

MINUTES
Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors
WORK SESSION

May 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. | District Office | 107 NE 10th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

Present: Beth Harrison, Board Chair
Ryan Lehnert
Jill Pace
Ryan DeGrofft
Mason Murphy
Anne Keeler
Patrick Gregg
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary
Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent
Kevin Dinning, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs (with prior notice)

The meeting was in person and offered virtually.

1. Opening and Call to Order *Board Chair*

Chair Harrison welcomed everyone and called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Meeting Audio/Video Recorded

Chair Harrison stated that this meeting is being audio and video-recorded.

2. Special Education Presentation *Corrina Robinson, Rebecca Marshall*

Corrina Robinson, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Special Education at InterMountain Education Service District, and Rebecca Marshall, Special Education Teacher in the Pendleton School District, gave a presentation on Special Education, highlighting safety for all students.

The presentation included:

- A Historical Lens of Special Education
- Guiding Law-Individualized with Disabilities Education Act
- Principles of Special Education & Terminology Review
- Federal and State Law *Discipline within Special Education*
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Disciplinary Protections & Considerations

They were available for questions from the Board. Chair Harrison expressed her appreciation for all their time in preparation and for the presentation.

3. Goal Development: Review of Current & Potential Metrics *Matt Yoshioka*

Chair Harrison asked Mr. Yoshioka for a high-level yet brief context on metrics. Mr. Yoshioka shared that we use lots of measurements and metrics, most of which are academic, that are already in place. He shared some potential options the district is considering using.

4. **Goal Development: Describing the Ideal Outcome** *Michelle Jensen*

At the last work session, the three areas that rose to the top for big areas to work on for next year's goals are:

- High Quality Learning Environment (vision, student experience, and community expectations)
- Instructional Excellence (expectations for learning outcomes and accountability)
- Organizational Excellence (systems, stewardship, and coherence)

The Board worked in small groups with prompts to define what should be true, describe ideal outcomes, and what metrics to measure in that area. The hope is to take today's feedback to draft goals for Mike Scott to lead the June work session. Chair Harrison shared that as more things come to you, please send further thoughts and brainstorming to Michelle Jensen. She asked that the Board be prepared to make meaningful goals with realistic, measurable outcomes next month.

5. **Review Agenda – May 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** *Board Chair*

The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Public Comment** *Board Chair*

No comments.

7. **Information**

7.1. **Crystal Apple Awards – May 11, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., Wildhorse Resort** *Michelle Jensen*

The Board is invited to the Crystal Apple Awards, to be held at Wildhorse Resort.

7.2. **Budget Meeting – May 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m. District Office** *Michelle Jones*

7.3. **2026 Graduation Dates** *Michelle Jensen*

Pendleton High School

Scholarship Recognition May 27, 2026 | PHS Auditorium | 7:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate May 28, 2026 | PHS Auditorium | 7:00 pm

Seniors' Last Day of School May 28, 2026

Graduation Practice May 29, 2026 | Happy Canyon Arena | 8:00 am

Graduation Ceremony May 31, 2026 | Happy Canyon Arena | 3:00 pm

Hawthorne Alternative High School

Graduation Ceremony May 27, 2026 | PTTC Outdoors | 6:00 p.m.

Nixyáawii Community School

Graduation Ceremony June 5, 2026 | Wildhorse Resort | 6:00 p.m.

Reminder of the retiree dinner on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the PELC. All Board members are welcome.

7.4. **OSBA Summer School Sessions**

There will be a one-day session this summer, held in Redmond and Eugene, OR. Let Ronda Thornburg know if you want to attend.

