



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28JT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Hybrid Format

Board and key staff at CSD District Office

Guests attended via the Zoom App

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

The following Board of Directors were present at the meeting:

Rose Solowski	Position 5 - At Large
Pam Shields	Position 7 - At Large
David Linn	Position 1 - Zone 1
Ronald "Jess" Hardin	Position 2 - Zone 2
Claudia Andrews	Position 3 - Zone 3
William Mohring	Position 6 - At Large

Absent members were: Melissa Standley

The following District administrative team members were in attendance:

James Owens	Superintendent
Paul Southerton	Director of Finance & Operations (<i>virtually</i>)
Denise Wright	Director of Student Services
Christine Andregg	Chief Communications Officer
Marin Miller	CHS Principal
Nathan Buck	CMS Principal
Jeb Hubbs	OMS Principal
Missy Grindle	Board Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER - *Chair Solowski*

Chair Solowski called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

1. *Approval of October 9, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda*

Director Hardin moved to approve the October 9th meeting agenda as presented.

Director Linn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST (Optional)

1. *Board Member Oath of Office*

Superintendent Owens welcomed William Mohring as the newly appointed board member and he took his oath of office.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Approval of September 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes*

Director Hardin moved to approve the September 25th minutes. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

5. REPORTS

1. *Student Representative Report - CHS Students, Lashmey Kitthisane and Kler Say*

The group welcomed back Student Representative Lashmey Kitthisane and welcomed Kler Say to the role for this year. They reported on the following topics:

- Athletes of the Month
- Homecoming week events including: assembly, class chants, court, and football game
- Upcoming plays at CHS

Each of them shared with the group their cocurricular activities and involvement at CHS.

2. *Superintendent Report - James Owens, Superintendent*

Superintendent Owens reported on the following topics:

- Weekly Administrator Meeting reviewing Critical Standards and Equity Audit Data
- National Principals Month
- National School Lunch Program - October 14-18th
- Homecoming Events
- Upcoming Preschool for All Meeting with Clackamas County
- Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting on October 18th at CHS
- Foster Property Touring the Johnson WaterShed Restoration Project

Board members who participated in the tour shared their experiences and discussed the potential use of this property for classroom visits and outdoor learning within the District. Director Andrews inquired about preschool vacancies, while Director Wright noted that there are currently available slots at the high school and mentioned that plans are underway to potentially establish a full-day preschool program at the high school.

6. CONFIRMATION ITEMS

Director Hardin moved to approve the confirmation items as presented. Director Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. *Site Council Minutes*

2. *Miscellaneous Items*

3. *Financial Statements*

1. *July Financial Statement*
2. *August Financial Statement*

4. *Enrollment Reports*

1. *Student Count*
2. *Class Size Analysis*

5. *Human Resources*

1. *Employment of Administrator*
2. *Resignation*
3. *OSEA MOU Insurance Contribution*

6. *Business/Operations*

1. *2024-2025 Budget Calendar (for 2025-26 Budget Year)*

7. *Board Policies (Deletions/Legal Reference Changes Only)*

8. *Student Services*

9. *Student Travel*

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cell Phones in School

Superintendent Owens reminded the group of previous conversations from Spring and the August Board Retreat regarding the disruptive impact of cell phones in the school environment. He said six weeks into the school year, he invited secondary administrators to share experiences and practices on this issue, in addition to hearing the voices of our Student Representatives.

Principals Buck, Hubbs and Miller shared with the group their experiences, practices and challenges with monitoring student cell phones. Overall they said that the current policy is stricter than last year's, enforcing an "Off and Away" rule across secondary schools with a focus on consistent enforcement. Confiscation occurs after repeated offenses, and parents are involved after the third violation. They indicated that alignment across secondary schools, the district office, and updated policies to reflect current practice are desired.

Student Representatives Kitthisane and Say shared their thoughts on the matter. They said that a ban on cell phone use may not be effective for all students and that much of it depends on the individual students. Board members expressed varied perspectives on the policy. Some emphasized the need for district-wide consistency, while others pointed out differences between middle and high school environments. They also noted the importance of involving parents and students in shaping the policy.

The group discussed at great length staff's use of cell phones and the need for modeling good behavior. Students highlighted that while some students are fine with the policy, others find it more restrictive, and they see inconsistencies in its enforcement.

The group determined that there will be further discussions on aligning policy with current practices, ensuring consistent enforcement, and addressing the climate of schools. Suggestions were made to conduct a climate survey and involve parents more in the process of refining the policy.

Chair Solowski called for a break at 8:20 pm; reconvening at 8:32 pm.

2. NEW BUSINESS

1. Engagement Agreement with Keller Rohrback, LLP

Superintendent Owens gave a summary of the issue, covering its background and the legal aspects related to social media's effect on young people. He shared that he, along with Board Leadership, had consulted with legal counsel to assess the implications for the district. He noted that the risk is minimal, with the potential for financial gains if damages are established. He recommended that the Board approve the district's engagement with the law firm.

Vice Chair Shields moved to authorize the District to engage with the law firm regarding the class action suit. Director Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *First Read of Policies with Option to Adopt and/or Delete - Denise Wright, Director of Student Services*

Superintendent Owens provided an explanation of the policy process, noting that policies go through a first and/or second read with an option to adopt. He explained that the Board is the decision making body of policies and they can elect to have a committee work through the policies as well.

Director Wright provided an overview of the policy recommendations as presented in the Board Book. She said these revisions to health services as noted, mandates districts to have a written, prevention-oriented health services plan. She explained that the adoption of this umbrella policy would require changes, deletions, and additions related to other district health care policies as outlined.

Superintendent Owens provided further explanation and the structure of policies (highly recommended, optional, required), OSBA services, and difference between policy and administrative rules. Director Andrews moved to approve the two new policies. Vice Chair Shields seconded the motion.

Director Hardin asked about the staff-to-student ratio (1:60) for First Aid/CPR training and whether it was on site or during all school events. Director Wright indicated that this was on site and will follow up whether this requirement is during school events as well. The group discussed whether they wanted to move forward with adoption knowing this question will be answered at a later date. Director Hardin recommended holding the vote since it is a first read.

Director Andrews withdrew the motion to allow time for more information, but the group agreed the item could be placed on the consent agenda if the answers came via email.

3. *First Read of Policies with Option to Adopt; JHCCF Pediculosis (Head Lice)- Denise Wright, Director of Student Services*

Director Wright provided an overview of the suggested changes to this policy. She indicated that this policy is inline with current practice. Board members shared their thoughts on this topic. Director Wright emphasized that the District works closely with families, offering nursing support when needed. Vice Chair Shields moved to adopt this policy as presented. Director Andrews seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four ayes (Vice Chair Shields, Chair Solowski, Director Linn and Director Andrews) and two nays (Director Hardin and Director Mohring.)

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Owens reviewed the upcoming agenda items, which include:

- The upcoming Board Work Session on October 23rd, which will be held virtually
- Introduction of the new Student Services Administrator
- Annual Division 22 Report
- Legislative Update with Stacy Michaelson
- Policies

Director Linn said that it would be important for Board Members to be available and hear from students if there are any safety concerns like surrounding districts.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Solowski adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.