolo School closure**

Motion: Director Susie Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Director Renee Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion carried with Directors Anderson, Arzate, Cage, Doughty, Jones, and Peterson voting aye. Motion passed 6-0.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

- B.** Board Finance Committee- This committee did not meet in July or August. Reports are available in the online agenda packet.
- C.** Board Policy Committee-This committee did not meet in July or August
- D.** Superintendent Evaluation Committee- This committee did not meet.
- E.** OAESD- There was no report.
- F.** OSBA-The OSBA Summer Board Conference took Place August 8-10. There was a lot of good information on policy and procedure and best practices. Changes that have been required for public meetings.

7. ACTIVITY CALENDAR-

- A. August 20, 9:00 a.m. MESD Back to School Event, Mt. Hood Community College
- B. September 16, 6:00 p.m.-Board Regular Session meeting-Virtual
- C. October 30, 5:00 p.m.-OSBA Fall Regional Dinner-Embassy Suites Portland Airport

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Heather Severns
Executive Assistant/Board Secretary