

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 13, 2026**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:**Student Representatives Present:**

Vihaan Paliwal
Isabelle Riley

Student Representatives Absent:

Chermia Clouser
Jordyn Sargent

Staff Present:

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Steffanie Frost
Steve Langford
Shellie Bailey-Shah
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
Board Secretary

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 7:06 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present and two student representatives were present. Chair Garg removed approval of policy GCAB from the agenda to revisit in a future meeting.

II. STUDENT PERFORMANCES & RECOGNITIONS**A. School Board Appreciation Month**

The superintendent noted that January is recognized by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) as School Board Appreciation Month. Remarks were offered acknowledging board members' unpaid service, leadership and significant time commitment to the district, schools and community. The superintendent expressed appreciation for the board's dedication to student success and stewardship of public resources.

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B. School District of the Year

Beaverton School District was named National School District of the Year by the education publication K-12 Dive. The district was recognized for systemwide achievements in academics and operations, including expanded dual language and pre-K programs, career technical education opportunities, an innovative fentanyl awareness program, and a growing electric bus fleet.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Balderas thanked the board for the opportunity to serve, noting that this would be his final board meeting prior to the transition to an interim superintendent. He expressed appreciation for the board's leadership and confidence, and reflected on the district's accomplishments during his tenure.

Dr. Balderas highlighted Beaverton School District's systemwide alignment and progress in priority areas identified by the board at the time of his hiring, including career technical education, preschool programming, dual language programs, and the development of cohesive district systems. He credited the board's vision, district leadership and staff at all levels for contributing to these successes.

The superintendent noted the district's academic quality and outcomes, expressing confidence in the strength of Beaverton School District's educational programs. He acknowledged the district's strong community support, including the passage of bonds and levies, and emphasized the importance of accountability and return on investment for students and families. He encouraged the board to continue advocating at the state level for adequate and equitable school funding, emphasizing disparities across districts and the need to ensure all students receive the resources they deserve.

Dr. Balderas concluded by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve the district and community.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA President Katie Lukins commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comment from one speaker. The board also received 55 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Department Report: Communications

Public Communications Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah presented an annual update on the work of the Communications & Community Involvement Department. During the past school year, the communications team advanced several initiatives including expanded video storytelling efforts, increased bond transparency, the Believe You Matter campaign, the Aloha High School mascot rebranding, and facilitating the establishment of 56 site-based pop-up food pantries. Other accomplishments include the districtwide rollout of the Class Intercom social media platform and implementation of the Let's Talk/OnFlo engagement tool.

B. Program Spotlight: Community Facilities Use

Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services Casey Waletich presented information on community use of district facilities. To reduce barriers and increase community access to use school facilities outside of school hours, the district has updated the tiered fee structure for community facility use and updated guidelines for supplemental staffing charges. These changes have lowered costs for most users and significantly reduced fees for nonprofit programs serving youth within the BSD boundary, while overall pricing is more aligned with comparable districts to promote fairness and transparency. In

addition, the district has launched a new facility use reservation system that provides a more streamlined and user-friendly experience.

E. Monthly Financial Report

Associate Superintendent for Business Services Mike Schofield presented the monthly financial report, which included general fund activity and forecast, a summary of revenues and expenditures, a report on classroom teacher staffing by schools, and information on investment activity.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Executive Session, December 9, 2025
- ii. School Board Work Session, December 9, 2025
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, December 9, 2026
- iv. School Board Work Session, January 6, 2026
- v. School Board Executive Session, January 6, 2026

C. Public Contracts

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Interim Superintendent

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the selection of Michael Schofield as Interim Superintendent. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

B. Board Policy Revisions

- i. BBB Board Elections
- ii. BDC Executive Sessions

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the board policy revisions minus the policy that was removed. Justice Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. NWRES D Local Service Plan

NWRES D Superintendent Dan Goldman and NWRES D Board Chair Becky Tymchuk presented the education service district's proposed local service plan for 2026–27. Education service districts provide services to school districts in their local area. Oregon requires its 19 ESDs to submit a local service plan each year, addressing how they will provide equitable, high-quality, cost-effective and locally responsive educational services at a regional level, including special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative support services. The NWRES D local service plan for 2026–27 has been approved by the NWRES D board and district superintendents, and must be approved by March 1 by the boards of at least two-thirds of the ESD's component districts, representing a majority of the total number of students enrolled in the service area. A vote on this item will be held at the next board meeting.

B. Reaffirm Board Resolution in Support of Immigrant Students and Families

In January 2025 the board approved a resolution affirming the board's commitment to supporting all students and families, and directing the district to maintain and reemphasize its practices consistent with law and policy to safeguard the rights of all students, regardless of national origin, citizenship or immigration documentation status. Beaverton School District is committed to creating a safe and welcoming school climate for all students, families and staff. Board members have expressed concern for members of the community who may feel uncertain about school policies and procedures related to

students and families who are immigrants to the United States. Board members were provided an opportunity to share input on updating this resolution with actions within the district's control.

C. Board Policy Revisions

i. KG Facilities Use

ii. CBC Superintendent's Contract

iii. EH Records and Data Management

Chief of Staff Kerry Delf presented proposed revisions to board policies KG, CBC and EH. Changes were generated internally and by the Oregon School Boards Association, which provides policy recommendations to reflect changes in state statutes and/or regulations and best practices, and integrated and recommended by staff.

IX. BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNICATION

Board members expressed appreciation for a presentation regarding the *Believe You Matter* campaign and shared reflections on student mental health, social media use, and the district's role in supporting families. Multiple board members offered remarks of gratitude to the outgoing superintendent, acknowledging his leadership, system-building work, and long-term contributions to the district and students. Board members highlighted the strength of district systems, staff commitment, and the foundation established for future success. Well-wishes were extended for his next professional role.

Board members reflected on the importance of maintaining focus on the board's mission, navigating challenging community conversations with care, and centering student needs in decision-making. Several members emphasized collaboration, mutual respect, and trust as essential to governance during complex times. The board acknowledged the upcoming work related to the superintendent search and expressed commitment to an inclusive, community-engaged process focused on belonging, achievement, and student success. Board members also recognized regional collaboration efforts, including a legislative roundtable that demonstrated the impact of a unified regional voice in advocating for students and equitable school funding. Appreciation was shared for district and regional leadership, staff participation, and community engagement.

Several members reflected on the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Additional remarks highlighted school visits, youth services ride-alongs, and ongoing opportunities for board learning and connection with district operations.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.