

School Board Meeting Minutes

**October 9, 2025, 6PM
55 Academy St, Lebanon, OR 97355**

Present:

Nichole Piland, Board Chair
Melissa Baurer, Board Vice Chair
Lorlee Engler, Member
Mike Martin, Member
Clyde Rood, Member
Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent
William Lewis, Chief Operations Officer
Steven Prososki, Finance Director

1. WELCOME

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@lcsdboardmeetingstream6568/streams>

1.1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chair, Nichole Piland.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

3. DIVISION 22

Superintendent Jennifer Meckley shares the Division 22 Standards and Assurances, which is an annual requirement in October. She explains that the standards are OARs, Oregon Administrative Rules, that set minimum requirements for public schools. She also shares that the district is in compliance with all standards.

There are no questions presented or further discussion.

4. INTEGRATED GUIDANCE

Jennifer presents the Integrated Guidance report to the Board, which is an annual requirement as well. She explains what Integrated Guidance is made up of--student success act, high school success, early literacy, and early intervention systems, and notes that the district is seeing good progress in academic achievement, and that third-grade reading scores continue to rise and are above state average. She shares that meeting student's behavior and mental health needs can sometimes be a challenge due to staffing. She also discusses attendance, sharing that the targets were not met for regular attenders, the goal was to increase but the district decreased. She explains that since the pandemic, attendance has declined overall. Jennifer reviews the Integrated Guidance budget as well.

She shares the effort that goes into these grants, and she shares her gratitude for the funds and the purpose of the grant, as well as the staffing that it allows.

A question is presented regarding when the student success act started, and Jennifer explains that it started in 2019 and was fully funded by 2020, and that high school success has been around much longer and is formally known as Measure 98. She explains that this is legislative funding and it should continue at this level, but is also dependent on taxes and ADM, and the amount has not been increasing over the last couple of years.

There is no further discussion.

5. CLASS SIZE

Jennifer shares that many details regarding class size were added to the article in the collective bargaining agreement, specifically a menu of options should classes be over the threshold, which will provide an agreement between the administrator and the educator. It is noted that a live document is managed to track each class that goes over the threshold.

Discussion takes place between the Board and district staff regarding how the menu options/bullet points work.

Discussion takes place regarding additional IAs provided with SIA funding, and it is noted that there is an IA at each school with the intention for early literacy, but those IAs may be used in other areas, for example behavior support.

Discussion takes place regarding how open enrollment affects these numbers, and it is explained that open enrollment has nearly stopped and significantly slowed down, which has helped to balance classes across schools.

Discussion takes place regarding attendance, and it is noted that attendance is an issue across the district (K-12), and the new accountability bill will hold us accountable for the K-12 attendance as well.

There is an inquiry about the student buddy program that was started with the student board representatives, and it is noted that this program will take place again this year and is expected to have about 15 elementary students participating.

6. DATA

Jennifer also shares district and school level fall data, comparing from the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

She explains that participation in the testing was a focus from last year, since parents can opt their students out, and participation ultimately was positive last year. She shares how each school worked on goals in relation to their data.

Discussion takes place regarding the levels and where they are at regarding benchmark.

It is noted that this is an annual test, once a year, and formative assessments are also provided three times a year to assist educators in their lesson planning.

Jennifer shares that she will bring back data this winter in hopes to see significant growth.

7. CM|GC CONTRACTOR APPROVAL

Chief Operations Officer, William Lewis, explains that the district is seeking Board approval of the CM GC contract for the Seven Oak Middle School seismic update with GBC construction. William thanks those that participated in the RFP process and explains where and how GBC construction landed in the process as well. He also notes that GBC was involved in the Seven Oak expansion project as well.

He explains that this is a grant funded projected which will cover the updates to the main gym and hallway behind the main gym.

The district is seeking approval of the general contractor this month, and max price will be presented next month. William gives a brief explanation of what this will look like.

Melissa motions to approve GBC construction as presented, and Clyde seconds. All approved with a unanimous vote, the Board awards the CM GC contract for the seismic update at Seven Oak Middle School to GBC construction.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Second Reading Policy Update

Mike motions to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Melissa seconds the motion. All approved with a unanimous vote, the second reading policy update JFCEB is approved.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.1. Operations

Nothing to report.

