

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on January 26, 2026 at 5:08 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, Principal DeAnna Williams and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Griffith. Staff present on-line was DWS Principal Lisa Wendel.

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – the meeting was called to order by Korinn Hockett at 5:08 pm.
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors

#### 2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

- Added 5.3.1 Senior trip out of state travel request
- Added 5.3.2 Request to establish Turning Point USA club chapter
- Added 5.7.2 Budget committee meeting calendar

#### 3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes, December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Amended Minutes November 17, 2025
- 3.3 Approve Minutes, January 12, 2026 Work Session – moved to February 23, 2026 meeting

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve items 3.1 and 3.2 of the consent agenda as presented. Bob Brown asked if administrative reports could be moved to the consent agenda in the future, in order to save board discussion time. The board had talked about wanting to move away from reports being read out loud in the meeting, as the reports are already reviewed ahead of time. It was decided to discuss this concept at a future meeting.

Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor to approve items 3.1 and 3.2 of the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

##### Educational Spotlight: Teal Fleming

Kindergarten teacher Teal Fleming gave a presentation regarding the Tools of the Mind program. This program allows children to learn to play and play to learn. They learn self-regulation and social emotional development. Mental tools enable kids to bond with one another. Last year was the first time the program was utilized. The first-grade teacher states that this group is very regulated, cooperative and ready to learn, deeming the program a success. Teal noted she is still using "IReady" for assessments; test results are showing growth. Teal's presentation included slides of kids in the classroom participating in the projects. Aaron Miller commented there are plans to expand the curriculum into 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. The fact that the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher could see real results speaks volumes for the program.

## 5.0 REPORTS

### 5.1 Student Representative Report

Mary Jane (M.J.) Lewis was present and introduced herself. She noted the school clubs are going strong. Peaceful Schools is once again underway. The kids both at the elementary and high school levels, had a great time. Also Friday electives now include work experience options and fun classes like culinary and ceramics. As a result, attendance on Fridays has increased.

Judy Miles noted this was M.J.'s first appearance at the board meeting, and that she needs to be sworn in. Aaron stated she would be sworn in at the next board meeting.

### 5.2 Superintendent Report

Aaron Miller's report was distributed in the meeting. One of the neighbors near Driftwood School had registered a complaint about a security light that was too bright. That issue has been addressed. There is also a community input meeting tomorrow night and again February 4, both at Driftwood School. Dinner and child care are provided. Topics include possible four-day calendar option, local pre-school options and needs, continued discussion of a potential bond, and potential expenditure priorities. Ongoing projects include budget preparation, and the orchard project. Enrollment is at 226. The high school's fire suppression system and sewage treatment plant need extensive repair. Bob Brown asked about irrigation for the orchard. Aaron responded the existing pond would be utilized. Aaron announced he has been voted president of the local Rotary Club for a one-year term.

### 5.3 PHS Principal Report

DeAnna Williams' report is in the board materials. DeAnna welcomed our new counselor Pamela Whitley-Dickson. Pam is working with DeAnna, learning transcripts, and also working with students to develop Friday electives. They met with the on-line curriculum committee and sent out surveys to find out what students are interested in learning. Current on-line programs include Acellus and BYU, but students looked at various other programs during their lunch breaks and developed a list of preferred programs. The list was distributed to the board members. A link to the actual rubric will be provided. DeAnna's goal is to make PHS a magnet school. A catalog will be developed and placed on line. M.J. Lewis described how the students reviewed and elected the online courses. Students looked at ratings, descriptions, etc. to decide.

#### 5.3.1 Senior Trip Request

Shayla Carpenter and Merrilyn Hensley talked about the senior class of 2026 plans for travel to Catalina Island, California for their senior trip. Many details need to be finalized including air travel to California, a ferry to the island, hotels, chaperones, etc. Six students and two chaperones will be attending. Fund raising has reached \$5,000. Expected total cost is \$9,000. Additional fund-raising events include a trivia night, can drive, and a cornhole tournament. Contingency plans are in place in case the money is not raised.

Judy Miles moved to approve the senior trip out of state to California. Judy wanted to clarify if legal parameters needed to be mentioned. Aaron stated they did not. Bob Brown seconded the motion. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor to approve the senior class trip to California. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.3.2 Club America Charter Proposal

Students Brianna Huggins and Solomon Feliciano presented their proposal to start a student chapter of Turning Point USA's "Club America" at Pacific High School.

