



Multnomah ESD Board of Directors'
Board Regular Session Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2025

2022-2028

Areas of Focus

- #1 – Create a high quality learning environment for all
- #2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities
- #3 – Build a culturally responsive workforce

[MESD Board Equity Lens](#)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Renee Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 in accordance with the agenda and Public notice of the meeting.

Board Members Present:

Renee Anderson-Chair
Jessica Arzate-Vice Chair
Danny Cage
Katrina Doughty
Susie Jones-Newley elected Board member
Denyse Peterson
Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie

Board Members Absent:

None

Administrative Staff Present:

Dr. Paul Coakley, Superintendent
Bernadette Adeniran, Director of Human Resources
Doana Anderson, Director of Business Services
Todd Greaves, Director of Student Services
Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent
Heather Severns, Executive Assistant and Board Secretary

Guests:

Jamaica Jones, daughter of newly elected Board member
Susie Jones



2. **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**-Board Vice-Chair Jessica Arzate delivered a land acknowledgement and shared a powerful reflection on indigenous sovereignty, focusing on the removal of dams on the Klamath River and a youth-led 300-mile paddle to reclaim tribal waters.
3. **OATH OF OFFICE**-Newly elected returning Board member Susie Jones was sworn in. Her daughter Jamaica Jones administered the Oath of Office.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**-There was no request for public comment.
5. **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**
 - a. Union Representative Reports
 - i. Jeff Spears, AFSCME President-Jess Spears, the new AFSCME President and MESD Campus Safety Monitor, introduced himself to the Board. He emphasized goals of increasing union member engagement and improving overall workplace morale. Jeff also acknowledged positive staff retention despite budget issues.
 - ii. Phoenix Blickle & Jess Rohrbacher, MESDEA Co-Presidents-There were no representatives present.
 - b. Superintendent's Report-Dr. Coakley welcomed Susie Jones and Jeff Spears. He also acknowledged Human Resources and Facilities for their continued work during the summer.
 - i. Highlights:
 1. Preparation for the transition from Knott Creek to the new Arata Creek Annex leased from Reynolds School District.
 2. Cabinet met for their first day of retreat in June to assess the year and plan around Blueprint 28 Goals with fewer resources.
 3. Budget uncertainties remain due to unexpected legislative outcomes and federal funding delays.
 4. The second Cabinet retreat/planning session is scheduled for August 4.
 5. Dr. Coakley is teaching educational leadership courses through a University of Oregon partnership.



6. The Back to School Kickoff for MESD is scheduled for August 20th at Mt. Hood Community College.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Board Motion BM-25-001-Election of Officers for 2025-2026

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD CHAIR

Chair: Katrina Doughty Nominated by: Jessica Arzate

Motion by: Jessica Arzate Seconded by: Renee Anderson Vote: 7-0

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE CHAIR

Vice-Chair: Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie Nominated by: Jessica Arzate

Motion by: Jessica Arzate Seconded by: Renee Anderson Vote: 7-0

- b. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of the June 24, 2025 Board Regular Session Minutes
- ii. Resolution 25-036-Approval of Personnel Recommendations July 2025
- iii. Resolution 25-035-Designation of Superintendent as Chief Administrative Officer, District Clerk, and Budget Officer
- iv. Resolution 25-037-Designation of Business Manager and Custodian of Funds
- v. Resolution 25-038-Appointment of Insurance Agent of Record
- vi. Resolution 25-039-Appointment of Legal Counsel
- vii. Resolution 25-040-Designation of Depository of Record
- viii. Resolution 25-041-2025-2026 Calendar for FY 2026-2027 Budget Development
- ix. Resolution 25-042-Board Meeting/Activity Calendar for 2025-2026



Motion: Director Susie Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda
Director Danny Cage seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Peterson would like to have the minutes from the June 24th meeting updated to reflect that she did not vote on the consent agenda. Her hand was up to ask a question. The minutes from 6-24 will be updated to reflect Director Peterson's vote abstention.

Action: The motion carried with Directors Anderson, Cage, Doughty, Jones, Peterson, Squiemphen-Yazzie, and Ying voting aye. Motion passed 7-0.

7. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Board Finance Committee- Chief Financial Officer Doana Anderson reported no financial report was included due to a discrepancy found in balance sheet accounts. A corrected report is expected by August.
- b. Board Policy Committee-This committee did not meet
- c. Superintendent Evaluation Committee-This committee did not meet.
- d. OAESD-No comments were made
- e. OSBA- No comments were made

8. ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- a. July 23, 12:00-2:00pm Ocean Dunes Graduation-Camp Florence Youth Transitional Facility
- b. August 8-10, OSBA Summer Board Conference-Salem Convention Center
- c. August 19, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Board Summer Retreat-In-person, MESD Boardroom
- d. August 19, 6:00 p.m. Board Regular Session meeting-Virtual via Zoom Webinar
- e. August 20, 9:00 a.m. MESD Back to School event-Mt. Hood Community College Stadium.

The meeting adjourned at p.m. The next regular session meeting will be August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.