



LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2025, 6:00 PM

Lebanon Public Library

55 Academy St. Lebanon, OR 97355

MEETING MINUTES

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Melissa Baurer, Member Lorlee Engler, Member Mike Martin, Member Nichole Piland, Vice Chair Clyde Rood, Member	<u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:</u> Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent William Lewis, Chief Operations Officer Steven Prososki, Business Director
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The meeting minutes were recorded by acting Executive Secretary Wendy Eilers.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair, Nichole Piland, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the flag salute.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF LCSD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS RESULTS

Mike motions and Melissa seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the board approves and accepts the LCSD Board Election Results.

3. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

A: Zone 2

Newly elected board member, Lorlee Engler, reads aloud her oath of office.

B: Zone 3

Newly elected board member, Mike Martin, reads aloud her oath of office.

C: Zone 5

Newly re-elected board member, Nichole Piland, reads aloud her oath of office.

4. BOARD REORGANIZATION

Melissa motions to vote Nichole the Board Chair. Lorlee seconds the motion, and all in favor with a unanimous vote, the board elects Nichole Piland as Board Chair. Lorlee motions to vote Melissa the Board Vice-Chair. Nichole seconds the motion, and all in favor with a unanimous vote, the board elects Melissa as Board Vice-Chair.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

6. 2025-26 LCSD BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Melissa motions to approve, Mike seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the 2025-26 LCSD Board Meeting schedule is approved in its entirety.

7. RESOLUTION 2526-1 REPRESENTATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Mike has a question about item 5 and would like to see an addition of independent review of contracts. Williams Lewis explains that most of the contracts are construction contracts. He advised HMK is an independent contractor. Mike would still like to review the contracts.

Nichole asks if there are any further questions. Mike states that he had a question about custodian funds but that he spoke with Steven Proski prior to the meeting and had his questions answered.

Clyde motions to approve and Mike seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, resolution 2526-1 representations and authorizations is approved.

8. SMARTER BALANCED TESTING

Jennifer speaks to the board regarding Smarter Balanced testing (SBAC). She states that she pushed really hard this year for more students to test. She explains the data which shows increases across the board. Although these are not large increases, it is good progress. She advises we are moving in the right direction. Discussion takes place about where we are as a district and where we want to be.

9. EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-09, CELL PHONES IN SCHOOLS

Jennifer speaks to the board regarding the recently issued executive order by Oregon's Governor which involves banning cell phone use in schools. She advises they must have a policy in place which outlines how LCSD will handle this. She speaks about several options such as pouches for students to store their phone, and lockers for phone storage. She explains based on research that the pouches are expensive and students have figured out ways to get their phone out, or use fake phones. She advises that LCSD will purchase cell phone lockers for schools. Discussion takes place around different options. Jennifer states that she will be bringing a draft policy to the board in August after speaking to other school districts and working with LCSD administrators to create the policy.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Mike motions to approve the consent agenda as presented and Clyde seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the consent agenda made up of the June 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, and 2025-26 new hires Lisa Bond, Kevin Christensen, Douglas Knuth, Michael McInerney, Johnny Morales-Duran, McKenzie Neely, Jessica Ramsey (Patterson), Mikaela Price, Emily Squires, Gabrielle, VanDevelder, Holly Walker, Sharon Wilke Otrembiak, Kevin Headings, Ryan Luebke, and Roxanna Dorn (temp) is approved in its entirety.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Operations

William Lewis speaks about the summer projects that are currently being done with the operations team which includes facilities, technology and nutrition. He shows slides of various projects throughout the district and praises the teams and individuals who are working hard to get these projects completed.

William requests approval of the HASS plan. He explains that the Oregon Department of Education's Healthy and Safe Schools (HASS) Plan is a program that requires school districts, charter schools, and education service districts (ESDs) to develop and maintain plans addressing environmental hazards in their facilities. These plans focus on ensuring a healthy and safe learning environment for students and staff by addressing issues like lead in water and paint, asbestos, radon, integrated pest management, and carbon monoxide detection. Once approved by the board, the plan is sent to ODE and posted on our school district website, as required by ODE. Mike motions to approve the HASS plan, Clyde seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the LCSD HASS plan is approved.

