

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

Board Approved: _____

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the MPB / Band Room and via ZOOM-Owl virtual platform. Board members present were Leah Fredericks, Chair; Dylan Rickert; Ben Byers; David Osborn, Vice Chair; Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson and Zac Arndt. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent (online); 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. Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director had an excused absence. 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 at the MPB on the main campus. There were about 8 attendees in the audience and about 21 attendees virtually.

1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute 7:00-7:01 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

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, announced OK as written.

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1.3. Board Chair Report Information/Discussion

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair

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a. OSBA Summer Board Conference - David Osborn, Board Vice Chair – was impressed by OSBA and the benefits they provide school boards. He learned about planning, Superintendent evaluations, policy, parliamentary procedure and will be sharing handouts. He encouraged going to conferences.

b. Special School Board Meeting (Workshop) - Board Goals – to be voted on later in the meeting to prepare for the September 11, Special Board Meeting/Workshop with OSBA.

c. Policy BBF - Board Member Standards of Conduct – The Oregon Government Ethics Commission has a video online and watch for correspondence in board packets and updates to policy.

d. Budget Committee Position 3 Open for term ending December 2027 – board

discussion on proceeding with applications and state required education equity commission member for the committee

e. Research regarding OSBA recommendation for minutes - attachment and current policy BDDG – Board discussion on statutory requirements, tracking and streamlining ideas, with video recordings not picking up who said what, so will start roll call voting. Because of recordings, the minutes could be summarized and time stamped.

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley added she does not currently do them verbatim.

f. Board Survey- two duplicate surveys included in the board packet in error, as only one is needed. Board discussion about starting and ending times to be discussed later in the meeting.

Chair Fredericks said the Board may want to bring laptops to meetings, or let Ms. Windust know if anyone needs to fill out a survey in the District Office, for directions to obtain the information.

g. MESD Budget Committee member for CSD - Ben Byers, has two years left on his term, but he would be glad to share the role too.

h. OSBA nominations for OSBA Board of Directors or the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee - attachment

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7:12 p.m.

1.4. Extension of Budget Committee Positions Information Item

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, announced their consent for:

Reappointment of Budget Committee Member Benno Lyon, Position 1, and Brad Hunter, Position 5, New Terms ending: 12/31/2028.

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1.5. Special School Board Meeting Action Item

Ben Byers moved and Sis Childs seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.17-25 - RESOLVED that the Board voted to hold a Special School Board Meeting/Board Workshop on Wednesday, **September 10, 2025**, at **7:00 p.m.** to discuss board goals.

Board discussion on start time and survey results.

The vote of the Board was 7-0.

1.6. Vote on Board Community Survey Action Item

Sis Childs moved and Ben Byers seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.18-25 - RESOLVED that the Board vote to share the 2025-2026 Board Community Survey, via an electronic list serve(s) or method to be determined, as attached in the Board packet.

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Board discussion on form questions, process, gathering of information, accessibility for those without electronic devices, feedback for all community stakeholders, what media

platforms might have information, how long to keep the survey open, who owns the data and who gets the data, and the learning experience overall.

Ms. Swift suggested the counselors and social workers could help with chrome books in the hallways or at school/community nights.

The resolution was amended by David Osborn and seconded by Ben Byers:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.18-25a - RESOLVED that the Board voted to share the 2025-2026 Board Community Survey, data collected via an anonymous electronic list serve(s) from the community about Board meeting start time and Board goals, with the survey to end on September 3, 2025, as attached in the Board packet.

The vote of the Board was 7-0 for Resolution No. 8.18-25a.

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley announced the precedent for the 11:00 p.m. cutoff time of meetings was in prior Board policy.

2. Approval and Extension of Minutes Action Item

Ben Byers moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.19-25 - RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the Public Hearing 2025-2026 Budget / Regular School Board meeting of June 18, 2025, and extend the approval for the Public Hearing 2025-2026 Budget/Special School Board meeting of June 30, 2025, and the Regular School Board meeting minutes of July 16, 2025.

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The vote of the Board was 5-0; 2 abstentions from Leah Fredericks and David Osborn.

7:52-7:53 p.m.

3. Introduction and Comments of Guests

a. Kathie Freund – patron, suggested survey could be put in areas of the community like the stores, Grange, Menucha, churches, and word of mouth.

