



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

Guests attended via the Zoom App

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Ronald “Jess” Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
Claudia Andrews	Position 3 - Zone 3
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - At Large
Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
William Mohring	Position 6 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large

Absent members were: None

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Solowski*

Chair Solowski called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

1. *Approval of May 14, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda*

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. *Director of Curriculum & Student Learning - April Olson*

Superintendent Owens introduced April Olson, the new Curriculum and Student Learning Director and provided a brief overview of her experience. Ms. Olson shared her excitement to be part of the District and serve the Centennial community. She commented that she was impressed with the quality of work taking place here.

2. *Director of Human Resources - Marin Miller*

Superintendent Owens introduced Marin Miller, the new Director of Human Resources and provided a brief overview of his experience. Mr Miller shared his excitement about taking on this new role in the District.

3. *Excellent Teacher Award; Deven Kautz*

Superintendent Owens introduced Deven Kautz, a teacher at the Centennial Transition Center (CTC), who joined the meeting virtually. He announced that she had been named Excellent Teacher of the Year at the Oregon Statewide Transition Conference. Superintendent Owens and Director Wright spoke about the nomination process and highlighted Ms. Kautz's outstanding contributions to supporting transition-aged students. Ms. Kautz expressed her gratitude and said she was honored to receive the award.

4. *Student Recognition*

Mr. Miller shared that the CHS Student Body/Leadership Program was recently honored with the "OASC Gold Standard Student Council Designation" by the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC). He introduced Leadership teacher Butch Self, who provided additional context about the significance of the award. Student Representative Lashmey Kitthisane and Kler Say spoke about the process and criteria involved in earning the designation. Together, they expressed their excitement and pride in the recognition, emphasizing the dedication and impact of the leadership group at CHS.

5. *Triple C Award Recognition*

Chief Communications Officer Andregg presented the 2024-2025 Triple C Award winners: Erin Buehler; Kindergarten Teacher from Meadows Elementary, Renaldo Alexander; Campus Safety Liaison from Oliver Middle School, and Annie Garcia, Lead Custodian from Butler Creek Elementary. Their respective nominators shared a few words about each of them. Ms. Buehler, Mr. Alexander, and Ms. Garcia shared their thoughts and gratitude on being selected for this award.

Chair Solowski called for a break at 7:06 pm; reconvening at 7:17 pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Approval of April 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes*

Director Mohring moved to approve the April 23, 2025 minutes as presented. Director Hardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

5. REPORTS

1. *Student Representative Report and Recognition - CHS Students, Lashmey Kitthisane and Kler Say*

- Introduction of new Student Board Representatives for 2025-2026: Yahir Castro and Easton Hopkins
- OASC Conference Experience and Award
- Mask Singer Assembly
- Upcoming Prom on May 31st
- Upcoming Eagle Fest Events
- Teacher Appreciation Week

The group expressed their gratitude to the Student Board Representatives for their service and offered congratulations on their upcoming graduation. Chair Solowski shared her appreciation and presented each student with a gift on behalf of the Board. Director Standley offered words of encouragement to the incoming Student Representative, urging them to share not only the successes at the high school but also areas in need of improvement.

Mr. Miller introduced the 2025-2026 Student Board Representatives and provided an overview of their school experiences. Mr. Castro and Mr. Hopkins shared their excitement about being part of the Board and advocating for Centennial students.

2. *K-12 Health Adoption & Comprehensive Sexuality Plan Report - Maureen Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*

Director Callahan outlined two key components of her report: the K–12 Health Curriculum Adoption and the Comprehensive Sexuality Education Plan. She noted that later in the meeting, she would be seeking approval for both items. She gave an overview of the process used to arrive at the recommended health curriculum, which includes “The Great Body Shop” for grades K–5, “Live Well: Middle School Health” for grades 6–8, and “Live Well: Comprehensive High School Health” for grades 9–12. She also shared insights from teacher and student feedback, highlighting both the strengths of the proposed curriculum and potential areas of concern. Director Callahan then responded to questions from Board members.

Director Callahan provided a report on the Comprehensive Sexual Education Plan (CSEP) plan required by the state. She explained that this plan is reviewed and approved by each school district’s Governing Board every two years. She provided a background of the plan, the essential elements and required content. She reviewed the selected curriculum at each grade level and communication procedures; including opt out procedures. She reported on ongoing development of the plan for 2025-2027 along with additional resources for reference.

Director Callahan answered Board member’s questions regarding the plan and next steps.

3. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- District Office Artwork
- Summer Programming
- Spring Data Summit
- Exploring Partnership Opportunities with Rockwood Community Development Corporation
- Building Bridges Series
- City of Portland Collaboration
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Chamber Business Excellence Awards
- Centennial Staff Retirement Celebration

Superintendent Owens and District Administrators answered Board Member questions regarding summer school funding and staffing, communication on the Building Bridges Series, and number of staff retirees.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Vice Chair Shields moved to approve confirmation items as presented. Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. *Site Council Minutes*

2. *Miscellaneous Items*

3. *Financial Statements*

1. *February 2025 Statement*

2. *March 2025 Statement*

4. *Enrollment Reports*

1. *Class Size Analysis*

2. *Student Count*

5. **Human Resources**
 1. *Retirement*
 2. *Resignation*
6. **Business/Operations**
 1. *2025-2026 Student Fees*
7. **Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)**
 1. *IE - Organization of Instruction*
8. **Student Services**
9. **Student Travel**
 1. *CHS Wrestling Field Trip*

Chair Solowski called for a break at 8:29 pm; reconvening at 8:37 pm.

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no old business items.

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Transportation Supplemental Plan** - *Paul Southerton, Director of Business & Operations*

Director Southerton explained that following an assessment by the District's Transportation Department of current walking routes, Administration is recommending approval of a new supplemental transportation plan for four schools: Pleasant Valley Elementary (already included in previous plans), Parklane Elementary, Patrick Lynch Elementary, and Oliver Middle School. He noted that the purpose of the supplemental plan is to address specific areas within each school's walk zone that, while technically within walking distance, pose significant safety risks to students. These risks stem from environmental factors, inadequate pedestrian infrastructure, and an increasing number of community members experiencing homelessness.

He clarified that the first step in the process is Board approval, after which the plan will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for review. If approved, all four schools would qualify for 100% bus service. Board members engaged in an in-depth discussion about the proposal, its potential implications, and the next steps in the implementation process.

Vice Chair Shields moved to approve the Transportation Supplemental Plan as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **K-12 Health Adoption** - *Maureen Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*

Vice Chair Shields moved to approve the K-12 Health Adoption Curriculum as presented. Director Mohring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **K-12 2025-2027 Comprehensive Sexuality Education Plan Approval** - *Maureen Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning*

Director Standley moved to approve the K-12 Comprehensive Sexuality Education Plan as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ***First Read of Policy (with option to adopt) IKF - Graduation - Maureen Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning***
Director Callahan presented the proposed revisions to Policy IKF, outlining the rationale behind the changes. She explained that most of the updates reflect new legislative requirements related to graduation credit standards. She also noted that the request includes removing the current Administrative Rule, as its content has been incorporated into the revised policy.

Director Linn moved to approve the updated Policy IKF as presented, and Director Standley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. ***First Read of Policy (with option to adopt) IKFB - Graduation Exercises - Maureen Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Student Learning***
Director Callahan presented the proposed revisions to Policy IKFB, explaining that the primary change is to ensure alignment with state law, which permits students to wear Native American items of cultural significance, as well as military uniforms, during graduation ceremonies. She noted that while the high school already allows these items, updating the policy is necessary to ensure consistency with current legal requirements.

Board members engaged in discussion about the importance of supporting all students and the desire not to limit recognition to a single culture. Director Wright clarified that the policy language is inclusive and allows for items of cultural significance from any background.

Director Standley moved to adopt the policy as presented. Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. ***First Read of Policy (with option to adopt) JGE - Expulsion - James Owens, Superintendent***
Superintendent Owens explained that this policy was initially introduced in 2023, at which time there was significant interest in understanding how the process functions. He noted that the proposed changes to the policy itself remain unchanged from the original version; however, the accompanying Administrative Rule (AR) now includes an updated flow chart that more accurately reflects current practices. He clarified that the AR is provided for reference only and does not require Board approval.

Board members engaged in a thorough discussion about the outlined procedures and how the flow chart is applied in practice. They also raised questions about the phrasing “students or district employees,” wondering why it did not include broader language such as “others.” Ms. Grindle clarified that this terminology is drawn directly from statute. The board considered whether the language could be made more inclusive and agreed that this would serve as a first reading of the policy. Further information will be gathered, and the policy will return for additional review at the May 28th meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Next board meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2025 and will be a virtual meeting. It will begin at 6:00 pm with the second Budget Committee meeting, followed by the Board Work Session.
- Centennial Virtual Academy Update Report
- Roadmap '27 End of Year Update and District Department Improvement Plan Report
- Superintendent Year End Report
- Updating the Construction Excise Tax Rate
- Updated Meal prices for 2025-2026
- Recommend and Appoint District Equity Committee Members
- Policies

Director Linn shared with the group upcoming events hosted by the Centennial Community Association and other community events coming in the summer. He also thanked Mr. Miller for allowing him to attend club meetings. Director Standley commented on how much she enjoyed the high school musical and thanked the drama teacher for sending personal invitations to the event. Director Andrews announced that East Metro Community Band Association is having a Spring concert at Oliver Middle School on Saturday, May 17. Chair Solowski reminded Board Members that after the Superintendent provides his year end report, a survey will be sent out for his evaluation. She explained that she will need the feedback quickly, in preparation for the June meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Solowski adjourned the meeting at 9:24pm.