William speaks about the Facility Use Policy and would like to revisit this policy next month. He would like the board to review and then discuss the policy at the August board meeting. He explains the fee schedule and advises we are currently not following the policy and we are not charging groups at this time. This is a cost to the district. Discussion takes place regarding building use. William advises this is just informational at this time. He will look for board approval at the next board meeting.

B. Human Resources

Human Resources Director Kim Grousbeck has nothing to report.

C. Finance

Steven discusses the process that the finance department is working on at this point, in both fiscal years, the new and the old. He notes they are moving forward with both budgets and things are looking well.

Steven asks for a motion to approve the RFP for copiers for the district. He advises they had seven vendors who bid on the contract, and they have chosen Pacific Office Automation using Sharp printers. Mike motions to approve the consent agenda as presented and Clyde seconds the motion. Melissa abstains from the vote due to a conflict of interest, and the motion passes with all voting in favor of the contract.

9. COMMUNICATION

A. Board

Melissa speaks about middle school sports and wishes we offered softball and baseball. She wishes they were stronger for middle school sports. She also welcomes the new board members.

Clyde asks how many neighboring districts have middle school baseball and softball teams. Jennifer states she is unaware but can do some research. She advises programs have been gradually added.

Nicole wonders how the district decides what sports are offered. William adds that this started way back when budget cuts affected school districts across the state.

B. Superintendent

Jennifer shares information on the Preschool Promise Grant the district has at Cascades School. She explains the process of receiving slots from the grant. She advises that both Cascades and Green Acres will have preschool classes this year. The district plans on adding Lcomb next year. Jennifer explains this is exciting for our district.

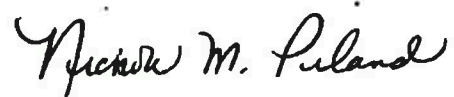
Jennifer also shares that LCSD will now partner with Evergreen Virtual Academy for an online option for our students. She explains there are a lot of online options available and we lose students to these schools every year. EVA partners with school districts to provide an online option, and this allows school districts to collect ADM. Steven also comments that EVA partners with school districts because they were seeing the funding leave the state. This keeps the money here. A discussion takes place regarding the online options.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

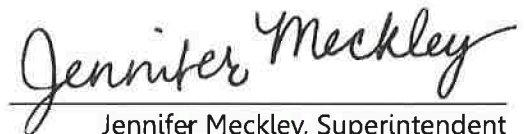
No additional public comments were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.



Nichole Piland, Board Chair



Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent



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July 17, 2025

Lebanon Community School District and School Board hereby accepts the Certified Abstracts for the May 20, 2025 Special Election.

Board Chair

Superintendent, Jennifer Meckley

Lebanon Community Schools

Code: BBBB
Adopted: 6/15/98
Readopted: 2/4/10
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Board Member Oath of Office

Board members when elected or appointed must take the oath of office before assuming the duties of office. The oath of office must be taken again after each election or appointment of a Board member.

The oath of office will be in the following form:

I, Wesley Engler, having been duly elected a member of the School Board of Lebanon Community School District, Linn County, Oregon, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, the laws thereof, and the policies of the Lebanon Community Schools District and that I will faithfully and objectively discharge the duties of a member of said school Board to the best of my ability (so help me God - optional).

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 2025.

Signed: [Signature]
District Board Member

END OF POLICY

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I, Michael Martin, having been duly elected a member of the School Board of Lebanon Community School District, Linn County, Oregon, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, the laws thereof, and the policies of the Lebanon Community Schools District and that I will faithfully and objectively discharge the duties of a member of said school Board to the best of my ability (so help me God - optional).

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July.

Signed: Michael W. Martin
District Board Member

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I, Nichole Pland, having been duly elected a member of the School Board of Lebanon Community School District, Linn County, Oregon, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, the laws thereof, and the policies of the Lebanon Community Schools District and that I will faithfully and objectively discharge the duties of a member of said school Board to the best of my ability (so help me God - optional).

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 2025.

Signed: Nichole M. Pland
District Board Member

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