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3.1. Principal / Director/ Supervisor Reports

7:54 p.m.

a. Angela Davis - Athletic Director/Study Hall Teacher - Sports Update – from last year, a big spring turnout. This year the summer has 175 registered soccer, volleyball and football athletes doing camps, so that fall sports get a great start. A high school cheer program has six interested students for football and volleyball games. Ms. Davis held a coaches' symposium on August 17 with volunteer guest speakers for professional development, a dinner, and a new handbook for them included ASB fundraising expectations (from Ms. Windust) to prepare for a parent meeting in the near future. Sportsmanship will be emphasized for the students participating in games or practices and mid-term grade checks with expectation of seven of eight periods passed and use of Friday school if needed. Ms. Cathy Noles, Youth Transition Specialist, provides

workers for fundraising at the snack shack. Ms. Davis is proud of our program – Go Cards!

8:00 p.m.

Board discussion regarding athletic transportation scheduling.

Ms. Davis explained trip sheets for planning go to transportation department, and goal to limit costs and keep to a minimum, except for rainouts and reschedules during the seasons.

8:03 p.m.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

☐ 4.1. Report Information Item

Dennis Clague, CFO, referred to the report in the Board packet. We have changed accounting systems from IFAS BPlus to Tyler ERP Pro. We have a new accounting structure due to ODE requirements. We are cross-walking systems, and ultimately the new system will help reduce data that goes to ODE. There are new Fund number structures for reporting.

Board discussion on historical data.

General Fund (GF) is still estimated, but payroll is actual for July. All employees will be paid in the new system in August.

Board discussion about discrepancies in projection forecast from last month to this month.

Dr. Fialkiewicz added that deferred Ending Fund Balance (EFB) was used to pay off those moving to the 2025-26 budget, but was in the 2024-25 budget.

Board discussion on when 2024-25 school year is closed and deferred payments.

Mr. Clague said December, when the official audit is done. We are keeping track of and prioritizing our payments. The next report will be more robust.

5. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report Information Item(s)

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent reported:

- a. Summer Learning/Back to School – The Governor has now announced an electronic device policy. He is working with OSBA samples and Ms. Kathy Childress, HS Principal, for a first read of new policy in September. We sent notice to parents and will implement the plan in August. Ms. Childress is expecting 100% compliance on first day.

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5.1. Enrollment/Application Process Update

Cassie Duprey, GS Principal, reported our target enrollment is 1224. We are currently at 1197, or 27 under projections. It has been challenging to go up in numbers this quickly. CGS is six students over, CAPS is 14 over, CMS is 18 under and CHS is 29 under projected goals.

8:27 p.m.

Board discussion regarding home school and online school.

Ms. Duprey indicated that we get full funding for online students through CSD, but no funding for Home school students.

Dr. Fialkiewicz suggested we are over \$300,000.00 short of budget projection, so working

on possible budget changes, but waiting for students in seats number at end of the first week of school.

Board discussion on hiring.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said that we have decided to hire a CMS teacher. There are seven students on their waitlist.

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5.2. Update on Corbett School campus upgrades and/or grants

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – reported that he and Mr. Young met the week of August 10 and went over the PGE and EPA bus grants

a. PGE Grant information - attachments

8:32 p.m. Curtis Young, grant writer – was introduced online to speak about potential grants and revenue. He is cautious about grant writing, as the state funding system is broken and grants are hard to find. Two years ago he spent time to free up and electrical vehicles and buses grant with our facility issues. He has met with Dr. Fialkiewicz and leadership at times and then finds funders for that kind of work, like electric buses. EPA rebates for one bus awarded for and PGE match funded for two, about \$300,000.00 that was differential cost of diesel only, first bus was free. We asked for additional bus and then executive orders gutted the EPA. Charging stations are complicated, but we are making progress. 10 years with 10 electric buses, so PGE said great. Fleet program paid 85% of infrastructure, about \$370,000.00 and we've been asked to pay about \$40,000.00. We still have about \$21,000.00, but not likely to get second differential.

Board discussion about type of bus eligible and long term plan for loans.

