

MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
North Beach Junior/Senior High and via Zoom
September 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Don Dowie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members in attendance were Donald "Don" Dowie; Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh; Halvar Olstead; and Steve Rockey; Kyla Eden (Student Representative); and Cash Gersitz (Student Representative).

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Richard Zimmerman, Superintendent; Wendy McCoy, Principal; Liz Cronin, Principal; Brent Wasche, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; Ryan Griffiths, Business Manager; and Patrice Timpson, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

OATH OF OFFICE

President Dowie administered to the Oath of Office to new Board Student Representatives, Kyla Eden and Cash Gersitz.

RECOGNITION - None

STAFF/STUDENT SHOWCASE

Career & Technical Education (CTE) Update – CTE Lead Teacher Paul Schulz provided an update on the CTE program. He introduced new staff members Ryan Retana (Culinary Arts) and Benjamin Vogt (Art), sharing their professional backgrounds. The Board reviewed the Culinary Arts, Art, and Business pathways, along with discussions on industry-recognized credentials, School-Based Enterprises (SBEs), Perkins V funding, current challenges, and next steps. Overall, the CTE programs are progressing on a strong path forward.

Discussion and questions followed the presentation. Current projects were discussed and the inquiry as to if Culinary is working toward articulation with Grays Harbor Community College.

DISCUSSION - None

BUDGET STATUS

Business Manager Ryan Griffith reported the month ending August 2025.

General Fund Balance

\$1,202,162

Total Revenue Received	\$1,292,012
Apportionment	\$1,003,223
Levy (Local)	\$18,791
Investments	\$41
Expenditures	\$1,009,351
Excess/Deficit in Revenues	\$119,661

Mr. Griffiths stated that we ended 2024-2025 having spent \$20,789 more than budgeted. The Board had previously approved a Budget Extension of \$250,000.

BOARD REPORT

Legislative Update – Director Olstead reported that he hadn’t heard anything from the other Directors regarding the 2025 General Assembly information he shared with them last month. He will use his judgment to respond to the proposed amendments.

2025 WSSDA Annual Conference – November 20-22, 2025, Seattle, Washington – Discussion was conducted on inviting the unopposed candidate for Director of District 2 to the WSSDA Conference. Please confirm with Ms. Timpson by October 1st if you will be attending the conference.

Other – Discussion was conducted on the status of the HVAC system installation at the junior/senior high school. Superintendent Zimmerman gave a brief update that they are currently working on the system after school hours.

Open Director District 1 Position – The Board received one application for the Director 1 position, submitted by Jeff Albertson. A motion by President Dowie and seconded by Director Olstead, the Board tabled the consideration of the application pending consultation with legal counsel regarding the eligibility and legality of the applicant’s interest; all were in favor.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Richard Zimmerman reported:

Leadership Retreat and Vision for 2025-2026 – We had an Administrative Retreat in late August, where Superintendent Zimmerman shared his vision for the upcoming school year, that is built on three interconnected goals: Attendance, Community Involvement, and Achievement. As a team we came up with a Code of Collaboration which can be used not only with administration, but with all staff.

All Staff Professional Development – At our All-Staff Day on August 22nd to everyone’s surprise, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal joined us for the event. He reinforced the importance of the work we are doing in North Beach and reminded us that our efforts are being recognized at the State level.

On Monday, August 25th staff attended Cultural Humility Training organized by our Indian Education Coordinator, Chelsea Capoeman. Through Ms. Capoeman’s leadership, we gained deeper insight into the challenges the Quinault people have faced during turbulent times in history, as well as the resilience and richness of their culture.

Start of School – Superintendent Zimmerman stated that the opening days of the school year were nothing short of inspiring. If the first couple of weeks are any indication, the 2025-2026 School Year is shaping up to be one of the best yet for North Beach School District.

National Day of Remembrance – Orange Shirt Day – September 30th is known as Orange Shirt Day. This day honors the survivors of Indian Boarding Schools. The North Beach School District stands with our Quinault neighbors and all Indigenous people in remembering this painful history and affirming our commitment to healing, respect, and understanding.

