

# OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District  
January 27, 2025  
Regular School Board Minutes  
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## 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the January Regular Board meeting to order at 6:01p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Heather Fisher, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee and Terri Mail with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 12 audience members. The meeting took place at the Virginia Grainger Elementary Library. Mr. Quick briefly interjected to recognize the Board for School Board Appreciation Month. The administrators went in together to present the Board with a gift to show the district's appreciation for their time, hard work and dedication to the Okanogan School District.

## 2) OPEN IMPACT AID/TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING

- a) The Impact Aid/Title VI Public Hearing opened at 6:02 p.m., and there were no public comments made.

## 3) CLOSE HEARING

- a) The Impact Aid/Title VI Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

## 4) PRESENTATIONS

- a) Gary Wetch – Loofborrow and Wetch
- b) Scott Lewis and Mike Fuentes – Apollo Solutions
- c) Cory Plager – DA Davidson

Gary Wetch from Loofborrow and Wetch, Scott Lewis and Mike Fuentes from Apollo Solutions, and Cory Plager from DA Davidson presented on the upcoming bond, facility upgrades, and the district's options. Wetch discussed architectural planning and potential improvements to district buildings. Lewis outlined energy-efficient upgrades and modernization strategies. Plager explained financial options, including bond structures and funding strategies. The presentations highlighted the need for facility improvements, potential costs, and long-term benefits for students and staff. The district's options include pursuing a bond, prioritizing critical upgrades, and leveraging funding for sustainable development. Board input and careful planning will guide the final decisions.

## 5) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO JANUARY AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the December Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the January Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/5 for/0 against**

**6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None heard

**7) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Michelle Daling, State and Federal Programs Administrator/District Assessment Coordinator presented to the Board the impacts of Multi – Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and the improvements it’s making in student outcomes. She highlighted how this structured, data-driven framework is enabling educators to provide targeted support, ensuring that every student regardless of their academic standing receives the resources and interventions they need to succeed. She also informed the Board that MTSS fosters a proactive approach by identifying students' needs early and providing tiered interventions based on data and progress monitoring. Patty Caryl, Math Title Teacher, was also present, she informed the Board that the grade level groups meet once a month to have data driven conversations about student’s progress and upcoming needs. She stated that implementing MTSS takes everyone, and it is exciting to see student progress.

Mr. Quick informed the Board we now have a solid list of facility improvements as well as athletic improvements that will be considered as we move forward with a bond. He also informed the Board that our enrollment numbers are now above our budgeted average. Mr. Quick gave kudos to the Poetry Out Loud students and encouraged the Board to try to get out and see our students in action.

**8) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- a) Hired Angie Richards, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math is Cool Coach; Ruben Fernandez, Food Service 2; Marty Staggs, Head High School Track Coach.
- b) Resignations from Dennis O’Connor, English/Spanish Teacher; Shayla Rauch, Fifth Grade Teacher.  
January warrants (258427 through 258494 totaling \$175,907.24, 258426 through 258426 totaling \$2,560.00 and 258495 through 258537 totaling \$308,575.31)
- c) January payroll totaling \$1,386,119.59.
- d) January enrollment totaling 1028.87

**There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Fisher/McKee/passed/5 for/0 against**

**9) APPROVE THE CONTINUING USE OF LOOFBORROW AND WETCH AS OUR ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF CHOICE TO AIDE THE DISTRICT IN UPCOMING POTENCIAL CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- a) After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the continuing use of Loofborrow and Wetch as our architectural firm of choice to aide the district in upcoming potential capital projects.

**10) FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a) Mr. Quick informed the Board that district revenues and expenditures are where they should be.

**11) DISCUSSION**

None heard.

**12) EXECUTIVE SESSION... MID-TERM SUPERINTENDENT EVALUTATION –  
RCW 42.30.110(1)g “To review the performance of a public employee.”**

- a) The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent. The executive session concluded at 8:30 p.m. After returning from executive session, the Board reviewed the evaluation with the Superintendent.

**13) RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT 2025-2028**

- a) The Board thanked Mr. Quick for all his hard work. Terri Mail made a motion to approve the renewal and extension of Superintendent contract 2025-2028.  
**Mail/McKee/passed/ 5 for/ 0 against**

**14) ADJOURNMENT**

- a) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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**Steve Quick**  
Superintendent/Secretary

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**Rae Jean Kelley**  
Okanogan School Board Chair