

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

MPB Board Room and via ZOOM/Owl
35800 E Historic Columbia River Highway,
Corbett OR 97019

Board Approved: _____

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, September 17, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the MPB and via ZOOM-Owl virtual platform. Board members present were Leah Fredericks, Chair; Dylan Rickert; David Osborn, Vice Chair; Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson (virtual-in about 7:28 p.m.) and Zac Arndt. Board member Ben Byers had an excused absence. Also present were Administrators Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator; Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead and Dennis Clague, Chief Financial Officer. Jeanne Swift, Assistant Superintendent/Student Services Director had an excused absence. Student Representatives Olivia Young and Leena Saied were also present. **NOTE:** The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Meeting was in person at the MPB on the main campus. There were about 8 attendees in the audience and also attendees virtually. We had some technical difficulties for audio/video with ZOOM-Owl which delayed the start of the meeting.

1.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute 7:06 p.m.

Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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1.2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley announced there were no changes to the agenda.

Chair Fredericks had a question about information in the packet related to or not related to the PGE grant that will be addressed under item 9.

David Osborn moved to change the order of item 1.3.b. and vote on Resolution 9.30-25 after the public comments item 3.0.

Zac Arndt seconded.

The vote of the Board was 4-0; 1 abstention from Dylan Rickert.

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1.3. Board Chair Report Information Item

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Leah Fredericks, Board Chair, talked about:

- a. Board Workshops — September 9 & 10, where the board trained and prepared questions for OSBA and shared information on roles and responsibilities of the Board, how to utilize Board and Superintendent goals and how to establish. Then moving forward into strategic short-term and long-term planning. Superintendent goals tied with the objectives of the Board, and given limited time in board meeting, will be establishing some work sessions for collaborations and bigger items to then communicate in the Board meetings.
- b. National School Lunch Week — October 13–17 — see attachment and the Board was encouraged to reach out to join students for lunch. She joined students for lunch the week of September 8 and enjoyed the food.
- c. Budget Committee Position 3 is open for the term ending December 2027—see attachment application
- d. Annual Convention Flyer — see attachment — contact Robin if interested before October 14
- e. OSBA Fall Regional Meeting in Portland — October 30 - Embassy Suites 5:15 -6:30 p.m. - RSVP October 26 by contacting Robin if interested by October 24
Chair Fredericks welcomed our student representatives and asked them to give their thoughts on board discussions, even though they are not able to vote, if they wanted to. She looked forward to their student report time on the agenda.

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1.3.a. AP (Advanced Placement) Student Recognition 2025 Information Item

Kathy Childress, CHS Principal, thanked the Board for their work, and expressed that the last few years she has invited students to a Board meeting for AP recognition, but not too many came. She will recognize their achievements at a student assembly. The High School Success dollars help pay for AP courses, and income need is also a consideration guideline that the State considers in helping pay for the exams. Since 2020 there has been more appeal for not only four year colleges, but also CTE (career and technical schooling). Students can opt for choice in choosing AP or regular grading, but either way are exposed to high level instruction. She shared her presentation on screen (pages 14-23 of the board packet), explaining the money savings students earn for passing AP tests with a score of three or more and obtaining credits towards their degrees in a lot of higher education settings. Our students also take SAT tests twice, Juniors in the spring and seniors in the fall, PSAT's as juniors, and the State pays for pre-PSAT as sophomores We have an impressive list of kids taking AP classwork and earning AP scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction, AP Capstone Diplomas and Certificates, and AP Seminar and Research Certificates.

Board discussion on importance of AP courses and expectations and exposures of its academic rigor with congratulations to students for their hard work. It helps them get into and get credits for college.

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Sis Childs moved and Zac Arndt seconded:

1.3.b. **RESOLUTION NO. 9.30-25 — RESOLVED** that the Board start their regular school board meetings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on October 15, 2025, through June 2026.

Board discussion around work sessions starting at 6:00 p.m., as 5:30 p.m. is too early prior to the Board meeting. The vote was 5 – 1; Dylan Rickert opposed.

David Osborn amended **RESOLUTION NO. 9.30-25 (a) — RESOLVED** to have work sessions from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and board meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 15.

Sis Childs seconded.

Board discussion about one member not being able to make it, and if this is work session every month or only when needed? It was decided that there is enough to do for at least six months and have them scheduled ahead of time is easier to cancel if needed. It is hard for kids in sports to make it in time, but can also do virtually.

The vote of the board was 6 – 0 approval for the amended motion on the table.

