

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2026 7:00 PM Pacific

Middle School CTE Building
 1400 7th St
 Umatilla, OR 97882

BOARD MEMBERS:	ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM:
Lesly Claustro-Sanguino	Heidi Sipe, Superintendent
Toby Cranston	Delma Bernal, Superintendent/Board Secretary
Travis Eynon	Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager
Josiah Barron	Josy Chavez, HR Specialist- excused
Steve Warr	Stephanie Williams-Strege, STEAM Coordinator
Jorge Meza	Rikkilynn Starliper, Food Service Director
Jon Lorence	Vincent Stefani, Maintenance Director
	David Lougee, ELL Director- excused
	Bob Lorence, UHS Principal
BOARD ADVISORS:	Rick Cotterell, CBMS Principal
Jazmin Martinez	Nicole Coyle, MHES Principal
Veronica Gutierrez	Tim Young, CVI Principal
	Pat Kerrigan, IT
	Taunya Daniel- excused

Board Members Present: 7:7

MINUTES

- A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
 Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- B. **PUBLIC INPUT:**
 No public input at this time.

- C. **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - C.1 CTE Building Tour**
 Mr. Cotterell, along with some Robotics students, took the board and staff members on a tour of the new middle school CTE building. The Robotics students started with a short demonstration of their robot first.

 - C.2 Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee:**
 Olive Enkey and Alexia Martinez presented tonight. They talked about having Mr. Cotterell take over both the middle school and high school. They think it would be a great idea for sustainability.

 - C.3 2025 Audit Presentation**
 Kylie McClintock from the IMESD presented the 2025 Audit to the board members.

- D. **APPROVE AGENDA:**
 No changes to the agenda.
 - **Motion:** made by Board Member Cranston to approve the agenda as presented.
 - **Second:** by Board Member Barron.
 Board Member Barron- Yea
 Board Member Warr- Yea
 Board Member Meza- Yea
 Board Member Cranston- Yea
 Board Member Eynon- Yea
 Board Member Lorence- Yea
 Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
 Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0

- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E. **ACTION ITEMS:**

E.1 Consent Agenda:

Minutes for the January Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Supervisory Staff and Board Member Declared Conflicts of Interest, Disbursements, and Financial Statements.

Board Member Lorence declared a potential conflict of interest.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Lorence to consent to the Minutes for the January Regular Board Meeting, HR Report, Supervisory Staff, and Board Member Declared Conflicts of Interest, Disbursements, and Financial Statements.
- **Second:** by Board Member Cranston.
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.2 Approve the 2026-2027 Local Service Plan (LSP)

○ **Local Service Plan Resolution #26-02**

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Lorence to approve the 2026-2027 Local Service Plan (LSP).
○ Local Service Plan Resolution #26-02
- **Second:** by Board Member Cranston.
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.3 Approve 2026-2027 Budget Calendar:

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Lorence to approve the 2026-2027 Budget Calendar as presented.
- **Second:** by Board Member Barron.
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.4 Set Bargaining Date and Determine Bargaining Team for Classified Negotiations:

The board members looked at their calendar and chose May 4th as the bargaining date. Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino is available on that date, and Board Member Cranston can be a backup.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Lorence to set the bargaining date and determine the bargaining team for Classified Negotiations as described above.

- **Second:** by Board Member Cranston.
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.5 Approve the Updated Talented and Gifted District Plan:

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Cranston to approve the Talented and Gifted District Plan as is.
- **Second:** by Board Member Lorence.
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

E.6 Approve Job Description Updates:

- **Principal, MS Vice Principal/AD, HS Dean of Students, HS Vice Principal**

Discussion: Board Member Eynon voiced concerns about the workload for the plan and shared concerns about the combining of roles. He supports the plan and understands it's a superintendent decision, but wanted to be clear that he had reservations but would support the change.

- **Motion:** made by Board Member Cranston to approve the job description updates.
- **Second:** by Board Member Warr.
Board Member Barron- Yea
Board Member Warr- Yea
Board Member Meza- Yea
Board Member Cranston- Yea
Board Member Eynon- Yea
Board Member Lorence- Yea
Board Chair Member Claustro-Sanguino- Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0
- **Voting: Unanimous, motion passes**

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

F.1 Governor's Thank You to Superintendents re: Cell Phone EO

Thank You letter from Governor Kotek for fulfilling our obligations for the cell phone ban and doing it well.

G. DISCUSSIONS:

G.1 Facilities Update

We have full occupancy for the new CTE building. Thank you to Vinny and his team, as well as the students at the middle school and high school, for assembling all the furniture. That's been a way that we've been saving some money. Plans are off for the restrooms at McNary. That's the last of the building projects from the bond. The main building restrooms will be fully remodeled. Some of the adjustments to the lights at CVI continue. They put the shields around the parking lot lights and directionally focused them. They are doing the same to the soccer field lights as well.

