

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 12, 2025**Board Members Present:**

Sunita Garg, Chair
Justice Rajee, Chair
Dr. Vân Truong
Dr. Karen Pérez
Dr. Melissa Potter
Syed Qasim
Dr. Tammy Carpenter

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Steffanie Frost
Steve Langford
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Human Resources Officer
Chief Information Officer
Public Communications Officer
General Counsel
Board Secretary & Executive Assistant

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via livestream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present.

The board reviewed the agenda, and board member Tammy Carpenter requested a contract authorization be pulled from the consent agenda: Westview High School Baseball/Softball/Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Installation.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected board members Dr. Vân Truong and Syed Qasim each recited the oath of office as administered by Superintendent Balderas.

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. Outstanding Service Award, Oregon Association of School Business Officials

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The board congratulated Associate Superintendent Mike Schofield for being awarded the Outstanding Service Award from the Oregon Association of School Business Officials, a recognition awarded by the statewide association to one school finance professional each year.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gustavo Balderas shared that this summer has been especially busy, with more than 100 active bond projects underway and significant efforts from year-round support staff including construction, facilities, technology and human resources teams to prepare for the new school year. He noted that the long-range facilities planning committee is meeting to consider the district's school facilities and enrollment impacts. The committee will bring recommendations forward to the superintendent that could include such things as recommending the district consider school boundary changes to balance enrollment and/or clean up feeder patterns to keep groups of students intact across school levels, changes to boost and/or balance enrollment, program moves, and the difficult consideration of school consolidations. Dr. Balderas noted that there was some misinformation being shared in the community about the discussions underway; he emphasized that any such recommended changes would require extensive community input and careful planning over time, and that he would not expect any such changes to be implemented until fall 2027 at the earliest. He also expressed appreciation for the hard work of staff, who continue to serve students with dedication, and thanked the board for their volunteer service and ongoing commitment to supporting schools and the community.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA Vice President Katie Lukins and OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comment from 9 speakers. The board also received 22 written comments.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Special Meeting, July 7, 2025
- ii. School Board Executive Session, July 29, 2025
- iii. School Board Special Meeting, July 29, 2025

C. Public Contracts

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted with the exception of the item that was removed. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Contract Authorization: Westview High School Baseball/Softball/Multi-Use Synthetic Turf Design

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the contract authorization as presented. Justice Rajee seconded. After discussion, the motion passed 6:1 with Dr. Tammy Carpenter opposing.

B. Superintendent Search Committee

Board leadership proposed that the board establish an ad hoc committee of the board to support the superintendent search process. In a first step, the committee would be tasked to work with district staff to issue a solicitation for proposals for executive search services, review submission and recommend finalist firms to be considered by the board. Dr. Karen Pérez moved to establish the superintendent search committee as proposed. Justice Rajee seconded. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously 7:0.

Per board policy, committee members are appointed by the board chair. Chair Sunita Garg announced the committee would consist of Justice Rajee, Sunita Garg and Dr. Vân Truong.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Board Policy Revisions

- a. BBBA Board Member Qualifications
- b. IGBHE Expanded Options Programs
- c. KK Visitors to District Facilities

General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf presented and answered questions from the board on recommended revisions to board policies for consideration for approval at a future meeting.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

A. Comments & Committee Reports

New directors expressed gratitude to voters, families, supporters and the community for entrusting them with the responsibility of serving students. Board members collectively thanked teachers, classified staff, administrators, and union leaders for their dedication over the summer, highlighting successful contract negotiations, preparation for the school year, and ongoing support for students' well-being. Board members reflected on the challenges facing public education, emphasizing the importance of collaboration, open communication, and community engagement, and thanked legislators for their efforts to strengthen education funding structures despite a difficult session. Board members recognized the early stages of a multi-year long-range facilities planning process. Other comments underscored board members' commitment to centering students in every decision, working together across perspectives, and ensuring schools remain safe, supportive, and well-resourced. The meeting closed with appreciation for the community's support and a focus on moving forward collectively to serve Beaverton students.

CLOSE MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.