



YONCALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2025  
292 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Yoncalla  
Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room  
Yoncalla, OR 97499

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**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT**

Della Orcutt, Chair  
Cathey Grimes, Vice-Chair  
Fawn Sybrant  
Lisa Frasier  
Twila McDonald  
Quincy Converse, Student Representative

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Brian Berry  
Chelsea Ross  
Lancelot Falcon  
Megan Barber  
Hanna Drennen  
Kelly LaRoque  
Cody Reed  
Beth Durbin  
Laurie Simlness

**6:00 PM I. CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Orcutt called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present, parents, students, staff and community members.

**II. AWARDS, RECONGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE**

- A. Student of the Month Awards given to Isobel Payne, Jessie Cook, Alan Ramos, Karlie McCoy, Matthew Slocum
- B. Letter of resignation, Leila Adkisson

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**III. The public is invited to attend board meetings, and will be given a limited time of 3 (three) minutes per person to voice any opinions or problems, except that public or board criticism of personnel of the district will be heard only in executive session. Such items should be brought to the attention of the superintendent at least 5 (five) business days prior to the board meeting. Public Forum will be limited to 30 minutes.** None.

**IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the Board Meeting, October 16, 2025
- B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
- C. Hiring of Theresa Anderson as Elementary Instructional Assistant

Director Sybrant made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda as adjusted, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Sybrant, Grimes, Frasier, McDonald and Orcutt voting yes.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEM**

- A. Board Policy JHCCF G1. Superintendent Berry shared that the updated policy regarding pediculosis would be proactive and non-exclusionary, as lice is not a life-threatening issue. In addition, the ARs will be updated to reflect best practices. If approved, they will be posted on the website and shared on social media. The letter regarding this issue will also be posted on the website.

**VII. PRESENTATON.** School Nurse Beth Durbin shared information on an Online Based Skills Development App. The district will be partnering with OSU on this interactive Family Check-Up App.

**VIII. REPORTS**

- A. **Preschool Report.** Preschool Director Megan Barber shared the following:

- Feedback on collection data
  - PLC Groups
  - Preschool Observations with Jen Hunt
  - Huge shout out to Duane Bull from MidColumbia, for including Yoncalla in the Elk Lodge Invite
- B. **Elementary Report**-Elementary Principal Falcon shared the following:
- There was a very big Site Council meeting, big interest in school events.
  - Upcoming event-Applegate House
  - October Fall Festival was a big success
- C. **High School Report**. High School Principal Ross shared the following:
- First National Honor Society meeting in 9 years, with 3 inductees.
  - Natural Recourses-Water Certificate
  - Upcoming Financial Aid Night
  - Upcoming College Application Week
  - Upcoming Eagle Exploration Week
- Financial Report**-Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:
- Current receipts are \$1,621,709 representing 28% of the budget.
  - Revenues and expenditures overview for October 2025.
  - The district is monitoring recent communications from the Oregon Department of Education regarding possible adjustments to state-funded programs for the 2025–2027 biennium. At this point, the information is preliminary, and no official decisions have been made. As more clarity becomes available, the district will review the details and incorporate them into the regular budget development process.
- D. **Superintendent Report**-Superintendent Brian Berry the following:
- Community Newsletter
  - Student enrollment has dropped by 10, mostly as the result of families moving out of the district.
  - The District has received a generous donation from the Cow Creek Tribe of \$17,600 to provide food boxes for district families
  - The District has received donations of shoes from XXX and coats from Columbia, they will be available to families and community members in the Yoncalla High School Gymnasium from on November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider for Approval Selection of OSBA Legislative Policy Candidate. After discussion, Director Frasier made a motion to select Steve as the Policy Representative. Directors Orcutt, Grimes and McDonald voted yes. Director Frasier made a motion to approve xxx as the Policy Representative, with Directors Sybrant and Frasier voted to approve. Steve xx was approved as the Policy Representative, with majority vote.
- B. Consider for Approval SIA Grant Agreement. Superintendent Berry shared information about the SIA Grant Agreement. The money was less for this year, and he shared a list how the funds will be spent, and the reason why those items where funded, while staying within the SIA budget. There were no questions doing the Q & A opportunity. Director Frasier made a motion to approve the SIA Grant Agreement, Director McDonald seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Frasier, McDonald, Orcutt, Sybrant and Grimes voting yes.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, January 15, 2026.

- XI. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The board recessed to Executive Session, called under ORS 332.061(1), to conduct a hearing on the expulsion of a student or to review a student's confidential medical records. The Executive Session began at 7:25 PM.
- XII. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN REGULAR.** The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 8:02 PM, with Director Grimes making a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, with Directors Grimes, Sybrant, Orcutt, Frasier and McDonald voting to adjourn.