

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Board Vice President Troy Pankratz at 6:30 PM on March 24, 2025 in the OSD Innovation Center at the Oregon High School in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. Upon roll call, the following Board members were present: Ms. Ahna Bizjak, Dr. Caleb Bush, Dr. Mary Lokuta, Ms. Leslie Wright, Ms. Heather Garrison and Mr. Troy Pankratz. Board member(s) absent: Ms. Krista Flanagan. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Mr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Jina Jonen, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Ms. Darci Jarstad, Dr. Shannon Anderson, and Ms. Katie Heitz.

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and public notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer, and a certificate of posting as required by Wis. Stat. sec. 19.84 as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Mr. Pankratz.

Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. March 10, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

2. Approve payments in the amount of \$1,441,012.65

3. Treasurer's Report: ending February 28, 2025

4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:

- Gina Collins - 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher at OMS - resignation effective March 19, 2025

5. Staffing Assignments: None

6. Field Trip Requests: None

7. Acceptance of Donations:

- Larry D. Mahr in the amount of \$150 for the OMS Leaf Raking Project;
- Colet Cook - 30 used binders;
- DEMCO (Business Dev Rep: Brandon Blanke) - a wheeled storage cart valued at \$2000 for the LMC's 3D printer to allow for classroom checkout;
- Fidelity Charitable in the amount of \$500 for the NKE reading program

8. Approval of New Scholarships, if any:

- OCA Media Scholarship in the amount of \$750

9. Approval of Safety Drill Reports, if any: None

Mr. Pankratz thanked those who generously donated to the Oregon School District. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Public Comment:

- Tenzin Holinbeck
- Mina Young
- Maggie Lofgren
- Jen Hans

2. OEA Report: None

3. Student Representative Report: Student Representative Lee Brouchoud provided an update to the Board on recent events at OHS.

C. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Policy 441 - Electronic Communication Devices: Dr. Lokuta moved to retire policy 441 - Electronic Communication Devices as recommended 3-0 from the Policy Committee. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Policy 771 - Electronic Communications (Cellular Phones): Dr. Lokuta moved to approve the changes to Policy 771 - Electronic Communications (Cellular Phones) as presented and recommended 3-0 from Policy Committee. Discussion was held.

Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded a motion to amend section 771.05.2 in Policy 771 - Electronic Communications (Cellular Phones) as recommended from the Policy Committee to read: For students in grades pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, PWCD must be off and away all day. Discussion was held.

Ms. Garrison withdrew her motion.

Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to amend section 771.05.2 to read: For students in grades pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, pWCD must be off and away all day. This means the first bell to the last bell including during lunch, recess and passing times. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Bush seconded the motion to amend section 771.05.03 to read: For students in grades 7-12, PWCD must be off and away during Academic Time. Academic Time means all times the students are scheduled to be in class, including Connections and study hall. Discussion was held. In a roll

call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to amend section 771.05.1 to strike the last sentence that states: PWCD should not be kept in pockets, jackets or otherwise be on the student's person. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Ms. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to amend Policy 771 - Electronic Communications (Cellular Phones) to begin September 2, 2025. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes to approve Policy 771 - Electronic Communications (Cellular Phones) as amended: Dr. Lokuta, Ms Bizjak, Dr. Bush and Ms. Garrison. The following members voted no: Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 4-2.

3. Membership and Dissolution of Interagency Agreement (Dane County School Consortium): Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to authorize the Superintendent to withdraw from the Dane County Schools Consortium effective July 1, 2025 and to vote affirmatively to dissolve the Dane County School Consortium if such a vote occurs. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.
4. 2025-26 Health and Dental Insurance Rates: Ms. Wright moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to approve the 4% rate increase for dental insurance for the 2025-26 school year. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta and Mr. Pankratz. Motion passed 6-0.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Vision Steering Committee - Ms. Garrison stated that the next Vision Committee will be at 5:15 on April 16th.
 - b. Policy Committee - Dr. Lokuta stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be April 10th at 5:30 PM.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vision and Strategic Planning: Dr. Bergstrom shared an update on the Readiness for Learning Framework with the proposed focus for the 2025-2026 school year being the following two initiatives:
 - a. Focused and Engaged Learning - reduce phone distractions during instruction
 - b. High Quality Collaborative Teaching - students start one hour later on Mondays
2. Teaching and Learning Update: None

3. Superintendent's Report: Dr Bergstrom shared many photos and updates from schools and events happening throughout the district. The Superintendent's Report can be found on the OSD website at www.OregonSD.org/board.

F. CLOSING:

1. Future Agenda: Discussion was held.
2. Check Out: Board Members had the opportunity to give updates.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0 by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk
Oregon School District