

Yoncalla School District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 15, 2020  
Early Learning Center  
401 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Yoncalla, OR 97499

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- 6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER
- I. BOARD MEMBER VACANCY INTERVIEW
  - II. REORGANIZE SCHOOL BOARD
    - A. Elect board chair
    - B. Elect vice chair
  - III. DISCUSSION ITEMS
    - A. Anti-Racism and Equity Resolution
    - B. Lots south of the Elementary School
  - IV. PUBLIC FORUM

The public is invited to share any comments they may have with the board via email. Emails should be received by 5:45 PM on July 15, 2020. Please send your comments to [laurie.simlness@yoncalla.k12.or.us](mailto:laurie.simlness@yoncalla.k12.or.us)
  - V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
  - VI. CONSENT AGENDA
    - A. Minutes of School Board meeting June 17, 2020
    - B. Designate Brian Berry as Chief Executive Officer/Clerk
    - C. Designate Danielle Littlefield as Deputy Clerk
    - D. Designate Brian Berry as Custodians of Funds
    - E. Authorize Facsimile Signature of Brian Berry and Danielle Littlefield
    - F. Appoint Brian Berry as Budget Officer
    - G. Designate Brian Berry as District Election Authority
    - H. Designate US Bank as Bank Depository
    - I. Authorize Investment of Funds with Local Government Investment Pool and US Bank
    - J. Appoint Dole Coalwell Attorneys OR OSBA as General Legal Counsel
    - K. Appoint Oregon School Boards Association as Labor Relations Consultant
    - L. Appoint Zolezzi Insurance as Insurance Agent of Record
    - M. Designate Neuner, Davidson and Cooley as auditor of Record
    - N. Appoint Brian Berry as person designated to represent Yoncalla SD in matters pertaining to AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Action)
    - O. Establish dates and times of School Board meetings
  - VII. REPORTS
    - A. Superintendent Report
  - VIII. ACTION ITEMS
    - A. Hiring of Darren Crosby as Elementary School Physical Education Teacher
    - B. Hiring of Erin Helgren as Early Learning Alignment Consultant
  - IX. ANOUNCEMENTS
    - A. Future Dates of Importance
      - Board Meeting August 19, 2020, 6:00 PM
  - X. OTHER BUSINESS
  - XI. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

**From:** [Trinity Benito](#)

**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 2:48 PM

**To:** [Brian Berry](#)

**Subject:** School board position

Hello,

My name is Trinity Benito and I live in the Yoncalla school district.

I would love the opportunity to be considered for the vacant position with the Yoncalla school board.

Thank you!

Trinity

## **Draft Yoncalla School Board Resolution**

### **Affirming the Board's Commitment to Anti-Racism and Equity**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Yoncalla School District 32 Board of Directors, as individually elected members and as the governing body for Yoncalla School District, is committed to using district resources responsibly and equitably to: provide safe learning environments; support meaningful, equitable and highly effective instruction so that all students thrive socially, emotionally and academically; and reduce the disparity of outcomes for students of color, students with disabilities and students who are economically disadvantaged;

2. School board members play a vital role in setting the priorities, policies, and funding practices for the school district and the Yoncalla School Board is committed to learning how to recognize and combat implicit bias and overt racism in the execution of these responsibilities;

3. The priorities and equity stance of Yoncalla School District 32 are that:

- Each student will enjoy positive, engaging learning environments,
- Each child will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in post-secondary education and careers, and the self-reliance to be a productive citizen,
- A strong sense of community is recognized and nurtured among all Stakeholders,
- Facilities and finances are managed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of each child.

These priorities guide every decision made by the board. It is important to consider equity and the impact on all students and families, especially those in underserved demographic groups and protected classes.

4. After extensive community engagement efforts during the Student Success Act planning process, the board committed to spending new anticipated additional resources to:

- reduce academic disparities for historically underserved groups by adding math and literacy opportunities through the extension of the school day and school year,
- address the health and safety needs of students by increasing supports for behavior, social emotional learning, and mental health,

- and increase academic achievement for students, including reducing academic disparities for students economically disadvantaged;

5. Systemic racism and oppression have long led to physical, political, legal, economic, and environmental harm on people of color, those with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged in the United States and Oregon, specifically;

6. The nation, including the Yoncalla School District community, are reeling from another series of lives lost, adding to the list of countless other Americans whose lives were ended by acts of racism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE YONCALLA SCHOOL BOARD:**

1. is committed to identifying and correcting practices and policies that perpetuate opportunity and achievement gaps and institutional racism in all aspects of the functioning of the school district; and,
2. condemns racism, racial violence, white supremacy, hate speech, and bigotry in all forms inside and outside of our schools and,
3. will work to be actively anti-racist in our schools and empower people of color; people with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged and,
4. affirms the value and importance of culturally responsive pedagogy and instructional practices, and of curriculum that represents the diversity of our community, state, and country and accurately honors the contributions of historically marginalized communities; we commit to using an equity lens for all future curriculum adoptions, as required in board policy and,
5. is committed to making investments in social, emotional, and mental health resources that are evidence-based, culturally-relevant, and culturally-sustaining and, will continue to engage in efforts at the-local, state, and federal levels to fully fund education, mental health, social services, and health care and,
6. will continue to work to require district policies and accountability measures that are anti-racist and equitable.