Todd Williams, Transportation Supervisor, and Dr. Fialkiewicz contacted Beaverton HS Transportation and met with Western Bus to understand the State's 70% educational reimbursement and depreciation over 10 years. Assumption for the PGE/EPA eligible buses are that we can get 70% of \$450,000.00 for each of them and would more than pay for a 7% loan over 10 years. Net positive. Only buses not eligible are those that are under DEQ. Our first electric bus goes into service next year to commit to fleet partnership.

Mr. Young and Dr. Fialkiewicz have assumed that over 10 years netting about \$140,000.00 off the first bus, and second bus an additional 7% gain each year from ODE.

Board discussion on the eight more buses to fulfill PGE grant.

Mr. Young said there is no guarantee with PGE, but they have invested \$310,000.00 in Corbett for electrical help and to help them break into electrical incentives for rural customers.

Board discussion on routes and long trips to rural districts and kilowatt hours agreed to over time. How much money has been received to date, are we following the terms of the grant and what money been spent?

Dr. Fialkiewicz commented that Todd had looked into technology for a larger battery, so that buses would be able to go two days. We would keep two diesel buses. If we don't meet commitment of \$286,000.00 incentive this is based on, then we pay the remaining percentage at the end of 10 years. They provided 75% up front and will give 25% at end of project. About \$950,000.00 total to be received, so about \$730,000.00, and we've paid part on \$47,000.00 infrastructure and about \$280,000.00 on first bus, so about half left. We spent half under the 2024-25 Revenue (RV).

Mr. Young will send quarterly reports and believes it will be easy to meet kilowatt hours over 10 years, as we are ahead of projections if bring in another bus next year. Year six is two buses a year. Technology is still getting better. PGE understands we won't ever be totally electric.

Mr. Clague will find it in the budget.

Dr. Fialkiewicz understands the concern, but we can upgrade fleet and make money for the district with grants and reimbursement, with lots less cost in fuel and mechanics. We are flagship for rural districts.

Board discussion on using a spreadsheet about where we are for tracking and how to keep commitment for electrical usage, and about 70% reimbursement by State and where that is coming from as State looks at shortages in future.

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9:03 p.m.

5.3. Future Planning/Strategic Planning – no information at this time in the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Attachments: (2)

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded:

6.1. **Consent agenda **Resolution items 8.20-25** through 8.27-25** Action Items 8.1**RESOLUTION NO. 8.20-25**- RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the fees for 2025-26 as attached in the Board packet, adding to the technology fees that were approved at the June 18, 2025, board

meeting <https://policy.osba.org/corbett/J/JN%20D1.PDF>

11.2RESOLUTION NO. 8.21-25** - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the resignation of Hannah Lambert, K-6th Learning Specialist, effective August 19, 2025, last day of work August 18, 2025.

11.3RESOLUTION NO. 8.22-25** - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the extra duty stipends as presented on the attachment in the board packet.

11.4RESOLUTION NO. 8.23-25**- RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the resignation of 1.00 FTE School Based Mental Health Counselor, Tiffany Dennis, effective August 4, 2025.

11.5RESOLUTION NO. 8.24-25**- RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the FMLA leave for Summer Bell-Watkins, .5 FTE ELD/Intervention Specialist effective September

11–November 6, 2025.

11.6RESOLUTION NO. 8.25.25** - RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the FMLA for Derek Fialkiewicz, 1.0 FTE Superintendent, from June 24 - August 17, 2025.

11.7RESOLUTION NO. 8.26-25** - RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the resignation of Lucas Houck as coach of the MS Boys Soccer Coach for the 2025 fall season.

11.8RESOLUTION NO. 8.27-25** - RESOLVED** that the Board reconfirmed the fall coaches for CHS from the July 2025 agenda and new fall coaches for CMS as attached in the Board packet.

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The vote of the Board was 7-0 in favor of Consent Resolution Items 8.20-25** through 8.27-25**.

7. CURRICULUM- not at this time in the meeting.

8. STUDENTS – not at this time in the meeting.

☐ 8.1. See 6.0

9. TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE – not at this time in the meeting.

10. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – not at this time in the meeting.

11. Personnel

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

Hire of Catherine Anderson, .4 FTE Bus Driver, effective August 18, 2025

Resignation of Samantha Kast, .83 FTE GS Educational Assistant and High School Varsity Head Softball Coach, effective July 31, 2025.

Resignation of Talida Lui, .50 FTE GS SPED Asst. FLS, effective July 31, 2025.

