



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J
School Board Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD

November 18, 2024

Zoom Webinar & In-Person Meeting
88834 Territorial Rd.
Elmira, Or 97437

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1): The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

In attendance were Directors Barbara Graham-Adams, Andrea Larson, Mark Boren, Lisa McCann, and Kathleen Pizzola joined via Zoom.

We have a shared vision in the Fern Ridge School District: Provide excellence for every student so that each will reach their greatest potential.

Thank you to the members of the public who have joined us. As a reminder, School Board meetings and work sessions are meetings of the Board held in public, providing an opportunity to observe the Board's discussion and actions.

In an effort to conduct official Board business, we ask that the audience be respectful and refrain from questions, comments, and unnecessary noise while the Board conducts the meeting.

There is an opportunity for citizen comment tonight, and the Board looks forward to hearing from those who signed up. I will share some reminders when we get to that portion of the meeting.

Also, please note that all Board meetings are live streamed and posted on the School Board area of the website.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD (Agenda Item 2): The November Citizenship Award was presented to Fern Ridge Middle School student Lillian Curtis.

FLAG SALUTE (Agenda Item 3): Fern Ridge Middle School student Lillian Curtis led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Item 4): None at this time

MONTHLY ITEMS (Agenda Item 5):

5. A. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the work session and regular meeting on October 21, 2024, were presented for approval.

Director McCann moved to approve the minutes from the work session October 21, 2024, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

Director Larson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session October 21, 2024, seconded by Director Boren.

There was a time of discussion on how a singular board member would respond to a public comment from the month prior. Director Lisa McCann addressed agenda item 9.B. and Jennifer Prutzman and the details of the presentations from FREA as being redundant and wanting more teacher and union information.

The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

BUSINESS OFFICE (Agenda Item 6):

6. A. Enrollment Report: Business Manager Quanah Bennett reviewed the enrollment report as of November 1, 2024. District Enrollment is 1298, which is 14 over our budgeted enrollment, elementary is up by 3, the middle school is up by 27, and the high school is down by 16. There are eight more out of district placements than what was projected in the budget. Director McCann asked about the home tutoring line on the report and there was a time of discussion around this topic.

6. B. General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report: Business Manager Quanah Bennett reviewed the general fund revenue and expenditure report as of October 31, 2024 with the amended details of revenues. The district has received 29% of our operating revenue, this time last year was 33% because we had received our state timber payment which the district has not received yet. Large tax payments start this month so the revenue will be bumping up by the next report. The district's operating expenditures are at 21%, last year at this time it was 20%. Director McCann asked for clarification on purchased services, and asked for an itemization of those services.

Director Boren moved to approve the general fund and expenditure report for October 31, 2024, seconded by Director McCann. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

REPORTS (Agenda Item 7):

7. A. Student Representatives: Student representatives JT Meyers and Fern Valle-Arvizu reported on the happenings of State Testing with an assembly to follow awarding the perfect attenders. Two cross country runners placed 4th and 9th at districts and one placed 13th at state. Senior nights for football recognized their most valuable player. The leadership team has a school newspaper that will be fully organized soon. For the Holiday Bazaar, leadership is selling table space at the Highschool. During the bazaar the student body coffee cart will be running and there will be wreaths for sale as well. Winter sports, basketball and wrestling started today. National Honor Society is arranging the adopt a family for the Christmas holiday, and getting all

the shopping and gifts before winter break.

7. B. Fern Ridge Education Association: There was a time of discussion about what was requested of FREA to present and share monthly to the board. FREA President Jennifer Prutzman presented slides of each building activities and events.

7. C. Director of K-12 Programs: Director Michelle Marshall presented the Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets (LPGT) and the Spotlight on Data Assessment.

7. C.1 Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets: Director Michelle Marshall presented the 24-25 Board Goals, with goal number two being the first of three presentations. The presentations will be pushed out in the future, working from the results of data being embargoed for another week and not being able to share with the public yet.

7. C.2 Spotlight on Data Assessment: Director Michelle Marshall presented the Spotlight on Data Assessment within the Longitudinal Growth Targets presentation.

7. D. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Carpenter was not present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Agenda Item 8):

8. A. Budget Committee: There was a time of discussion on the process that the board agreed to follow to appoint budget committee members.

Director Boren moved to appoint **David Voltz** as a budget committee member, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

Director Boren moved to appoint **Eric Carlstrom** as a budget committee member, seconded by Director McCann. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

Director Boren moved to appoint **Lorrie Daniels** as a budget committee member, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, and McCann voting yes, and, Pizzola voting no. 4-1.

Director Boren moved to appoint **Tory Macklin** as a budget committee member, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and Director McCann voting yes. 5-0.

Director Boren moved to appoint **Tracy Robinson** as a budget committee member, there was no second, motion failed.

Director Pizzola asked for clarification about the remaining budget committee candidates without a motion, since the board had voted so far. When it was clear that the last motion had failed due to no second, Director Larson made a motion and then Director Pizzola made a motion because she could not hear Director Larson's motion.

Director Larson moved to appoint **Krista Spencer** as a budget committee member, seconded by Director Boren. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

There was a time of discussion about the voting process again and a suggestion of voting for an alternate budget committee member was presented and applied.