7:28 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes Discussion/Action Item

Sis Childs moved and Leah Fredericks/Malinda Carlson seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 9.31-25 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the minutes of the Public Hearing 2025-2026 Budget/Special School Board meeting of June 30, 2025, and approved the extension of the Regular School Board meeting minutes of July 16, 2025, and August 20, 2025, Regular School Board meetings.

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The vote of the Board was 4-0; 1 abstention from David Osborn.

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3. Introduction and Comments of Guests and Representatives

Leah Fredericks, Chair, read aloud the description about procedures for comment on the agenda.

7:32 p.m.

a. Caroline Oakley, 4th/5th grade teacher/parent/patron, spoke about a list of impacts in the grade school such as more students, crowding, more chaos in the classrooms, inside and out, and not enough time for conferences, small group lessons and recess. There is a lack of support and planning for extra students, extra prep time for making copies since copiers ran out of toner.

7:35 p.m.

b. Audrey Winebarger, Educational Assistant/Parent/Patron, spoke about district impacts and communication without toner in copiers, no free entry into school events and lack of lunch tables and educational assistants to accommodate student needs.

7:37 p.m.

c. Kathie Freund- patron, announced that Crown Point Historical Society will be open the first Sunday of October, November and December from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to see collections and museum. Next March it will be fully decorated and open.

3.1. Principal / Director/ Supervisor Reports

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, no information at this time in the meeting.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS / MATTERS

Dr. Fialkiewicz remembered the request to see comparison of 2024-25 to 2025-26 on September 17. Please refer to handout given to Board.

There is over \$400,000.00 Ending Fund Balance (EFB) with a Projected Ending Fund Balance (PEFB) of \$0.00. The outstanding bills are not counted towards the revised June 30, 2025 General Fund (GF). Now -\$11,000.00 EFB. For 2025-26 projecting \$204,000.00 EFB.

Board discussion about whether booked for 2024-25, outstanding bills we couldn't pay, toner, and backup processes.

Dr. Fialkiewicz stated that not all, if received after June 30, 2025, could be on 2025-26.

Mr. Clague added that not everything is paid yet and about \$50,000.00 could hit in 2025-26, carried over from 2024-25. Most have been paid, \$10,000.00 or less being paid now.

Dr. Fialkiewicz noted it was combinations of new system, vacation, and getting system to print checks.

Mr. Clague said he is now understanding how to do emergency check. We also have to watchful of our processes for separation of duties for auditors, or they will say we are out of compliance.

☐ 4.1. Report Information Item

Dennis Clague, CFO, referred to the report in the Board packet. We have saved about \$200,000.00 in vacancies that have not been filled, so we will see the impact for our 2024-25 fiscal year (FY) down from our 2023-24 FY. We are waiting for September payroll to firm up and continue to track. With our Federal Funds, even with the political environment, there is a solid picture, (page 29 of paper packet). We are expected to lose School Based Mental Health (SBMH) grant the second half of the year. We are looking at how to take advantage and then deal with fallout, as it may impact the GF. We are allowed 120-day clean up afterwards, using about \$25,000.00 towards Superintendent, Student Services Director, and CAPS/SBMH Building Secretary salaries, paid through April 2026.

Mr. Clague noted that PGE Electrical Bus Fund created because of significance (pages 35-36 of paper packet). Less than \$600,000.00, no expenditures yet incurred.

Dr. Fialkiewicz remarked that this is only 75%, and will get the other 25% upon completion.

Board discussion on timeframe, SBMH, seismic grants, adding staff, overall combined shortfall, and future strategies.

Dr. Fialkiewicz explained it was purchase and delivery of two buses and infrastructure installed.

If we approve the second bus and after delivered, can close it out. There are two separate grants. See items 9.0 and 9.1.

Mr. Clague continued his report. We did not receive the Outdoor School grant, the Seismic grant opened in February and may still come through, so sitting on \$2.5 million. Innovative Revenue (RV) sources may be seen in 2026-27. We have received \$25,000.00 for the assessment of the back gym seismic. The rest of the funds are tracking normally. Impacts from enrollment shortfall in student

funding, staff hiring and savings are estimated at about \$175,000.00 deficit.

Dr Fialkiewicz added that we tried for MPB seismic grant, but didn't get it. Not worth it for old CMS, as too old based on information per engineers. We can't add more staff without true ramifications, if we can't afford to, even with positive EFB we have to be careful. The October workshop topic will be finances.

8:20 P.M.

