



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
Michael Newman	Position 6 - At Large
Will Mohring	Position 3 - Zone 3
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1 (<i>Joined virtually</i>)
Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Melissa Standley	Position 4 - 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 Finance & Operations
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
April Olson	Director of Curriculum & Student Learning (<i>Joined virtually</i>)
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer (<i>Joined virtually</i>)
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Missy Grindle	Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Shields*

Chair Shields called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

1. *Approval of January 14, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda*

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. *Annual School Board Appreciation Month*

Superintendent Owens announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. Gifts were provided to each Board Member by various schools and departments. He read a proclamation acknowledging the School Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Approval of December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes*

Director Solowski moved to approve the December 10, 2025 minutes as presented. Director Newman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FORUM - *Chair Shields*

The following individuals provided public testimony:

Clarissa Buchhotz
Anna Hilbruner

Angela Dickey
Drew Rosa

5. REPORTS

1. *Butler Creek Elementary School Report - Gayle Sideris, Principal and Dr. Karen Kennedy, Assistant Principal*

Superintendent Owens introduced the presenters from Butler Creek Elementary School. Principal Gayle Sideris introduced Dr. Karen Kennedy, Assistant Principal and Counselor Daniele Peterson. They shared a presentation on their efforts to elevate student voice and support college and career readiness.

Ms. Peterson reported on career exploration lessons delivered in collaboration with 5th-grade teams, including the Career Road program culminating in participation in BizTown, where students apply for jobs, run for Mayor, vote, and operate a simulated town during a field experience. The team shared additional activities which include lessons on post-secondary pathways, life after high school, mock college applications, career exploration projects, and career panels. A video and photos were shared, highlighting student engagement and 5th-grade participation in career exploration activities.

Board members asked questions regarding student leadership opportunities and commented on increased student confidence and engagement. The Board expressed appreciation for the presentation and recognized the alignment of the program with District goals.

2. *Student Representative Report - CHS Student, Easton Hopkins and Yahir Castro:*

They reported on the following:

- Teddy Bear Toss
- Winter Events at the School
- Door decorations
- January Assembly

Board members thanked them for their report and leadership at the high school.

3. *Legislative Update- Lisa Merrick, Senior Program Administrator, Government Affairs*

Superintendent Owens introduced Lisa Merrick, who presented an overview of the upcoming legislative short session. Her presentation included key legislative dates, state budget rebalancing efforts, highlights from the December revenue forecast, Oregon reserve funds, anticipated 2026 legislation, related challenges and opportunities, and information regarding the February 13th Advocacy Day.

Board members discussed the importance of coordinated advocacy, fiscal pressures affecting education and other public agencies, and potential impacts of future state and federal funding decisions. Ms. Merrick noted that any changes related to federal disconnection would apply to a future fiscal year and that updates will be provided as information becomes available. Superintendent Owens stated that additional materials, including advocacy priorities and event details, will be shared.

4. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- School Board Appreciation Month
- District Office Art Display - Butler Creek Elementary School

- CHS 9th and 10th Grade Fall Data Summit
- Winter Break Facilities Projects -
 - Parklane Elementary Covered Play Area
 - Centennial High School Gymnasium Sound System Upgrades
- Long Range Facilities Planning
- Priopio Language Services
- OSBA Bonds, Ballots and Buildings Conference
- KPTV Coverage of Centennial Hi-C Dance Coach

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding access to the new language services and recruitment efforts being made for the Long Range Facilities Committee.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Solowski 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. *October 2025 Financial Statement*
4. *Enrollment Reports*
 1. *Class Size Analysis*
 2. *Student Count*
5. *Human Resources*
 1. *Approve Employment of Licensed Staff Member*
 2. *Approve Resignation of Licensed Staff Member (s)*
 3. *Approve Employment of Licensed Administrator*
 4. *Approve Resignation of Licensed Administrator*
 5. *Approve Dismissal of Probationary Licensed Staff*
6. *Business/Operations*
7. *Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)*
8. *Student Services*
9. *Student Travel*

Chair Shields called for a break at 8:47 pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:03 pm

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS - *Chair Shields*

1. *OLD BUSINESS*

There was no old business.

2. *NEW BUSINESS*

1. *Superintendent Policy Committee*

Chair Shields explained that, over time, several policies require committee review to ensure that current practices align with existing policy and to identify potential areas for revision. She noted that these small committees will report any recommended edits or revisions to the Superintendent and Board leadership. The following identified policies and committee members are as follows:

- *BHD - Board Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement -*
Vice Chair Mohring, Director Newman, Superintendent Owens and Director Southerton

- *BK - Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures* - Director Standley, Director Newman, Vice Chair Mohring, and Ms. Grindle
- *DBEA - Budget Committee* - Director Solowski, Chair Shields, Director Hardin, Superintendent Owens and Director Southertong
- *IIC/IICA - Field Trips and Excursions* - Chair Shields, Director Standley and CHS Principal Miller

She explained that copies of all identified policies will be provided, and Board Members were encouraged to notify staff of any additional policies that may have been missed.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Owens mentioned a number of items that will be included at next month's Board meetings, including:

- Work Session on January 28th will take place virtually
- Road Map 27 First Trimester Report
- Instructional Materials Policies
- CHS Field Trips
- Employment Agreements (Administrator, Non Union)

Chair Shields shared with the group that executive sessions will be added on to upcoming meeting agendas. Board members also talked about placement of public comment on the agendas and a request to have further discussion of having a CEA standing report on future meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shields adjourned the regular business meeting at 9:13pm stated the group will be convening into Executive Session.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Centennial School District Governing Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) and ORS 192.660 (2)(k) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and consider matters relating to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school

Chair Shields called the executive session to order at 9:20 pm. Attendees include: Chair Shields, Vice Chair Mohring, Director Solowski, Director Linn (attended virtually), Director Standley, Director Newman, and Director Hardin.

Superintendent Owens, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Katsuda, Director Southerton, Chief Communications Officer Andregg (attended virtually), Executive Assistant Grindle and CDR Labor Law Attorney Chris Duckworth (attended virtually) were also present for the discussion of labor negotiations.

At 10:27 pm Mr. Duckworth left the executive session and Denise Wright, Director of Student Services and Sonia Nelson Carranza, Federal Programs Administrator (attended virtually) attended the meeting. A discussion ensued regarding District safety.

Chair Shields adjourned the executive session at 10 :55 pm