The foregoing resolution is adopted this \_\_\_\_th day of June, 2020.

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Chair, Board of Directors

YONCALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2020

Yoncalla High School

292 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the June 17, 2020 School Board meeting was held on Facebook Live.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Anderson  
Eric Gustafson-Chair  
Jen Bailey  
Cathey Grimes-Vice Chair

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Brian Berry  
Danielle Littlefield  
Laurie Simlness

**CALLED TO ORDER.** Chair Gustafson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The flag salute was conducted. Also present: Erin Helgren, Cody Reed, Jordan Grimes.

**AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE.** None.

**BOARD MEMBER VACANCY INTERVIEW.** Board members interviewed a candidate for the vacant position.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM.** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET.** No comments on the budget.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

- A. Minutes of the School Board Meeting, May 13, 2020
- B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
- C. Stacey Atwell-Keister resignation
- D. Hiring of Don Hakala for Boys High School Basketball Coach

Director Anderson made a motion to approve, Director Bailey seconded, passed unanimously.

**REPORTS /DISCUSSIONS.**

- A. High School Principal Report
- B. Elementary Principal Report
- C. Preschool/Early Works Report
- D. Financial Update
- E. Superintendent Report
  - Maintenance Report

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- A. Consider for approval Resolution 2019-2020- 03 Appropriations Adjustment. Director Anderson made a motion to approve, Director Bailey seconded, passed unanimously.

- B. Consider for approval Resolution 2019-2020- 04 Budget Adoption, appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Tax. Director Anderson made a motion to approve, Director Bailey seconded, passed unanimously.
- C. UCC Instructional Service Agreement. Director Anderson made a motion to approve, Director Bailey seconded, passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- A. Future Dates of Importance.
  - Board Meeting, July 17, 6:00 PM

**ADJOURN.** Director Anderson made a motion to adjourn, Director Bailey seconded, passed unanimously. Director Gustafson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

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# Yoncalla High School

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**Brian Berry, Principal**

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July 14, 2020

Brian,

I would like to formally recommend Kayleigh Soto for the Junior High Volleyball Coaching position. Kayleigh has 6 years experience playing volleyball for Yoncalla School District. She has played multiple positions on the teams including backrow hitter, outside hitter, and libero. Kayleigh has close ties to the community as she played for Yoncalla Junior High and High School. She has been a role model for the younger players in the district and wants to give back to her school and community. Kayleigh's coaching philosophy revolves around teaching fundamentals to the younger players and prepare them for play at the high school level.

Thanks,

*Peter J. James*  
Social Studies / Athletic Director  
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July 2, 2020

Dear Yoncalla School Board,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Darren Crosby to be the 2020-21 elementary physical education teacher. Darren was born and raised in Alaska for most of his life. He moved to Oregon and graduated from Santiam Christian High School. He has a bachelor's degree from Whitworth University in the areas of Secondary Education and Kinesiology. He also has an Oregon teaching license in Physical Education for K-12.

Daren also has an interest in coaching in the district. He has experience in playing basketball at the high school level and played baseball throughout college. He is interested in coaching both of these sports and softball if needed. He also plans to help with Volleyball this coming year. (His wife is the new volleyball coach)

Darren is new to the teaching profession, however, through his practicum he has worked with a diverse group of students at the elementary and middle school levels. He is excited to be working as part of a team and wants to learn from those around him. He and his wife have already bought a house in Yoncalla and plan to make Yoncalla their home.

With this information in mind, I would strongly recommend that the Board consider hiring Darren Crosby as our new physical education teacher at the elementary school.

Respectfully,

*Brian Berry*

Brian Berry, Superintendent

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**Brian Berry, Principal**

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July 14, 2020

Superintendent Recommendation:

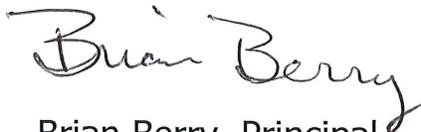
Brian Berry, Superintendent  
Yoncalla School District #32

Dear Board Members,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Erin Helgren to be the Yoncalla High School transition specialist. Erin is a graduate Southern Oregon University in Early Childhood Studies. She has been working for Children's Institute and is currently part of the Yoncalla pre-school.

She has been a staple in the district for the past 4 years. She is passionate about Yoncalla and wants what is best for our community. Based on this information, I would highly recommend Erin for this position.

Respectfully,



Brian Berry, Principal  
Yoncalla High School