Meeting Called to Order at 5:45 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Riley Holman, Sarah Wadsack, Chris Irwin, Nicole Blanks, Superintendent Bill Crowson and Secretary Tonya Casarez. Sarah Fay joined at 5:48pm.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 5:45 by Chair Riley Holman, as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

The regular session was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Riley Holman. Present at this time, in addition to those listed above, were: Beau Sisneros, Hilary Irwin, Richard Fielder, Kim Geil, Carrie Holman, and Jenna Rank.

**Minutes:** Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

**Consent agenda:** The following changes to the agenda were made: Addition of:

G. Approval of Seismic Owner Architect Agreement (Pivot Architecture)

The previous month's bills were discussed. The list of new hires and volunteer coaches was reviewed. The cooperative sponsorship of baseball and softball were discussed. Bill Crowson presented the Seismic Owner Architect Agreement proposal, noting that the final contract will reflect the grant amount. Mr. Crowson will follow up with Pivot. Sarah Faye moved to approve the consent agenda with the condition that the Seismic Owner Architect Agreement proposal not exceed 2.5 million. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no communications to discuss.

**Delegations and Presentations**: Kim Geil presented the K-5 literacy update. She explained benchmark testing, the evaluation of core reading instruction and how goals are set. She also said that the grade school teaching team is collaborating to align priorities by grade level. Staff meets every six weeks to discuss progress and to re-adjust individual plans for students to continually work toward growth. The staff are partnering with the ESD Literacy Coach to improve opportunities for growth in students' reading performance. Sarah Fay asked for another update at the end of January 2026, after the next set of bench mark testing.

Meet the Teacher: Jenna Rank gave a brief overview of the fall K-5 benchmark testing and how reading groups are determined. She reported that with the staffing currently available, approximately 9-12 students from each class are being served with reading supports.

Construction update and Building Committee Report: Bill Crowson mentioned that we will continue the process of implementing the seismic improvements at the high school. The optimal timeline of work to be done would be May through August 2026.

Enrollment was reported at 353 students, K-12. Both Principals reported that attendance is going well. Beau Sisneros reported that, with the online platforms in place within the district, we are now serving some students who were going to enroll in virtual online academies.

Administrative Update: Richard Fielder said that curriculum night at the grade school had a lower than expected turn out, possibly due to being so close to meet the teacher. The recent Gold Standard assembly featuring a 3-time Olympic gold medalist was well-received by students and staff. Topics of the assembly were effort and attitude. Science night and fall festival are coming up and fall sports are doing well. Beau Sisneros reported that homecoming went well, the student body enjoyed the recent assembly, and the PSAT testing will be later this month. The You Science testing for aptitude will be utilized again this year, helping students determine aptitude for different career paths. The high school construction trades class is working with Team OR Build to build two 8 by 16 shelters. Audrey Young was named Student of the Month for September. The Board mentioned they would like to present Audrey, and all future students who receive Student of the Month recognition, with a certificate at future board meetings.

The Smile Club newsletter was reviewed and Bill Crowson mentioned that Smile Club is involved in science night at the grade school.

## **Old Business:**

The Board had a second reading of Policy GAEB. Sara Fay asked that wording in the first paragraph be revised to add a comma between "alcohol" and "tobacco/nicotine". Sarah Fay motioned to approve the policy with stated changes. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

Board Goals were read by Sarah Fay. Sarah Fay motioned to approve the board goals. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

## **New Business:**

Report to the Community, Division 22 Standards for the 2024-25 school year: Mr. Crowson explained the compliance process. Policies are reviewed to ensure they are in place and OSBA works with the District to update policies as required. There are no places of non-compliance for the 2024-25 school year. There were no comments or questions from the audience. The Community Report will be posted to the District's website and reporting to ODE by the end of the month. Superintendent Crowson discussed a possible policy audit with OSBA.

Superintendent Evaluation: The proposed timeline was reviewed and an executive session to discuss employee feedback was scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the high school library. Sarah Fay asked for any updated forms or procedures for the Superintendent Evaluation from OSBA. Tonya Casarez will follow up on any updated information from OSBA.

Policy JFCEB – Electronic Devices: Policy was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Crowson reported that this policy was recommended from the OSBA and will ensure compliance with ODE and, in addition, reflects building policies documented in student handbooks. Sarah Fay motioned to adopt the policy. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Relief Nursery mural: Bill Crowson presented the request and will get a proposal from the Relief Nursery.

Regular Board Meetings: November 10, 2025. Riley Holman will be absent.

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Meeting adjourned 6:41pm.	Recording stopped.	
Riley Holman, Board Chair	_	Tonya Casarez, Board Secretary