8. **School Visit Reports** *Board Chair*

Adopt-A-School Assignments:

PELC – Ryan Lehnert

McKay – Patrick Gregg

Sherwood – Ryan DeGrofft

Washington – Mason Murphy

SMS – Jill Pace

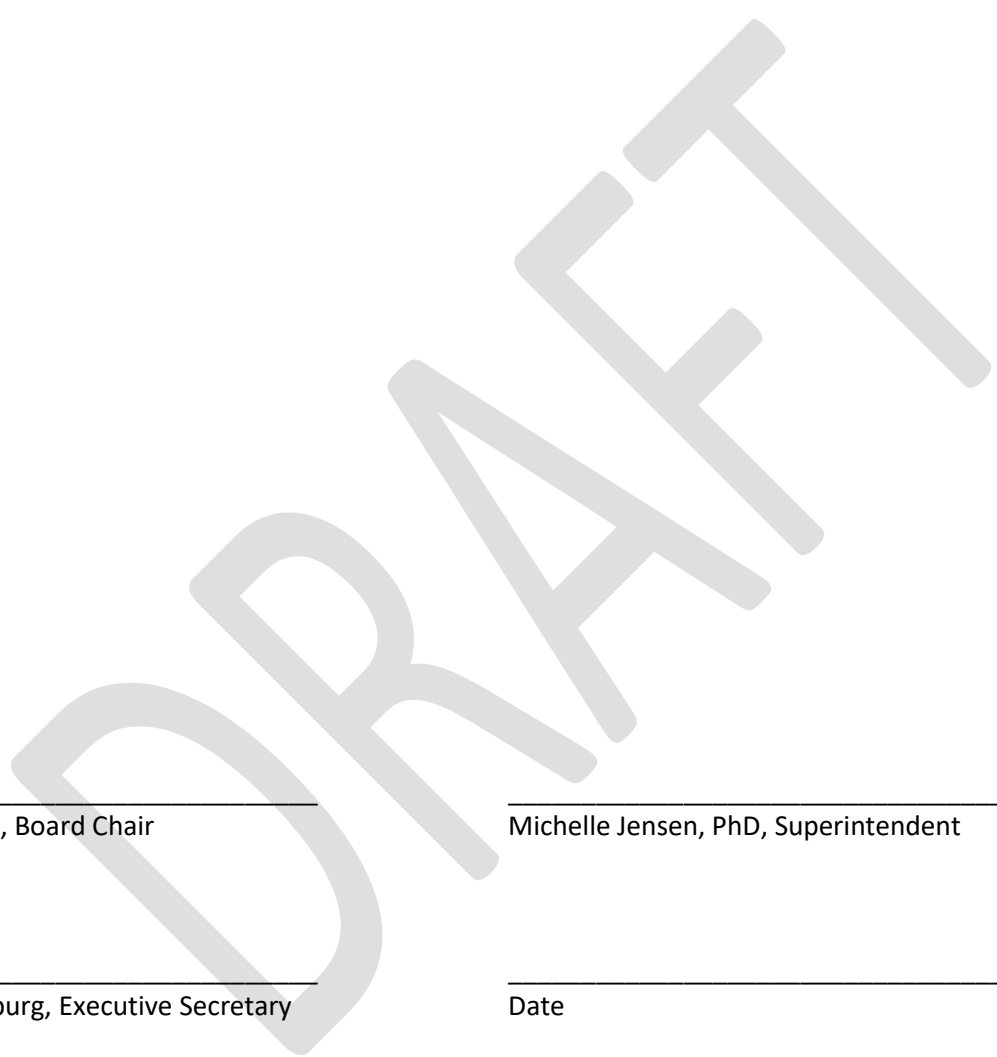
PHS/HHS – Anne Keeler

Director Keeler was invited to attend and evaluate the AP English Language composition speeches at PHS. Director Pace was also at the PHS speeches. She graded/scored at the Penta Games. Attended music concerts at McKay Elementary.

Chair Harrison had the opportunity to go with the PHS orchestra to a 3-day music festival in Newport, OR.

9. **Adjournment** *Board Chair*

With no further business brought forward for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



Beth Harrison, Board Chair

Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent

Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Date