Rehire of Erin Toynbee, .83 FTE GS Educational Asst., effective August 19, 2025.

11.1. Vacant Positions Information Item

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-26 school year for: Substitute Bus Driver; Substitute Custodian; 1.00 FTE 7th/8th Grade Classroom Teacher (internal through 8/21/25); .83 FTE GS Educational Assistant (internal through 8/17/25); and CHS Women's' Head Basketball Coach fall/winter 25-26;

<https://corbett.tedk12.com/hire/Index.aspx>

Board discussion about glad to be hiring and thanks to the staff for “buckling up”.

11.2. See 6.0

☐ 11.3. See 6.0

☐ 11.4. See 6.0

☐ 11.5. See 6.0

☐ 11.6. See 6.0

☐ 11.7. See 6.0

12. Policy

12.1. Board Policy Information/Discussion Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – explained that highlighted areas on pages 76 and 77 of paper copy of board packet are needing decisions. Please give us recommendations.

Board discussion around circumstances and leaning towards student safety. Consensus leaning towards “will” and “may”.

First Read for the following policy. Please choose unresolved bracketed yellowed language for:

a. Policy GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting* - starts on page 75 of paper copy board packet.

Attachments: (1)

12.2. Second Read and Adoption of Policy Action Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, noted that this policy was vetted with OSBA attorneys, District attorneys and Multnomah County Sheriff’s office along with two students, a parent from PTA, staff, one Board member and one Sherriff.

Board discussion on great conversations, enforceability, and community engagement with a challenging policy and more guidance to come with Administrative Regular (AR) implementation to affirm safety.

Dr. Fialkiewicz heard that this policy is better than nothing from the students and they feel safer.

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley explained that the question mark behind the policy letters was there because OSBA may assign a different lettering configuration.

Leah Fredericks moved and Ben Byers seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.28-25 - RESOLVED that the Board had a second read and adoption of Policy KNA(?) - Sex Offenders on Campus.

The vote of the Board was 7-0.

Attachments: (1)

12.3. Revise School Board Calendar for 2025-26 Action Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent - met with a group of teachers last week with an in-service date change request from February 6 to January 5, so they had time to prepare for second semester math assessments and timing better at the end of winter break.

Leah Fredericks moved and Malinda Carlson seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 8.29-25 - RESOLVED that the Board revised the school calendar for 2025-26 as attached in the Board packet.

The vote of the Board was 6-1; Dylan Rickert opposed to Resolution No. 8.29-25.

Attachments: (1)

9:32 p.m.

13. Matters for the Good of the Order

Board of Directors

- a. Malinda Carlson had questions about teacher putting out wish lists at CAPS/Main campus.
Dr. Fialkiewicz suggested looking at school newsletters for best response.
- b. David Osborn had public training at OGEK and is willing to share at a public work session. Might be best to email ideas for work sessions to himself, Dr. Fialkiewicz and Chair Fredericks.
- c. Dr. Fialkiewicz thanked Sis Childs and David Osborn for speaking August 16 at the welcome back staff in-service breakfast kickoff. He is excited to see students on August 25.
- d. Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley pointed to the new student representatives to the board in the audience, and they will be seated at the Board table next month.

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14. COMING EVENTS

Board Chair Leah Fredericks read aloud:

- ☐ 14.1 Community Open House / Conferences in the evening - August 21, 2025 5:00-6:00 p.m. barbecue and conferences, staff goes home at 8:00 p.m. Wear a Hawaiian shirt.
- ☐ 14.2. First Day of School for all students, Monday, August 25, 2025
- ☐ 14.3. Monday, September 1, 2025, Labor Day Holiday - no school
- ☐ 14.4. Friday, September 5, 2025 - School Day
- ☐ 14.5. Annual OSBA Convention in Portland, November 6-8, 2025

Please sign up with Robin for any OSBA events you wish to attend.

9:37 p.m. The Board recessed from public session.

9:38 p.m. Board Chair Leah Fredericks announced:

15. Executive Session, held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

All Board members as listed at the start of the meeting, Dr. Fialkiewicz and Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley were in attendance.

9:52 p.m. The Board adjourned from Executive Session.

9:54 p.m. The Board reconvened to Public Session and then adjourned.

16. ADJOURNMENT