Director Larson moved to appoint **Haley Herbert** as a budget committee alternate member if one of the five declines, seconded by Director Boren. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

8. B. OSBA Resolution 1: Adopts the proposed Resolution to Amend the OSBA Dues Schedule.

Director Larson referenced an email that was sent to the board and she asked the questions that were in that email for discussion. Director McCann asked if the district is in contract with OSBA. There was a time of discussion on the percentage increases for different districts. There was a time of discussion with Business Manager, Quanah Bennett about being able to budget for the increases in OSBA dues.

Director Larson moved to accept the Resolution to amend the OSBA dues schedule, seconded by Director Boren. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, and Pizzola voting yes, and, Director McCann voting no. 4-1.

8. C. OSBA Resolution 2: Adopts the proposed Resolution to Amend Oregon School Boards Association's Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors.

There was a time of discussion of the defining properties of the resolution.

Director Graham-Adams moved to adopt Resolution 2 to have a PRIDE representative on the OSBA Board of Directors, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, and Pizzola voting yes, and, Director McCann voting no. 4-1.

8. D. OSBA Resolution 3: Adopts the proposed Resolution to Amend Oregon School Boards Association's 2023 Bylaws.

Director McCann moved to accept the Resolution to amend the OSBA 2023 bylaws, seconded by Director Pizzola. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

8. E. Gary and Sue Christian Award in Science (In honor of EHS teacher Harald S. Platou):
The board gave recognition and gratitude for the donation to the EHS Science Scholarship in the amount of \$50,000 in 2021, \$45,000 in 2022, and \$45,000 last month.

8. F. OSBA Conference Report: Director McCann shared that she completed her conference bronze, silver, and gold levels. Shared two topics that were important to her. One was that the communication of the board should be transparent with the public. The second was an author that shared his story of how the school and teachers impacted him as a student. Director Boren

shared a few sessions that he attended.

8. G. Fern Ridge School District/Crow School District Girls Wrestling Co-Op: The board elected to approve both 8.G. and 8.H. in the same motion.

8. H. Fern Ridge School District/Marist School District Swim Co-Op: The board elected to approve both 8.G. and 8.H. in the same motion.

Director Larson moved to approve both the athletics co-ops that have been proposed, seconded by Director McCann. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

8. I. Surplus Property-Football Storage Semi Trailer: There was a time of discussion to explain what the surplus item was and why the district wants to surplus it.

Director Boren moved to declare the football storage semi-trailer as surplus, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

8. J. Authority to Negotiate Purchase of Property: There was a time of discussion to explain what property and how it would be used. This is an approval to negotiate only.

Director Boren moved to allow Superintendent Carpenter to negotiate on behalf of the district for purchase of property, seconded by Director Larson. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Boren, Larson, Graham-Adams, Pizzola, and McCann voting yes. 5-0.

8. K. First Reading of Proposed Policy Updates: A first reading was held on the following proposed administrative rule and policy updates:

GCDA_GDDA R D1-Delete, GCDA_GDDA G1-Delete, GCDA_GDDA G1 (2)-Replace

PERSONNEL (Agenda Item 9):

9. A. Licensed Employees Resignations/New hires/Transfers/Other:

9. A.1 None at this time.

9. B Non-Licensed Personnel Report: The non-licensed personnel report was presented for review:

Resignations/Retirements

1. Resignation of Mikah Reed, 1.0 FTE Maintenance, effective November 1, 2024.
2. Resignation of Whitney Fox, 6.75 Special Education Instructional Assistant at Fern Ridge Middle School, effective November 11, 2024.

New Hires/Transfers

1. Hiring of Gavin Hood, 1.0 FTE Custodian, effective October 29, 2024.
2. Hiring of Lilliana Morales, 6.75 Special Education Instructional Assistant at Fern Ridge Middle School, effective November 18, 2024.

Other

1. None at this time.

Coaches

1. Resignation of Tessa Slager, Head Volleyball Coach 23-24 at Elmira High School, effective October 30, 2024.
2. Resignation of Emmy Erwin, Assistant Track Coach 23-24 at Elmira High School, effective October 31, 2024.
3. Hiring of Nick Anderson, JV Girls Basketball Coach 24-25 at Elmira High School, effective November 18, 2024.

LATE ITEMS/CLOSING COMMENTS/BOARD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Agenda Item 10):

10. A. None at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Agenda Item 11):

11. A. Upcoming Events:

Elmira Elementary:

November 19: PTA 6pm

November 23-24: PTA Holiday Bazaar & Santa Photos

November 25: Conferences 8-8pm

November 26: Conferences 8-12pm

November 25-29: No School

December 10: Family Bingo Night 5pm

Veneta Elementary:

November 21-26 Book Fair

November 25: Conferences 8-8pm

November 26: Conferences 8-12pm

November 25-29: No School

December 5: Tree Lighting 6pm

December 10: PALS Meeting 5pm

Fern Ridge Middle:

November 20: 8th Grade Girls Basketball 4:30pm

November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break

December 2: 7th Grade Girls Basketball 4:30pm

December 3: Winter Concert

December 4: 7th Grade Girls Basketball 4:30pm

December 9: 8th Grade Girls Basketball 4:30pm

December 11: 7th Grade Girls Basketball 4:30pm

Elmira High:

November 27-29: Thanksgiving Break

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Agenda Item 12): 8:35pm

Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i): to review and evaluate the performance of the chief executive officer or any other public officer, employee or staff member, unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing.

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 13): Chair Graham-Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Attest: _____
School Board Representative

Gary E. Carpenter, Jr., Superintendent