

Call meeting to order /
Roll call

Vice Chair Sara Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The following Board members were present at roll call: Trustee Logan Creighton, Trustee Paul Wagner, Trustee Jake Dawson, and Chair Neil Uhrig, who attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Also present were Superintendent Dena Naccarato, Assistant Superintendent Anna Wilson, Assistant Superintendent Trina Caudle, Chief Financial Officer Josh Gittel and Clerk Kerri Zeller.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Trustee Dawson to approve the agenda, second by Trustee Wagner, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Recognition:

The counselor and two teachers from Ponderosa Elementary presented information about a new program called Project Stand Up for Kids. The program involves mentors, or buddies, and a check-in system to help students with grades, attendance, and behavior. They currently have 71 students participating in the program and they are seeing very positive results.

Reorganization of the Board:

Vice Chair Rodriguez called for a motion to disband the Board. Motion by Trustee Creighton, second by Trustee Dawson, roll call vote: Creighton, aye; Wagner, aye; Dawson, aye; Rodriguez, aye; Uhrig, aye; motion passed with a unanimous roll call aye vote.

The meeting was turned over to Superintendent Naccarato.

Superintendent Naccarato called for nominations for Chair of the Board for the year 2025. Trustee Creighton nominated Trustee Uhrig, second by Trustee Dawson, roll call vote: Creighton, aye; Wagner, aye; Dawson, aye; Rodriguez, aye; Uhrig, aye; motion passed with a unanimous roll call aye vote.

Vice Chair Rodriguez assumed responsibility of the meeting in place of Chair Uhrig, who was attending remotely, and called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board for the year 2025. Trustee Dawson nominated Trustee Rodriguez, second by Trustee Wagner, roll call vote: Creighton, aye; Wagner, aye; Dawson, aye; Rodriguez, aye; Uhrig, aye; motion passed with a unanimous roll call aye vote.

Motion by Trustee Creighton to appoint Josh Gittel as District Treasurer and Kerri Zeller as Clerk for the year 2025, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Trustees reviewed and signed a Code of Ethics.

Motion by Trustee Wagner to hold regular monthly board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at River City Middle School for the year 2025, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Motion by Trustee Wagner to maintain the current agenda format, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Motion by Trustee Wagner to post public notice of the Board’s regular meeting schedule for the year 2025 at each school site, the district office, and the district website. All other meeting notices and agendas will be posted at the meeting site, the district office and the district website, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Motion by Trustee Creighton to authorize the superintendent to hire and accept resignations of non-administrative classified personnel, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Public Comment: None

Consent Calendar: Motion by Trustee Wagner to approve the consent calendar, second by Trustee Dawson, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Board Member Comments: Chair Uhrig commented on the Governor’s State of the State Address.
Trustee Rodriguez commented she is keeping up with legislative updates.

Special Reports: None

Superintendent Comments: Janet Trail from Greensferry Elementary gave the PFEA building report.

Dena reported December student attendance improved 1.46% compared to December 2023. Our staff attendance also improved slightly resulting in 19 subs a day compared to 21 subs a day in December 2023.

Dena expects a long and wild legislative session based on comments made by the Governor regarding funding for public and private education. She will provide updates each month.

Dena has started her levy tour. She plans to share her levy presentation at the February board meeting.

4-day school week surveys will go out to parents, staff, and students grades 9-11 on Monday, January 27. The survey will close on February 6. Dena will share the survey results at the February board meeting.

Dena commented on stipends that were part of negotiations. All employees received a \$1250 stipend in November and will receive another \$1000 in March. It looks like the stipend planned for March will actually be a little bit more.

Anna reviewed December Istation data with the Board. We’re still above the State level. Kudos to our building principals and teachers for their continued hard work.

Trina commented on grad rates. She is still waiting for the State Department to finish appeals. She hopes to have numbers at the February meeting. She also shared we are piloting counseling services for high school students with a new provider, Up North Counseling. Students must have parent consent. If the program is successful, we may roll it out to middle schools.

Josh reviewed the fiscal year 2026 budget timeline. He will provide legislative updates each month. We’ll look at budget priorities at the annual

budget meeting in April. Since we are running a levy in May, he will prepare two budgets. The budget must be published by May 31st.

Special Reports: None

Board Action Items: Dena recommended Janelle Baillie to fill the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Programs position. Motion by Trustee Dawson, second by Trustee Wagner to hire Janelle Baillie as new Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Programs, passed with a unanimous aye vote.

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Information Items: Dena commented on the renewal of our supplemental levy in May. A formal resolution with ballot language and renewal of the same levy amount will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Trustee Dawson, second by Trustee Wagner, passed with a unanimous aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Approved

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