H. OTHER/BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

None at this time

I. **STAFF RECOGNITION:**

MAPS Growth: While no one measure is a full reflection of your skills as an educator, MAPS is an important monitoring tool for our District in measuring student growth. As you know, the District expectation for classroom MAPS growth (as measured by Percent of Growth Met) is 100%. The following teachers were recognized for exceeding the goal:

Mr. Williams, Mrs. Iovino, Mrs. Sheller, Mrs. Shuman, Mr. Hill, Ms. Estrella, Mrs. Keeler, Mr. Karan, Ms. Gattis, Ms. Carrillo, Ms. Armenta, Mr. Kyle Sipe, Mr. Escobedo, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Lougee, Mr. Caden Sipe, Mrs. Pottorff, Ms. Navarette, Ms. Silvani, Ms. Solis, Mrs. Summerlin, Mrs. Hottman, Ms. May, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Garcia Quezada, Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Finck, Ms. Escamilla, Mrs. Radillo-Chavez, Ms. Castro, Mrs. Britt, Ms. Serratos, Mr. Rome, and Ms. Mendoza.

Rogers Subaru of Hermiston for their donation of candy bars for MAPS testing incentives
Hermiston Generating Plant for their donation of 500 dollars that will be utilized for MAPS incentives.

Valerie May for leading the book study.

UHS ESL students and Mr. Eric Lougee for putting out the Viking Power news magazine quarterly.

Jen Franks for all her efforts in organizing and hosting the FTC competition. It was another awesome event!!

Bobbi Kelly Thank you for traveling from Portland to volunteer at our FTC competition as the scorekeeper. We appreciate all the support from ORTOP and you!

Chevelle Williams Thank you for supporting CVI and for filling in for Mrs. Church when she has been gone. The students, families, and staff really appreciate it!

Thank You to the crew that made our FTC tournament possible...

Jenn and Shawn Franks, Heidi and Kyle Sipe, Caden Sipe, Arrik Russell, Abner Ochoa, Vinny Stefani, Tess White, Pam Stonecypher, Tommy Wycoff, Madison Finck, Lizzy Burres, Anay Mendoza, Anthony Borchert, Megan Lorence, Miles Franks, Bobbi Kelly, Kaiden Blair, Isaac Nycz, and Shane Finck.

J. **REPORTS:**

J.1 McNary Heights Elementary School – Nicole Coyle, Megan Lorence
Vice Principal Megan Lorence reported the following:

- Tomorrow they will be celebrating students for MAPS growth
- Attendance: students are excited and motivated to be at school

J.2 Columbia Vista Intermediate School – Tim Young, Kara Church
Principal Young reported the following:

- Mr. Young congratulated the students for how hard they've been working over the past month.

J.3 Clara Brownell Middle School – Rick Cotterell, Anthony Brown
Principal Cotterell reported the following:

- Wanted to thank all of the board members for providing for the students and working on the bond to have such a beautiful space.

Dean of Students Brown reported the following:

- Girls basketball is all done and track starts in early March. Their first meet is on the first Friday.
- 2nd quarter discipline data. He compared data from last year to this year.

○ <u>2024-2025 (2nd quarter)</u>	○ <u>2025-2026 (2nd quarter)</u>
○ Fights- 12	○ Fights- 0
○ Physical altercations- 8	○ Physical altercations- 0
○ Skipping class- 7	○ Skipping class- 0

J.4 Umatilla High School – Bob Lorence, Oscar Contreras, Dan Durfey
Principal Lorence reported the following:

- Wrapping up winter sports. Both girls and boys basketball and wrestling. Two girls will be competing in districts this weekend.
- Spring sports are starting to fire up. They officially start in March
- Motivational conversations with seniors about graduations.

Vice Principal Contreras reported the following:

- Everything is going great. The last four days, Mr. Lorence was out to see his granddaughter, so he had the opportunity to see what it would be like as a solo administrator. He feels ready for the new change and new experiences coming next year.
- He feels like the cell phone ban has been really successful at the high school. He can see it in the halls that the students are actually having verbal interactions. He doesn't see it as a huge issue.
- They had their discipline meeting last Friday. The biggest issue with students is tardiness. But he noticed that the reason they're arriving late to class is that they are actually talking in the halls, which is a positive change.

J.5 Maintenance - Vinny Stefani

Vinny reported the following:

- Has been going to a lot of different school districts in the last month to watch his daughter play basketball. He's noticed that some school districts don't have access controls and leave the doors propped open. He expressed gratitude for our facilities and the focus from the board on supporting quality facilities and safety measures.

J.6 District – Heidi Sipe, Stephanie Williams-Strege, Kim Gilsdorf, Josy Chavez, David Lougee, Rikkilynn Starliper, Maria Sanchez, Pat Kerrigan, Taunya Daniel, UEA Report

Heidi Sipe reported the following:

- It's time to plan for the time capsules. A time capsule is at the middle school CTE building behind the board members' plaques. The one at the middle school is in the music floor. The time capsule item selection will be open to the students, the community, and the board members. Superintendent Sipe would like the board members to think about which item or note they would like to put in the time capsule that will be opened up in the future. The time capsule will be opened after 50 years.

Stephanie Williams-Strege reported the following:

- Tina Ridings, Nahomy Rimbach, Courtney Bivins, and Stephanie Williams will be attending the National Afterschool Association Conference in Washington DC next month.

Rikkilynn Starliper reported the following:

- She will be attending a conference in Salem next month.

Maggie Jepsen reported the following:

- She attended a Music Ed. conference. One of the phrases that was said was about visibility. It made her think about how visible our board members are, and she expressed appreciation for them.

J.7 IMESD Talking Points:

IMESD Talking Points are in the board packets.

K.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input at this time.

L.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19pm.

The next regular board meeting of the Umatilla School District will be held on March 12th, 2026.

Board Chair

Superintendent