

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
September 29, 2025
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Vice Chair Heather Fisher called the September Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. School Board members present: Heather Fisher, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee and Terri Mail with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and 20 audience members present. The meeting took place in the Virginia Grainger Elementary Library.

2) APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO SEPTEMBER AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the August Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the September Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against**

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comments from six audience members during the September board meeting.

Dennis O'Connor addressed the Board with a few questions regarding the approval of the High School Graduation Requirement policy.

Martin Mitchell addressed the Board and read a letter of apology he had written to the Board, district staff, and the community. In his statement, Mr. Mitchell expressed remorse for past actions and shared that he is committed to making lasting, positive changes in his life.

Jenny Kruse and Joseph Kruse addressed the Board to express their support for Martin Mitchell. They shared positive remarks regarding his efforts to make personal improvements and conveyed their encouragement for him.

Stephen Mullin addressed the Board to share a concern he had within the district.

Melissa Maple, Middle/High School Librarian, addressed the Board to introduce herself and inform them that she will be providing quarterly updates on activities and developments in the library.

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Tanya Peterson and Danielle Howell Hansen provided the Board with an overview of the Special Education Department, including current program updates and enrollment data. They discussed the various disability categories represented within the district and highlighted the dedicated work of the district's Special Education staff in supporting student needs. Ms. Peterson and Ms. Howell Hansen also shared information about the district's ongoing partnership with the ESD through the Bridge Program, which provides additional support and resources for students. In addition, they reviewed the Multi-Tiered System of

Supports (MTSS) framework and explained the tiers of student support within the Special Education Department.

Superintendent Steve Quick informed the Board that the architects for the Bond project will be in the district in the coming week to present drawings and gather feedback. He also announced that the Modernization Grant has been officially approved, and the district is now waiting on project timelines to move forward. Mr. Quick further shared that the district's insurance rates are increasing by 9%. He noted that the district may explore alternative options in the coming years to help manage future costs.

5) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Miranda Swayze, Middle School Volleyball C Team Coach; Miriam Navarro, High School Volleyball C Team Coach; Tony Klepec, High School Girls Assistant Soccer Coach; Shane Grooms, Middle School Assistant Football Coach; Becky Wilson, General Education Para Educator.
- b) Resignation from Don Duncan, Maintenance, Grounds, Custodial Assistant Supervisor; Mackenzie Gray, General Education Para Educator; Jennifer Giles, Elementary Art Teacher.
- c) September warrants (259429 through 259430 totaling \$7,724.08, 259431 through 259432 totaling \$101,208.00 and 259433 through 259510 totaling \$390,092.98)
- d) September payroll totaling \$1,301,585.83.
- e) September Enrollment totaling 986.27.

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against

6) APPROVE OKANOGAN OUTREACH AND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- a) After a brief explanation, Luke McKee made a motion to approve the Okanogan Outreach and Alternative School Improvement Plan.
McKee/Lafferty/passed/4 for/0 against.

7) APPROVE THE SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL CURRICULUM AS OUTLINED ON THE OSPI WEBSITE: <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/john-mccoy-lulilas-time-immemorial-tribal-sovereignty-washington-state>

- a) After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the Since Time Immemorial Curriculum. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against.**

8) APPROVE POLICY 3241 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- a) Luke McKee made a motion to approve Policy 3241 Student Discipline.
McKee/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against.

9) REVIEW POLICIES 3241P STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE, 3241F1 DISCIPLINE MATRIX, 3241F2 DISTRICT CONTINUUM OF DISCIPLINE RESPONSES AND 2161P SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- a) A brief explanation was given by Mr. Quick.

10) FINANCEAL REPORTS

- a) Business Manager Klancy Allen provided the Board with a financial update and shared that she is currently working on finalizing the fiscal year.

11) DISCUSSION

None heard.

12) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Vice Chair Heather Fisher adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Heather Fisher
Okanogan School Board Vice Chair