

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on January 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Bob Brown, and Carol Hacherl. Angel Ashdown was present on-line. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Griffith. Principal Shane Brown attended on-line. IT Director Jered Rush operated and recorded the Zoom meeting in person.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors

2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

Aaron Miller asked to add Board Appreciation to the agenda. He read a proclamation from the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) declaring January as School Board Appreciation month. Gift cards to local restaurants and thank you cards were presented to the board members. A card from the first-grade students was presented. Student Body President Courtney Phillips also presented a thank you card.

Item 6.3 was moved before item 5, Reports.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes December 16, 2024

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the consent agenda. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Debbie Kirby of The Coastal Center, a counseling service in Coos Bay, was in attendance via Zoom. She shared they have been in practice for 40 years, providing counseling services for people facing challenges in their lives. She wanted the district to be award of their services. Brochures were distributed.

EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT: David Cooper and PHS Students

Volunteer David Cooper of Port Orford and the Pacific High social dancing class students presented their square-dancing skills to the board. There are 24 students in the class; not all were in attendance. Students performed 3 dances, which were enjoyed by board members and several visiting parents. Mr. Cooper, a former teacher, stated the PHS students were some of the best he has ever worked with. He is very proud of them and enjoys working with them.

6.3 Local Service Plan (2025-2026) ESD – Paul Peterson

Educational Service District Superintendent Paul Peterson and ESD Board member Bruce Levy answered questions about the proposed 2025-26 Local Service Plan (LSP). The LSP is a summary of services that the ESD provides for the 2CJ district. In the past, the district has utilized technology and nursing services, among others. The LSP simply describes the service and the cost to the district.

Bob Brown moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to approve the LSP 25-26 plan as presented. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Student Representative Report

Courtney Phillips reported finals week is coming up. ASB plans to bring in dogs, ice cream and “fidget spinners” to help calm students’ nerves. Courtney introduced Jonah Lewis, ASB President, to the board.

5.2 Superintendent’s Report

Aaron Miller’s report is in the board materials. He reported on the professional development “Lilypad” assignments, which are being developed into actionable items. The long-term goal is to embed universal practices into the district culture so there is no loss of integrity in operations if employees leave. Budget discussions are ongoing weekly. The Long-Range Planning Committee had their final scheduled meeting, but will need to meet again at some point soon. Aaron wants to meet with the board prior to that meeting to fill them in on the details. Aaron distributed his strategic plan to the board for their review. Judy Miles thanked him for the detailed and clear plan. Aaron also reported over 50 students and 5 teachers were ill last week, so he closed the school for 2 days to help contain illness. Emergency closure days are factored into the annual academic calendar. At this point the district is following required instructional hours. The board can decide if additional hours should be added to the school year; the decision can wait until February.

Judy Miles opted to address the issue tonight. It was decided there were enough instructional hours and buffer days in the current calendar, and that no additional days were needed.

Angel Ashdown moved and Bob Brown seconded to utilize the current buffer calendar days and not extend the school year. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Principal’s Report

Shane Brown thanked David Cooper for his contribution to the popular social dance class. He clarified Mr. Cooper is a volunteer, however Shane is the teacher of record. Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) training is being offered district wide to all staff with student contact. Specific staff will be trained on physical restraint methods. At this time Kindergarten will resume its full day schedule, as students have learned adequate socialization skills to keep order in the classroom. Families have been very patient and cooperative with this process.

5.4 Transportation and Maintenance

The report is included in the materials.

5.5 Technology Report

The report is included in the materials. Jered Rush added he would like to get score boards for the soccer field and gyms, and can take it out of his tech budget. He is gathering quotes for review. The

WiFi has been boosted so reception reaches the soccer field. The password is protected; Jered approves any device that wants to access the WiFi. He will set that system up this summer.

5.6 Financial Report

Financial reports were included in the materials. Tara Garratt will be providing more detail about specific expenditures in the future.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Confidential Employee Contract

There are currently five district employees classified as "Confidential" who do not have their own bargaining contract. A draft contract was presented to the board. It consists of articles from both classified and licensed 2CJ employee contracts. The main difference is confidential asked for 5 personal days as opposed to the 3 that classifieds get, or the 2 that licensed get. Aaron Miller stated he wanted the personal days to remain at 3. It was also noted the end date of the contract should be extended to June 30, 2027, not June 30, 2025, to sync the contract negotiating timelines with the classified and licensed contracts.

Bob Brown moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to approve the Confidential Contract as presented, with the correction in personal leave days from 5 to 3, and an extension of the end date to 2027. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Update Division 22 Compliance

Information was included in the materials. This is an FYI item only.

6.3 LSP Plan

Addressed earlier in the meeting; approved.

6.4 Approve 25-26 Budget Calendar

Carol Hacherl moved and Korinn Hockett seconded to approve the budget calendar as presented. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Review Open Budget Committee Openings

There are 2 openings on the 2CJ budget committee.

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to advertise the positions to the public. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

8.1 School Board Timeline Review

The timeline was included in the materials and reviewed.

8.2 OSBA Self-Assessment

This was completed. It was decided to have a second workshop to review the results and discuss the Long-Range Planning Committee findings. OSBA does not need to be involved in the second workshop.

Korinn Hockett moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to schedule a second workshop in February. Stephanie Griffith will schedule it. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Angel Ashdown moved and Bob Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Judy Miles, Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Angel Ashdown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Judy Miles
Board Chair

Aaron Miller
Superintendent/Clerk