9.2. Financial

Finance Director, Steven Prosofski, shares that September payroll was processed, which gives a starting point along with October 1 enrollment numbers. He is projecting the adopted budget to be within 200,000 of projection which he shares is a good starting point and a good position to be in.

10. COMMUNICATION

10.1. Board

The Board members share that they are impressed by the community and the engagement surrounding the Friday Night Lights contest with T-Mobile. The Board also thanks the district staff who have been so heavily involved in this contest, specifically naming Pioneer School Principal Roxanne Savedra and her husband, Communications Director Michelle Steinhebel, High School Principal Craig Swanson, High School Office Manager Wendy Eilers, and many many more.

Board member, Mike, shares his visit to the largest elementary school in Salem and the experience with how needs are being met at such a large school.

Mike also shares a story about his experience with some students who came together for a cause.

Board member Clyde leads a welcome back gift to Executive Secretary, Jessica, for her return from leave to recognize her position and support.

10.2. Student Board

The student members give an update on the rescheduled date for testing which will take place on October 15th, and the school wide attendance rate this week which is 89%.

The student members also share that LHS is still currently in second place for the T-Mobile Friday Night Lights Contest, and that the student population is very happy to see the community coming together.

10.3. Superintendent

William Lewis shares that an additional work session regarding facilities is planned to take place sometime before the next Board meeting.

10.4. Jen's Zens

Jennifer highlights a hands-on student project that took place at Seven Oak Middle School in Michael Swindle's class and with support of CTE teacher Doug Knuth, which supports the vote campaign for Heath Stadium. She shares that students started with sketches, collected community ideas, and created physical prototypes of the stadium in regards to updates to the seating, circulation, accessibility, and lighting concepts. Jennifer thanks Board members Clyde, Lorlee, and Mike who spent time last Friday at Seven Oak learning about the student's projects and providing feedback. She also thanks Mr. Swindle and Mr. Knuth for tying the T-Mobile contest to such a cool project for these kids.

Jennifer also highlights the T-Mobile Friday Night Lights contest, sharing that the high school has received nearly half a million votes to win \$1 million in stadium upgrades, and are currently in second place. She also shares the events which took place at last Friday's football game hosted by T-Mobile, with participation and/or sponsors from Lebanon Police, Lebanon Fire, LHS's JROTC, Sunbelt Rentals, Gateway Imprints, Fitzpatrick Painting, and MinuteMan Press-- big thank you to all involved. She notes that at half time, T-Mobile representatives presented LHS with a \$25,000 check, as well as a great show was provided by the high school marching band, cheer team, dance team, and flag team. She shares that while this contest is very football-centered, the entire community and many of

our students use that stadium. She asks that everyone keep voting every day until October 24th.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

12. ADJOURNMENT at 6:52 PM.

Signed: Nicholas M. Puland

(Board Chairman)

Date: 11-13-25

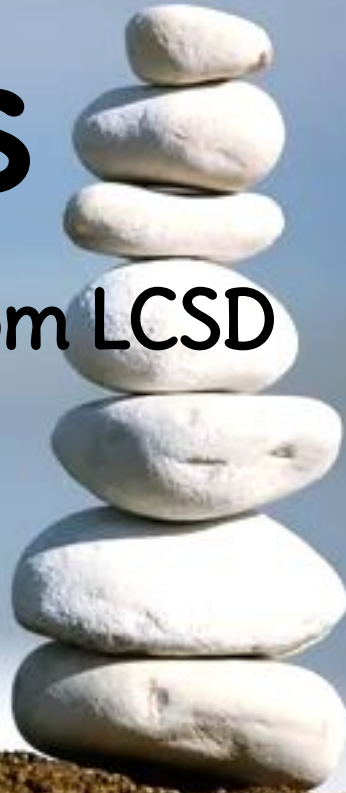
Signed: Jennifer Meckley

(Superintendent)

Date: 11-13-25

Jen's Zens

A Few Happy Stories from LCSD



Seven Oak Middle School CTE and Heath Stadium



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Seven Oak Middle School – CTE and Heath





Rally for the



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LHS Cheer Team



LHS Explosion Dance Team



LHS Marching Band

Thank you.

