

## COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 8

Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
970 N. Central Blvd.  
Coquille, OR 97423

### **Order**

Melinda Millet called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were Steve Britton, Melinda Millet, Marsha Frost, Heather Echavarria, and Lucas Taylor. Absent was Board Member Cliff Wheeler. Others present were Superintendent Wayne Gallagher, Assistant Business Director Denese Hale, and Board Secretary Julie Simpson.

### **1.0 Meeting Business**

Motion made by Steve Britton to approve the agenda with some changes, and Heather Echavarria seconded the motion; it passed unanimously with the following votes:

- Melinda Millet – Yes
- Marsha Frost – Yes
- Heather Echavarria – Yes
- Lukas Taylor – Yes
- Steve Britton – Yes

Remember that June's meeting will be Monday, the 16th, and July's meeting will be Tuesday the 1st.

### **2.0 School Presentation**

Paige Yi & Tiffany Clapper

#### Class of 2025

CHS Valedictorian

- Alyssa Creamer, Valedictorian
- Izabella Trujillo, Salutatorian
- Jenna Willis, Valedictorian
- McKinley Warncke, Valedictorian
- Jerico Jones, Valedictorian

WLH Valedictorian

- Natalie Wilson, Valedictorian
- Maison Miller, Salutatorian

### **3.0 Presentation**

Coquille Valley Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Armando Ruiz

### **4.0 Program/School Written Reports provided:**

Written Reports

### **5.0 Fiscal Report**

Business Manager Denise reported that as of March, the district is projected to come in slightly over budgeted revenue and just under budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year. The current projected ending fund balance is \$1.62 million. This is slightly lower than the earlier estimate of \$1.9 million presented to the Budget Committee, with additional updates expected as more data becomes available.

No questions were raised by the board. [Finance Reports](#)

### 6.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gallagher -

**Enrollment:** The district saw a slight increase of **two students in April**, bringing optimism, though enrollment is still expected to dip slightly next year. The 2025 budget remains based on **1,200 students**. Superintendent Gallagher noted recent correspondence from families expressing concerns; outreach was made, and responses are pending.

**Summer Learning Grant:** The district has been awarded **\$190,000** from ODE for **Summer Learning/Summer Plus** programming. Planning is underway for transportation (including possible use of Type 10 drivers) and food service at multiple campuses. Nate, Thomas, and Marcy are coordinating logistics.

**Seismic Grant:** The district's **\$2.5 million seismic grant application** was not approved. Joe Slack from HEG is assisting with revisions, and the district plans to **reapply in the next cycle** (two years from now).

### 7.0 Board Discussion Potential Future Strike

Superintendent Gallagher informed the board that the Coquille Education Association (CEA) held a strike vote and officially notified the district via legal counsel of their **intent to strike on June 3, 2025, at 6:00 a.m.**

- The district has requested **joint mediation** through the Employment Relations Board and has accepted a mediation date of **Friday, May 30, 2025**. Confirmation from CEA is still pending.
- The district is hopeful that mediation will focus on **mandatory subjects of bargaining** and lead to a resolution.
- To prepare, the district has issued a **legally allowed survey** to all staff to determine who intends to work on June 3. Responses are due **by 4:00 p.m. the following day**.
- Based on staff responses, the district will assess whether it can keep all schools open or only some, with the goal of maintaining end-of-year activities and minimizing disruption for students.

The Superintendent will keep the board updated on staff survey results and the district's contingency plans.

### 8.0 Discussion/Action

Addition to Discussion/Action Items

- The board agreed to add **Item 8.2** to the Discussion/Action section to surplus the district's **maintenance truck**, which is **29 years old** and no longer safe or cost-effective to maintain.

Motion made by Heather Echavarria to add Item 8.2 – Surplus Maintenance Truck – to the Discussion/Action Items. Marsha Frost seconded the motion; it passed unanimously with the following votes:

- Melinda Millet – Yes

- Marsha Frost – Yes
- Heather Echavarria – Yes
- Lukas Taylor – Yes
- Steve Britton – Yes

Motion by Heather Echavarria to approve **Items 8.1 Summer Project List and 8.2** Surplus Maintenance Truck under Discussion/Action. Marsha Frost seconded the motion; it passed unanimously with the following votes:

- Melinda Millet – Yes
- Marsha Frost – Yes
- Heather Echavarria – Yes
- Lukas Taylor – Yes
- Steve Britton – Yes

### **9.0 Consent Agenda**

Motion by Heather Echavarria to approve Item 9.1, Cash Donations. Marsha Frost seconded the motion; it passed unanimously with the following votes:

- Melinda Millet – Yes
- Marsha Frost – Yes
- Heather Echavarria – Yes
- Lucas Taylor – Yes
- Steve Britton – Yes

### **10.0 Staff/Public Comments**

- Tara Raneger
- Kelli Sherman
- Amy Arriola read a letter from Melissa Arriola
- Carrie Taftelig
- Heather Baumer
- Sam Herron

### **11 Executive Session**

Chair Melinda Millet convened an Executive Session at 7:54 pm pursuant to (d) To conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations. ORS 192.660(2)(d).

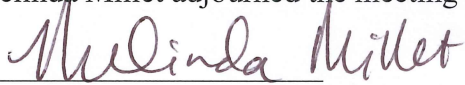
(f) To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney. ORS 192.660(2)(f).

(h) Consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed. ORS 192.660(2)(h).

**Return from Executive Session Time: 8:16 pm**

### **Adjournment**

Melinda Millet adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm

  
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Approved