

**MINUTES**  
**Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors**  
**WORK SESSION**

January 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. | District Office | 107 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Pendleton, OR 97801

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**Present:** Beth Harrison, Board Chair  
Jill Pace  
Ryan DeGrofft  
Anne Keeler  
Patrick Gregg  
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services  
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs  
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary  
Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent  
Kevin Dinning, Director of Human Resources

**Absent:** Ryan Lehnert (no notice)  
Mason Murphy (no notice)

The meeting was in person and offered virtually.

**1. Opening and Call to Order** *Board Chair*

Chair Harrison welcomed everyone and called the work session to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1.1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2. Meeting Audio/Video Recorded**

Chair Harrison stated that this meeting is being audio and video recorded.

**2. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Report** *Brian Norris*

Mr. Norris reported that there have been no changes to the Pendleton School District Integrated Pest Management program since last year. Pest prevention and the control of unwanted vegetation are ongoing.

**3. InterMountain Education Service District Presentation** *Mark Mulvihill*

Mr. Mulvihill appreciates the opportunity to share the InterMountain ESD Local Service Plan (LSP) for 2026-27. He walked through the documents he brought: Local Service Plan, Contracted Services Programs, State Contracts, IMESD School Improvement Support Provided to the Pendleton School District, PSD Highlights in Special Education and Administrative Services, and Regional Inclusive Services. The IMESD Board approves the LSP in January. By law, 2/3 of the districts must approve the LSP for it to pass. It will come before the Board of Directors for a vote in February.

**4. Policy – First Reading** *Michelle Jensen*

**4.1. BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board**

Recommendations from OSBA. Updating minor language.

**5. Review Agenda – January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** *Board Chair*

The January regular board meeting will be at Sunridge Middle School.

6. **Public Comment** *Board Chair*

No comments.

7. **Information**

8. **School Visit Reports** *Board Chair*

Adopt-A-School Assignments:

PELC – Ryan Lehnert

McKay – Patrick Gregg

Sherwood – Ryan DeGrofft

Washington – Mason Murphy

SMS – Jill Pace

PHS/HHS – Anne Keeler

All Schools – Beth Harrison

9. **Adjournment** *Board Chair*

With no further business brought forward for the good of the order, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

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Beth Harrison, Board Chair

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Michelle Jensen, PhD, Superintendent

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Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

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Date