

Meeting Called to Order at 5:45 pm by Chair Riley Holman. Recording started.

Members attending: Board members Riley Holman, Chris Irwin, Sarah Wadsack, Nicole Blanks; Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Tonya Casarez.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:01 P.M. In addition to those listed above, present at this time were staff members Richard Fielder, Beau Sisneros, and Jenna Rank, Hilary Irwin, Jim Mulanax, Carrie Holman and members of the community.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9, 2026 and April 2, 2026 meetings were reviewed. Chris Irwin motioned to approve the minutes. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 4/0.

The following items were added to the consent agenda:

Communications

- A. Thank you letter to Mike & Sarah McCarrel – Construction equipment
- B. Thank you letter to Sonjya Luke – Epilog Laser system

New Business

- E. Appoint board Vice Chair

The financials and bills for the month were reviewed and discussed with questions regarding the recent maintenance of the refrigerator/freezer at Monroe High School. Carrie Holman's application to be a volunteer softball coach was reviewed. Sarah Wadsack motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 4/0.

Communications: CTE Teacher, Jim Mulanax spoke to the board about recent donations to his program including a laser cutter valued at \$6,000. He mentioned students can make tools with it and it will be used in woods, welding and engineering classes. Additionally, he mentioned that the McCarrel family donated a ladder and two sheets of OSB to class projects and that both donations are greatly appreciated.

Delegations and Presentations:

Meet the Teacher: Jim Mulanax continued his presentation and discussed the updates to the CTE program. He's currently working at a collaboration with Skills USA and taking students to a skills competition for welding. He's also working toward establishing an advisory committee that includes a Eugene company to keep the program up to date and informed. He mentioned that the construction class is going well in its first year.

Student of the Month presentations:

The Board recognized Owen Roberts for being Student of the Month in February and presented Wyatt Wellette with his Student of the Month certificate for March.

Construction Update: Superintendent Crowson reported that the seismic upgrade project being worked on by Pivot Architecture is still in the investigation and planning phase.

Enrollment was reported at 343 students K-12.

Administrative Update:

Monroe Grade School – Principal Richard Fielder reported that conferences went well and the new meeting format was well-received by both parents and staff. The grade school is currently gearing up for state testing.

Monroe High School - Principal Beau Sisneros mentioned that the high school is busy this time of year with senior projects on track to be presented and scholarships that will be coming out soon. “Hands-On” learning day with the 7th and 8th grade classes will be happening soon and allows middle school students to get a glimpse of high-school activities. A group of high school students are going to a leadership conference soon and others are planning on attending the LBCC Health Fair. The drama class will present the spring play May 14-16.

Old Business: The Board was reminded that Oregon Government Ethics Commission filing window closes April 15th. All board members reported that they had filed already.

Discussion: The board discussed the possibility of having a 4-day school week for the 26-27 academic year. Bill Crowson shared results of the student surveys, in which 138 students responded. 60% were very/somewhat excited and many thought learning would improve. Superintendent Crowson is still working on formatting the potential calendar and reported that school would most likely have to start one week before Labor Day and that the calendar would accommodate 10 professional development days for staff. One of the positive outcomes of this calendar would be that staff would have time for understanding and implementing new curriculum for students. Additionally, it would align the middle school and high school schedules allowing for smoother transitions from middle to high school for students. Chair Holman asked for input from the Principals. Richard Fielder said teachers would appreciate and utilize the time to know curriculum and allow staff to increase the quality of teaching. Beau Sisneros mentioned that high school students having the same classes every day will give students a routine schedule, and quite likely won't impact the amount of homework. Since Fridays are typically days for athletics and athletes are out for travel, students wouldn't be missing class to participate. Additionally, he reported the possibility of collaborating with LBCC to engage in CTE courses on Fridays.

Chair Holman requested another open meeting to further discuss the potential calendar change on April 22nd at 5:30pm.

Classified Bargaining Update: There is a meeting set for April 16th at 3:30pm in the Monroe Grade School library.

New Business: Budget Committee members were discussed.

Zone 1 – Yvette Moynier
Zone 2 – David Dilworth
Zone 3 – Keith Payne
Zone 4 – Jessica Warden
Zone 5 – Hannah Wellette

The board discussed the open board position for zone 1. Chris Irwin motioned to table the appointment of the vacant seat. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board recognized Teacher and Guidance Counselor Appreciation week and all the hard work that staff does for our students. Nicole Blanks motioned to approve Teacher and Guidance Counselor Appreciation week. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 4/0.

Chair Holman asked for volunteers for Vice Chair. Chris Irwin volunteered as Board Vice Chair.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. Recording stopped.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Tonya Casarez, Board Secretary