Turning Point USA (TPUSA) is a national student organization that focuses on civil discourse, leadership development and informed discussion about American government. This is a student led, faculty supervised club that operates within school guidelines. Interest in this club is from a wide range of student viewpoints. Some want better understanding of current events and some want to become more confident in their beliefs or to be in a structured environment within which to express themselves. Patriotism is about understanding the principles that our country was founded on. Students would study the constitution, explore American history and the responsibilities that come with freedom. Through respectful discussion and education, students would practice values that define the United States. Some questions from the board included how would students be recruited, how would civil discourse be ensured, would undue pressure be placed on the club from Turning Point. Faculty Advisor Amanda Carlton and Brianna confirmed the club is entirely non-partisan and encouraged civil discourse. The club is separate from ASB, which is student government. This club focuses on national government.

Board members expressed the need to learn more about the organization. They want to consider what is best for students.

Angel Ashdown moved and Judy Miles seconded to postpone a decision on approval of the club until the February board meeting. Carol Hacherl noted that, as presented, the club sounded fabulous but she had concerns about its founding organization. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor of tabling the club approval until the February meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5.4 DWS Principal Report

Lisa Wendel's report is included in the meeting materials. There were no additional comments or questions. Enrollment is at 104.

### 5.5 Transportation and Maintenance Report

Chad Berry's report is included in the meeting materials. Carol Hacherl asked if the fire pump was part of the fire suppression system. Aaron stated it was and needs replacement at the cost of \$100,000. There is no imminent danger, but the project must be completed.

### 5.6 Technology Report

Rusty Raymond's report was included in the meeting materials.

### 5.7 Financial Report

Tara Garratt's report is included in the meeting materials. The budget calendar is included.

Bob Brown moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to adopt the 2026-2027 budget committee calendar as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Local Service Plan (South Coast ESD)

Paul Pearson from SCESD distributed the Local Service Plan. This plan is reviewed by local superintendents and then given to boards for approval. The only changes are dates and the Adaptive Life Skills program is now at 2CJ.

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to adopt the Local Service Plan as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### 6.2 Approve Family Academy Curriculum

A list of additional on-line curriculum was developed at the request of parents in Family Academy, and for additional options for the high school. They may or may not be used immediately but we want them available as needed. Students were given the opportunity to explore the curriculum and give input. Many of these are used by other on-line school programs. Bob Brown stated he reviewed the programs and found them solid. Judy Miles and Aaron Miller clarified it is the Board's role to approve curriculum, not choose it. Aaron believes the options are solid and comply with curriculum guidelines. The board thanked the students for their input, and suggested compiling student comments for new families.

- Rosetta Stone
- eDynamic Learning
- ALEKS
- BYU
- Imagine Edgenuity
- Florida Virtual Strong Mind
- Strong mind
- Flexpoint
- Carone Learning for Health and PE
- Method Teacher

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the list of curricula as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 7.1 Board Goals 2026

Bob Brown provided a summary of the board goals for 2026, which were discussed at the January 12, 2026 workshop. The goals were based on the sample provided by the Umatilla district. Goal four includes attending at least one OSBA, NSBA or other conference or training annually. That does include watching webinars and things provided on the OSBA website.

Judy Miles moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the 2026-2CJ board goals as presented and revised at the January 12, 2026 workshop. Angel Ashdown asked if Goal #3 needed to be researched legally. Is the board allowed to call out positive comments regarding staff, or should comments come through Aaron? Negative comments are not allowed, but are positive ones allowed? Aaron will research the question.

Bob Brown voted in favor. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles and Angel Ashdown voted against. Motion denied.

Bob Brown moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the 2026-2CJ board goals, with an amendment to goal #3, to read: The Board will reserve time at board meetings to recognize community collaborations. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 7.2 Staff Survey for Superintendent's Evaluation

Korinn Hockett stated she had asked OSBA to offer a more accurate scope of work/estimate. Survey participants are chosen based on who has direct knowledge of the superintendent's work. Casting too wide a net would not garner enough useful comments. A motion will be made in the future to authorize this process, likely for the 26-27 evaluation.

### 8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

#### 8.1 School Board Timeline Review and Calendar

The timeline was reviewed. The board agreed to have their spring data review workshop on March 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

#### 8.2 Budget Calendar (added item)

The board noted the Budget Committee calendar needs to be revised, moving the budget meetings to 4:30 instead of 5:00 pm.

Angel Ashdown moved and Judy Miles seconded to approve moving the budget committee meetings to 4:30 pm. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

### 9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

### 10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

### 11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

### 12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### 13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Licensed Staff and Administrative Renewals

14.0 Executive Session

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Angel Ashdown moved and Judy Miles seconded to adjourn the meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Korinn Hockett adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

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Korinn Hockett  
Board Chair

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Aaron Miller  
Superintendent/Clerk

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