



## **CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Virtual Meeting Format

All participants attended via the Zoom App

**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**Executive Session at 6:30 pm**

**Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm**

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - At Large
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2

Absent members were: None

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The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

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

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 6:30 pm. Attendees include: Chair Shields, Vice Chair Mohring, Director Solowski, Director Linn, Director Newman, Director Standley and Director Hardin.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Mr. Southerton, Ms. Grindle and CDR Labor Law Attorney Chris Duckworth were also present.

The group discussed and deliberated on upcoming labor negotiation matters.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 7:35 pm.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Shields***

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

##### ***1. Approval of September 24, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda***

Director Hardin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)**

### **1. Centennial Middle School Assistant Principal - *Gustavo Cervantes Vargas***

Superintendent Owens introduced Gustavo Cervantes Vargas, the new Assistant Principal at Centennial Middle School and provided a brief overview of his experience. Mr. Cervantes Vargas shared his excitement to be part of the District.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. *Approval of September 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.***

Director Solowski moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting as presented. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **4. PUBLIC FORUM - *(Not applicable for work session meetings)***

## **5. REPORTS**

### **1. *Long Range Facility Planning Report - DLR Group (Karen Montovino, Robert Esau and John Fulton)***

Superintendent Owens introduced Karen Montovino and her team from DLR Group. They presented the district's long-range facility planning process; which included: the physical conditions, projected enrollment, educational suitability, financial resources, and long-term strategy; while focusing on equity, sustainability, and community engagement. Mr. Fulton from the DLR Group connected the work to the Roadmap 27 goals. Ms. Montovino outlined the project schedule, community engagement opportunities, the facility advisory committee, upcoming workshops, and the Board's role. Board members discussed the presentation, asked questions, and Chair Shields noted that the facility planning schedule would be shared with those interested in attending future meetings. Superintendent Owens followed up with a comment that he will send them out to the Board once they are finalized.

### **2. *Enrollment Update Report - Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations***

Director Southerton provided an overview of the District's enrollment, including data collection, weighted enrollment, and factors contributing to declining enrollment locally and statewide. He reported current student enrollment by grade and specialized placements, reviewed historical enrollment trends, and explained how weighted student costs affect overall funding. Class size data by grade and building were also presented. Superintendent Owens and Director Southerton answered questions from Board members.

Chair Shields called for a break at 8:55pm; reconvening 9:05pm.

### **3. *Personal Electronic Devices (PED) Update - April Olson, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning***

Superintendent Owens provided an update on the ongoing work related to revisions of the PED policy and corresponding administrative rules. He explained the intent of the discussion was to provide the opportunity to gather Board member's feedback on this policy and administrative recommendations.

Director Olson began the presentation by reaffirming the Board's key roles in the policy process, emphasizing their responsibility to monitor implementation, uphold student rights, engage the community, and ensure transparency throughout decision-making.

As part of the presentation, Director Olson outlined key scope considerations for the Board's review. These included setting clear guidelines for device storage, promoting consistent yet

flexible implementation across grade levels, strengthening communication strategies with all stakeholders, and establishing a process to evaluate both policy effectiveness and implementation progress. Director Olson walked the Board through the sample policy, identified areas requiring Board decisions, and outlined the administration's specific recommendations for moving forward.

Board members engaged in a deep discussion, sharing their perspectives and deliberating on the implications of each proposed change. Director Olson concluded by inviting members to review the proposal in greater detail and to submit their feedback. She noted that the revised policy and administrative rule must be adopted by October 31, 2026, with policy taking effect on January 1, 2026.

Director Solowski moved to extend the meeting for up to fifteen minutes, Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to time constraints, Chair Shields adjusted the agenda to move the Superintendent Report until after Board Action Items.

## **6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS**

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

- 1. *Site Council Minutes***
- 2. *Miscellaneous Items***
- 3. *Financial Statements***
- 4. *Enrollment Reports***
- 5. *Human Resources***
  - 1. Approval of Licensed Staff Resignations*
- 6. *Business/Operations***
  - 1. Accept Donation of Classroom and other Furniture from Nike*
- 7. *Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)***
- 8. *Student Services***
- 9. *Student Travel***

## **7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. OLD BUSINESS**

1. OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee Nominations  
No Board members expressed interest in being nominated for the available OSBA positions.
2. Superintendent Evaluation Discussion  
This item was moved until the next meeting.

### **2. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new business agenda items.

## **8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *James Owens, Superintendent***

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- Pleasant Valley ODE Recognition
- District Equity Advisory Committee Launch
- Multnomah County Superintendent Regional Retreat
- Oliver Middle School Back-to-School Night
- Rip City Rally at Centennial Middle School

- CHS Homecoming

Superintendent Owens reviewed the upcoming board meeting agenda items, which include:

- Superintendent Evaluation Discussion
- Dining Services National Award and Sampling
- Policies First Read
- Standard Reports

Director Standley shared that she had visited four schools last Friday and invited other Board members to do the same.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Shields adjourned the meeting at 10:04 pm.