



Minutes

The Board of Education Molalla River School District

January 9, 2025

I. BUSINESS MEETING - Molalla River School District Office (Board Room)

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Amy McNeil called the business meeting to order at 7:00pm and proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Board members attending included: Chair Amy McNeil, Vice Chair Craig Loughridge, Rob Cummings, Mark Lucht, and Neal Lucht. Absent: Linda Eskridge, Terrie Stafford, Student Rep Madison Talarico

MRS D Administrators present: Dr. Tony Mann/Superintendent, Jennifer Ellis/Director of Human Resources, Tamara Jackson/Director of Teaching & Learning, Andy Campbell/Chief Financial Officer, Andrea Watson/Director of Communications (virtually), Dr. Robin Shobe/Director of Student Services, Tony Tiano/Facilities Supervisor, Dr. David Atherton/Principal Molalla High School, Amy Chapin/Associate Principal Molalla High School, Mike Lord/Associate Principal, Athletic Director Molalla High School, Randy Dalton/Principal Molalla River Middle School, Larry Conley/Principal Rural Dell Elementary, Cathy Mitchell/Principal at Mulino Elementary, Christy Newman/Principal at Clarkes, and Lauree Nelzen/Executive Administrative Assistant

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

B. CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There was none.

C. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Talarico was absent.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda – December Meeting minutes, personnel report

Mr. Neal Lucht made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vice Chair Loughridge seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously by a hand vote.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. Falls Sports Recap

Mr. Mike Lord talked about the district mission statement and the IAP (Ideal Athletic Program) pillars of excellence: academic, athletic, and character. He presented slides on each high school sport from the fall season and discussed how their seasons went. The Board asked Mr. Lord if all coaches have “bought in” to the IAP program. Mr. Lord stated he has met with every head coach and re-enforced the pillars, and believes Molalla High School has great coaches. Dr. Mann thanked Mr. Lord for the work of building relationships and his immediate impact on the athletic program. There were no further questions.

2. Middle School Capital Project Update

Dr. Mann stated there were 9 proposals turned in for the CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor) RFP. The committee interviewed finalists and will make a recommendation to award the contract to Pence Contractors at the January 23rd work session. He gave an update on the Design Development phase and reviewed upcoming dates and times for meetings and community engagements. Dr. Mann reviewed the January 7th bond oversight committee agenda and gave an update. The Board asked about the budget for this project. Dr. Mann reviewed the additional bond funding the District received and gave options on how to spend it. There was discussion about contingency and how the OSCIM (Oregon School Capital Improvement Money) must be spent. No further questions.

3. *Facilities and Deferred Maintenance Report*

Mr. Tony Tiano gave an update to the seismic grant submission for upgrades to the North Building at Mulino. He also discussed the continued boiler issues at the middle school. Mr. Tiano thanked the OTAK and Opsi teams for their help and guidance with the middle school bond project.

4. *Financial Review*

Mr. Andy Campbell asked if there were any questions about the report. There were none. He gave an update to the 23-24 audit review, which was a clean audit with no significant findings. Mr. Campbell also gave an update to the state school fund numbers for next year.

5. *Teaching and Learning Report*

a. **Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

Ms. Tamara Jackson gave an overview of the continued partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the new tribal curriculum. She also gave an update on high dosage tutoring, made possible by the Early Literacy Grant. The Board asked about the structure and the training of the tutors. Ms. Jackson stated there are both licensed and classified staff implementing the tutoring, and all tutors have gone through the required trainings. The Board also asked about measuring the success of the tutoring. Ms. Jackson stated the team will assess the students' Dibels score from baseline to the end of the 10 weeks.

b. **Student Services**

Dr. Robin Shobe stated that Ms. Donna Russell, IA at Clarkes, is retiring on January 17th but is willing to sub. She also gave an update to the SPED Stipend from the state and when and how much employees could receive. Dr. Shobe also gave an update to the Youth Transition Program (YTP) in the District and how that aligns with the scorecards and pillars.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mann gave an update to the mission/vision work in the partner pillar and when to expect the results. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

G. BOARD COMMENTS

Vice Chair Loughridge wished everyone a Happy New Year and is excited for upcoming projects. Mr. Neal Lucht commented on the recent Bond Oversight Committee meeting. Chair McNeil echoed Mr. Neal Lucht's statement and thanked the volunteers for taking time to be at the meetings.

H. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Work Session January 23rd at 7pm at the District Office
- Policy Committee meeting on Januar 28th has been postponed until February 25th
- SPECIAL MEETING January 30th at 7pm at the District Office

I. ADJOURN

Mr. Mark Lucht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cummings seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with a hand vote at 7:54pm.

Chair

Superintendent

Board Secretary