5. Superintendent Fialkiewicz's Report Information Items

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent, reported on the September 15 District Equity Committee (DEC) opportunity. It is OK for districts with less than 1640 students to combine with other Districts. We will join with Colton SD and Clackamas ESD. The first meeting is in October. A budget committee member has to be on the DEC. SB 3732 was made four years ago that every District needed a DEC with equal or over 10,000 students, and as of 9/15/25 amendment in the last legislative session it is no longer a Board committee but now a Superintendent committee.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/C/CBA%20D3.PDF>

5.1. Enrollment / Application Process Update – Dr. Fialkiewicz invited Cassie Duprey, GS Principal, to discuss. Ms. Duprey said that the application to attend was closed September 16, 2025. 1201 is official enrollment, which is 23 students under targeted number. CHS is up 6%, CAPS is up 13%, CGS is up 15% and CMS up 32%. In 2023-24 we had 250 out of district students, and then Up 43% in 2024-25, and up 57% this year at 392. We tried to grow too fast, and 6th grade is under enrolled.

Dr. Fialkiewicz added that high school students don't move usually. We have a solid 9th and 10th with 12th grade down. 9th grade is higher due to matriculation. We never have a hard time filling kindergarten. We are on pace to hit target number next year.

Board discussion on rumors of Corbett resident students leaving the district, CHS enrollment and Small High School Funding (SHSF).

Dr. Fialkiewicz postured that every year kids leave, and this year is no different. We see more leaving between 8th and 9th grades for more CTE opportunities, etc. We were not able to get SHSF two years ago.

Ms. Duprey said 354 is CHS enrollment. There are lots of online options that many students are leaving for, so we would like to add them to our online program through Pearson if possible.

☐ 5.2. Update on Corbett School campus upgrades and/or grants

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – not at this time in the meeting.

☐ 5.3. Future Planning / Strategic Planning

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – excited about the conversations and direction we are heading with district priorities since September 11 Special Board meeting. He gave credit to the large group that did Vision and Values statements five years ago. A diverse group with priorities to drive decisions. His first step is to establish goals for remainder of the year, measurable in three areas: fiscal responsibility, communication and trust. They will be quantifiable and effective. Once his goals are adopted then the Board can adopt their goals, to align to our north star. He thinks

District priorities could start with each school coming up with performance standards and that leads to long-term goals in spring for the following year. Then, by next year, district wide long-term goals. He is hoping for evaluation measurements in October.

Board discussion about workshop topics and a proposal from OSBA.

<https://policy.osba.org/corbett/C/CBG%20G1.PDF>

☐ 5.4. Timelines

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – spoke to the State Performance Plan (SPP) Compliance Status – in Board packet starting on page 45 (paper). He thanked the team for meeting their timeline. The Summary on Feedback Surveys from Staff and Families June 2025 started on page 46-58, is completely qualitative and mostly positive. Thanks to Paxton Groundworks for donating time and resources for the front of CMS landscaping. Page 51 shows morale at CAPS lower, not feeling part of District; page 53 we are using radios as cost prohibitive for alarm systems; page 54 athletes missing classes and end of day (product of 4-day school week); page 55 family confused feedback with Superintendent/District Office (D.O.) – shared raw data with Administration and D.O.

Board discussion regarding low response.

Dr. Fialkiewicz assumed it was because of the time of year – June.

Attachments: (2)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. **Consent agenda **Resolution items 9.32-25** through 9.34-25** Action Items**

Leah Fredericks moved and David Osborn seconded:

11.2RESOLUTION NO. 9.32-25** — RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the transfer of Ciara O'Neal, .83 FTE Educational Assistant to 1.00 FTE 7th/8th Teacher, effective August 22, 2025.

11.3RESOLUTION NO. 9.33-25**—RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the extra duty salary stipends as presented on the attachments in the board packet.

11.4RESOLUTION NO. 9.34-25**—RESOLVED** that the Board confirmed the hire of 1.00 FTE K-6th Learning Specialist, Emily Fiss Hobart, effective date September 22, 2025.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

7. CURRICULUM – nothing at this time in the meeting.

8. STUDENTS- Welcome from our Board Chair to Oliva Young and Leena Saied-

☐ 8.1. Student Representatives to the Board Information Item

Ms. Saied noted that the start of school was August 25 and so far has been pretty good. Fall sports are underway with cheerleading added back into the mix (absent since 2022).

Ms. Young reported that there is a volleyball game September 18 at 6:30 p.m. and a football game September 20 at 7:00 p.m. Homecoming is scheduled for October 30. She thanked Ms. Folen, Temporary Counselor, who has been a big help with college/career planning and letters of recommendation. After December, her loss will be difficult to replace.

8:58 p.m.

The Board recessed from Public Session for a five minute break.

9:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened to Public Session.

9. TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE - Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent- Noted the first few pages are quarterly reports for PGE, then application and PowerPoint (pages 77-78). He thanked Mr. Clague for putting these together. Once the second bus is here and finalized, extension is up on December 31 for payback if energy not used. Page 79-81 explains depreciation. Dr. Fialkiewicz went over the pluses of the PGE grants and different route scenarios for Transportation Supervisor to put into place.