CORRESPONDENCE

Washington State Board of Education – 2025-2026 Program of Basic Education Compliance – We have been notified by the State Board of Education's (SBE) that North Beach School District's Program of Basic Education compliance has been granted full certification for the 2025-2026 school year.

Public Records Requests – The following Public Records Request was submitted: Becky Leach for records/documents regarding the evacuation tower North Beach School District is planning to build.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Director Rockey and seconded by Director Olstead, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items; all were in favor.

The Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the August 26, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing office as required by RCW 42.24.808, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.909, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board:

Capital Projects Fund numbers 585005-585008 dated September 16, 2025 for \$459,718.26.

General Fund numbers 584946-584994 dated September 16, 2025 for \$657,455.38.

Associated Student Body Fund numbers 584995-585004 dated September 16, 2025 for \$6,168.38.

Payroll Warrant numbers 585009-585040/Direct Deposit numbers 90002313-200023235 dated September 27, 2025 for \$894,239.55.

The following new hires: Starlette Casey as Teacher Mentor at North Beach Junior/Senior High; Bethany Cavender at Teacher at Ocean Shores Elementary; Alexandra Cugal as Teacher Mentor at Ocean Shores Elementary; Marcy Dehnert as Before and After School Coordinator at North Beach Junior/Senior High; Jessica Goodwin as Bus Driver (5.25 hrs/per day); Valerie Swanger as ASB Advisor at Ocean Shores Elementary; Jessica Vicente as ASB Advisor at Pacific Beach Elementary; and Falisha Zwolinski as Teacher Mentor at Pacific Beach Elementary.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Director District 1 Position – *Tabled*

Approval of Band Out-of-State Travel – *On a motion by Director Rockey and seconded by President Dowie, the Board approved the out-of-state travel for the Band to participate in “Music in the Parks”, May 27, 2026 – June 1, 2026 to Silverwood and Athol, Idaho as presented; all were in favor.*

Approval of Cross-Country Out-of-State Travel – *On a motion by Director Rockey and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved the out-of-state travel for the North Beach Cross Country Team to participate in “Rainier’s 2025 Cross Country Invitational”, October 11, 2025 at Rainier, Oregon as presented; all were in favor.*

Approval of Adult Meal Price Increase – *On a motion by Director Rockey and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved increasing the Adult Meal Prince from \$5.00 to \$5.25; all were in favor.*

Resolution 26-01 – Use of Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Rockey, the Board approved Resolution 26-01 – Use of Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year; all were in favor.*

Resolution 26-02 – Use of Emergency Special Education Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved Resolution 26-02 – Use of Emergency Special Education Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year; all were in favor.*

First Reading – The first reading of Policy 3241 – Student Discipline (Revision) was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review/Approval of 2025-25026 Activities/Athletic Handbook – Discussion was conducted on the revisions to the handbook. *Director Rockey made the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Activities/Athletic Handbook, Director Olstead seconded it; the motion failed due to not having a majority vote; President Dowie and Director Fruh voted “nay”. On a motion by President Dowie and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved getting District counsel to review the document; all were in favor.*

Second Reading – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by President Dowie, the following policies were approved: [Policy 1111 - Oath of Office](#); [Policy 1310 - Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures](#); [Policy 1815 - Ethical Conduct for Board Members](#); [Policy 2420 - Ethical Conduct for Board Members](#); [Policy 3143 - Notification and Dissemination of Information About Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence of Harm](#); [Policy 3210 - Discrimination](#); [Policy 3226 - Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises](#); [Policy 4260 - Use of School Facilities](#); [Policy 5010 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action](#); and [Policy 5260 - Personnel Records](#).*

NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Beach Elementary School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., President Dowie called for an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee (*per RCW 42.30.110(g)*); no action to follow.

At 7:35 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session.

At 8:11 p.m., the Board reconvened into Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

TBD, Director District 1



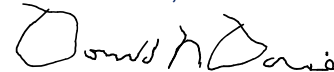
Steven "Steve" Rockey, Director District 2



Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh, Director District 3



Halvar Olstead, Director District 4



Donald Dowie, President/Director District 5

Attested to:



Secretary to the Board/Superintendent

(Minutes prepared by Patrice Timpson)