



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3 (<i>participate virtually until 9:42 pm</i>)
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large

Absent members were: Melissa Standley

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Dr. Tasha Katsuda	Assistant Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Shields

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda

Director Solowski moved to approve the agenda with flexibility. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. CHS Fall Athlete Recognition

Superintendent Owens welcomed CHS Athletic Director and Assistant Principal, Daunte Gouge to the meeting. He introduced the attending coaches and recognized the Fall student athletes who achieved high honors. The Board extended their congratulations to the group and conveyed their appreciation for their dedication and efforts.

Chair Shields called for a break at 6:44 pm; resuming the meeting at 6:50 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of November 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Director Hardin moved to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes as presented. Director Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Shields adjusted the agenda to have all reports be presented next in the agenda.

4. REPORTS

1. ***Student Representative Report - CHS Student, Easton Hopkins (Yahir Castro was not in attendance):***

He reported on the following:

- Unity Week
- Centennial Eagle Care Food Drive
- Club Fair
- Teddy Bear Toss at Athletic Events
- Door Decoration Contest

Board members thanked Easton for his report and asked clarifying questions.

2. ***Supporting our Students & Families: Immigration Related Protocols- James Owens, Superintendent***

District leadership shared an overview of the District's ongoing work to support students and families during a time of increased immigration enforcement activity in the surrounding community. The presentation acknowledged the fear and uncertainty many families are experiencing and recognized how these circumstances can affect students' sense of safety, belonging, and ability to learn.

Staff highlighted the District's responsibility to ensure that every school remains a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for all students. The presentation outlined the structures, protocols, staff training, communication efforts, and family support that are in place to respond to these challenges and to provide clarity and reassurance to families.

It was emphasized that this work is rooted in the District's longstanding commitment to equity, the Board's January proclamation, and state and federal law. Board members shared their thoughts and deliberated on this matter; asking specific questions around protocols, training, communication strategies and next steps. Chair Shields suggested if there were any more questions, to direct them to Superintendent Owens.

3. ***Budget Report Funding Update & Enrollment - Paul Southerton, Director of Business and Operations***

Director Southerton provided an overview of the 2025-2026 Fall Budget Update and 2026-2027 forecast. He highlighted current enrollment, revenue, expenses and various risk factors for consideration. He reviewed the 2026-2027 forecast in these areas and noted that with enrollment declining and major uncertainties (economic uncertainties, statewide budget reductions, federal funding uncertainties, licensed bargaining unsettled and classified bargaining beginning in 2026), the District is proceeding with overall caution.

Board members posed questions regarding weighted ADM and state funding.

4. ***Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent***

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- District Office Art Display
- Transportation Ride Along

- Fall Data Summit
- Elementary Standards Mapping Work
- Equity Focused Professional Learning Series
- Long Range Facility Planning Update
- Happy Holidays

Board members asked follow up questions and shared their interest in learning more about data summits and the data collected during the long range facility planning process. Director Solowski shared her thoughts around the immigration matters previously discussed.

Chair Shields called for a break at 7:56 pm and stated that the Board will be convening into Executive Session.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) and ORS 192.660 (2)(k) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 8:09 pm. Attendees include: Chair Shields, Vice Chair Mohring (virtually), Director Solowski, Director Linn, Director Newman, and Director Hardin.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Southerton, Chief Communications Officer Andregg, Executive Assistant Grindle and CDR Labor Law Attorney Chris Duckworth were also present.

The group discussed and deliberated on labor negotiation matters. No safety matters were discussed.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 9:42 pm and reconvened into the regular business meeting.

6. PUBLIC FORUM - *Chair Shields*

The following individuals provided public testimony:

Michael Miller	Aryn Bloemink
Catherine Bayer	Drew Rosa

Chair Shields closed the public forum at 10:00 pm.

7. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Newman moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Solowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. ***Site Council Minutes***
2. ***Miscellaneous Items***
 1. *Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) Intent to Renew Charter Agreement*
3. ***Financial Statements***
 1. *September 2025 Financial Statement*
4. ***Enrollment Reports***

1. *Class Size Analysis*
2. *Student Count*
5. ***Human Resources***
 1. *Approve Resignation of Licensed Staff Member*
6. ***Business/Operations***
7. ***Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)***
8. ***Student Services***
9. ***Student Travel***

At 10:00 pm Director Solowski moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm. Director Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - Chair Shields

1. OLD BUSINESS

1. *Budget Committee Candidate Interviews and Appointments*

Chair Shields provided the group with an overview of the process for interviewing and appointing the three new budget committee members. She confirmed that four affirmative votes were needed for each appointment and that she will be abstaining from voting.

The following candidates were interviewed: Rudy Watzig, SaQuoija Allen and Rod Boettcher. Myrna Jensen had submitted her application; but was not in attendance to be interviewed. After the interview process took place, each Board member voted via ballot method. There were four affirmative votes for SaQuoija Allen and Rudie Watzig and two votes for Rod Boettcher (Director Newman and Director Hardin) and two votes for Myrna Jensen (Director Linn and Director Solowski).

A second round of voting via ballot took place and the results were as follows: three votes for Rod Boettcher (Director Newman, Director Hardin and Director Linn) and one vote for Myrna Jensen (Director Solowski). A final round of ballot voting took place and Rod Boettcher was voted unanimously to fill the seat on the budget committee.

2. *Award of Centennial High School Fire Alarm Replacement - Paul Southerton, Director of Business and Operations*

Director Southerton recommended the approval of the Centennial High School Fire Alarm System replacement contract with JH Kelly, LLC in the amount of \$435,000. He explained the project was an approved “below the line” capital project funded with remaining 2020 Capital Bond contingency funds after completion of all voter-approved bond commitments.

He shared that bids were advertised on November 5, 2025, and opened on December 3, 2025, with six bids being received. JH Kelly, LLC submitted the lowest responsive bid within budget. He said work will be completed during evenings, with the new system fully operational before removal of the existing system, and is scheduled for completion by May 30, 2026.

Director Solowski moved to approve the award to JH Kelly, LLC to replace the fire alarm system at Centennial High School. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2025-2027 Student Success Act (SSA) & Student Investment Account (SIA)

Grant Agreement - April Olson, Director of Curriculum and Student Learning

Director Olson provided an overview of the Student Investment Account Grant Agreement, highlighting specific areas of the grant agreement including; the total allocated and estimated amounts through the first quarter of 2027-2029 biennium.

She indicated there was no public comment about the grant. Director Newman moved to approve the grant as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:30 pm Director Linn moved to extend the meeting by five minutes. The group unanimously agreed to extend the meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Owens mentioned a number of items that will be included at next month's Board meetings, including:

- Budget Committee Work session starting at 6pm
- Butler Creek Elementary School report
- Lisa Merrick Legislative Report
- Roadmap '27 - First Trimester Report
- Policies

Board members expressed an interest in having more time for public comment at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shields adjourned the meeting at 10:36 pm.