Board discussion on the Transportation Supervisor's thoughts and repercussion of not buying a second bus, and the hope for a future report for a 10-year plan.

9.1. Purchase of EV school bus Action Item

Leah Fredericks moved and Dylan Rickert seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 9.35 -25 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the purchase of a new 2026 EV bus with the Salem-Keizer piggyback quote attached with service agreement upgrades under the specifications of the PGE/EPA grants for the price of \$457,738.00.

The vote of the Board was 6-0.

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10. CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – nothing at this time in the meeting.

11. PERSONNEL - Dr. Fialkiewicz read aloud:

Transfer of Natalie Clark as .85 FTE GS SPED Educational Asst. — FLS to .83 FTE MS Educational Assistant effective August 19, 2025.

Reclassification Approval for Denise Papin from 1.00 FTE SPED Educational Assistant/SPED Secretary to 1.00 FTE SPED Educational Assistant -FLS/SPED Secretary effective August 19, 2025.

11.1. Vacant Positions Information Item

Derek Fialkiewicz, Ed.D., Superintendent – read aloud:

We have vacant positions open for the 2025-2026 school year for: 1.00 FTE Temporary K-8th Counselor; Substitute/Temporary Bus Drivers; Substitute Custodian; and Varsity Softball Coach for spring season.

11.2. See 6.1

☐ 11.3. See 6.1

Attachments: (2)

11.4. See 6.1

12. POLICY – Dr. Fialkiewicz and Ms. Kathy Childress, HS Principal – spoke to the personal devices that are already banned, mostly affecting high school students.

12.1. Board Policy Information/Discussion Item

First Read for the following policy(s):

a. Policy JFCEB - Personal Electronic Devices */**

Ms. Childress explained that cell phones are not used in class, and procedures if caught using. First offense, teacher keeps until end of class. Second offense, kept in Principal's office until the end of the day. Third offense, parents called. Phones are allowed before school and after school.

Ms. Young is not seeing phones in class, so is proud of students.

Ms. Saied says lunch is going well without cell phone use.

Dr. Fialkiewicz said the CGS and CAPS students leave them in their backpacks and at CMS the phones are collected in a basket at the beginning of school and students pick them up at the end of the day.

9:34 p.m.

The feedback on policy JFCEB from the principals is slightly different, so crossed out steps on page 199.

Attachments: (1)

12.2. Second Read and Adoption of Policy Action Item

Dr. Fialkiewicz noted this policy was discussed last month.

Board discussion on copies of first and second reading copies presented in the board packets.

Sis Childs moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 9.36 -25 - RESOLVED that the Board had a second reading and adopted Policy GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting*

Attachments: (1)

13. RECESS – the board recessed from public session at 9:40 p.m. into

☐ 13.1. EXECUTIVE SESSION — ORS 192-660(2)(d) — To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

All board members as noted at the beginning of the meeting were present at 9:51 p.m. as well as Dr. Fialkiewicz, Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley and Ms. Windust.

9:59 p.m. end of Executive Session.

14. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION – 10:03 p.m.

14.1. ACTION ON PROPOSED OR TABLED MATTERS TO FOLLOW EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Leah Fredericks moved and Sis Childs/Malinda Carlson seconded:

RESOLUTION NO. 9.37-25 — RESOLVED that the Board approved the Contract Agreement between Corbett School District No. 39 and The East County Bargaining Council Education Association OEA/NEA for July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026.

The vote of the Board was 6-0 in favor of Resolution No. 9.37-25.

15. COMING EVENTS

Also see item 1.3

Friday, September 26 — Inservice

Thursday, October 2 — Mid-term (GS/CAPS/MS)

Wednesday and Thursday, evenings, October 8-9, GS/CAPS/MS Conferences

Wednesday, October 15, Regular School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. following 6:00 p.m. Board Workshop.

MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – Ms. Windust announced that Friday, September 19 is alumni football – wear red, with and blue in honor of Jeff Lucas.

Malinda Carlson announced it is national school board week.

Chair Fredericks and Dr. Fialkiewicz expressed the lunch menu is on our website.

Consensus was to save paper and not have paper copies at the board table. Let Ms. Lindeen-Blakeley know if you need a device during the meeting.

David Osborn and Chair Fredericks did a recap of what could be expected at the October meeting.

Sis Childs thanked the community for the outpouring of support at the loss of a community member.

The family appreciated it.

Dylan Rickert wished his wife a happy anniversary.

16. ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 10:13 p.m.