

## CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

35800 E Historic Columbia River Highway Corbett, Oregon 97019 via virtual ZOOM/Owl and MPB/Board Room

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_

The following board members were present : Todd Mickalson, Board Chair; Leah Fredericks, Board Vice Chair, Ben Byers; Bob Buttke; David Granberg; and Dylan Rickert. Board member Todd Redfern had an excused absence. Also present in person were administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Student Services; Regina Sampson, Business Manager/CFO; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead.

1. Preliminary Business/ Call to Order/Flag Salute – approximately six online attendees at the meeting.

Todd Mickalson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### 2. Introductory Comments

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – explained the process with putting out a video with Ms. Sampson in December to explain the budget, Revenues (RV) and Expenditures (XP), asking for opinions on priorities for upcoming budget. Ms. Sampson tabulated and prioritized those feedback results and made recommendations based on that survey.

2.1. Input survey detail available for Board and summary PowerPoint for Public Information/Discussion Items and

2.2. Budget Priorities Discussion/Information Items

Regina Sampson, CFO - Business Manager – shared a PowerPoint summary of 2025-26 from the 114 participants. Page three shows percentages. She will include student input and participation in next year's survey.

Dr. Fialkiewicz was impressed that community and staff took this seriously and on point, really nailing down and not just as a sounding board.

Pages 4-5 are informational, no increased spending, maintaining spending.

Board discussion.

Dr. Fialkiewicz mentioned capacity.

Ms. Sampson continued covering pages 6-7.

Board discussion about licensure.

Dr. Fialkiewicz noted that some emergency licenses for SPED, that last one year.

Board discussion about coaching stipends and maintaining and improving facilities.  
Ms. Sampson noted that these are not listed in any particular order on page 7.

Board discussion.

Ms. Sampson considered ranking them for focus.

Dr. Fialkiewicz reminded the board that we were wanting to hire a maintenance position, prior to budgeting issue. He has asked Steve Salisbury, Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor to look at a list of priorities.

Ms. Sampson suggested we would need to come back to the Board to appropriate.

Board discussion regarding CTE.

Dr. Fialkiewicz explained that he is working with Kathy Childress, HS Principal, regarding CTE options.

Board discussion regarding the School Based Mental Health (SBMH) grant.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said that December completed its second year, and OK until January 2028.

Ms. Sampson proposed it will be part of the 2027/28 budget discussion.

Ms. Swift said the grant can be reapplied for if available.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said next year will be tough, but then can start banking.

Board discussion about current Ending Fund Balance (EFB).

Ms. Sampson talked zero EFB and funding timeline with student safety.

Board discussion regarding wording options and order of the listing priorities. Voting on page 7 at the meeting on January 15.

Board discussion regarding extra-curricular funding priorities.

Dr. Fialkiewicz suggested there be discussion with CEA union since bargaining CBA for July 2025 start.

Ms. Sampson considered Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for Special Education and their transportation has to take priority. We will be looking at staffing assignment process in detail at proposed budget, but don't plan on adding or cutting staff.

Board discussion about collection of gate and student fees, their RV and our messaging around priorities and enticement.

**Attachments:** (2)

3. Adjournment – The Board adjourned their meeting at 7:56 p.m.