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Community Schools

School Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025, 6PM
55 Academy St, Lebanon, OR 97355

Present:

Nichole Piland, Board Chair

Melissa Baurer, Board Vice Chair

Lorlee Engler, Member

Mike Martin, 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 6:01 PM by Board Chair, Nichole Piland.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

3. DISTRICT PROCEDURE REGARDING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Superintendent Jennifer Meckley refers to the recent OSBA Convention that herself and the Board Members attended, where immigration enforcement was discussed at the regional round table. She shares that it appears some are unaware of the district's current procedures regarding immigration enforcement, and that there is heightened awareness and fear due to ICE being spotted in Albany.

Jennifer explains that the district does not play a role in immigration services, and that all buildings are locked to the public, so it is easier to manage who has access to the buildings.

She states that if ICE comes to a school building, the office would call the Superintendent's office, and would not allow access to the school or students.

She also explains that there are procedures in place to prepare if a student would go home to their family being gone. She notes that trainings have taken place with families, and the schools plan to support the families in their plans, and remind the families to update their student's emergency contacts.

Jennifer ensures the Board that the district has considered these procedures and supports families through communication from the bi-lingual liaisons.

4. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Alternative Education Director and Principal of Ralston Academy, Brandon Weist, speaks to the Board regarding the district's many alt ed programs.

He refers to a slideshow which presents the Elementary EGC program, Middle School EGC program, Climb Program-- grades 9-10, Bridge Program-- expelled students grades 6-12, Ralston Academy, 1:1 Tutoring, Evergreen Virtual Academy, and Graduation Alliance. He shares a bit about each program and the number of students currently enrolled.

The Board shares their appreciation for this informative presentation and for the incredible outcomes.

Superintendent Meckley notes that the educators and staff working in these programs led by Brandon are saving kid's lives, and she acknowledges the hard work ethic and heart that these staff members have for the district's most at risk students. She also thanks Brandon for his leadership, vision, and passion.

5. BOARD STIPEND POLICY UPDATE

Superintendent Meckley shares that this policy is brought forward for discussion, and she references some history behind the legislative process which brought it here.

The consensus of the Board is that this work is volunteer based, and they would not like to be paid for it. No policy implementation is necessary.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Some discussion takes place between the Board members regarding the policies presented.

Mike motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Melissa seconded. All in favor, with a unanimous vote, August 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2025 Work Session Minutes, October 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, and First Reading Policy Updates IGBAB/JO-AR, JOA, JO/IGBAB-AR, IKF, LBEA, DBEA, IIA, CEA, GCBD/GDBD, GCBDE/GDBDE, IF, II-AR(1), II-AR(2), II-AR(3), II-AR(4), II-AR(5), and JHCA/JHCB are approved in it's entirety.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. Operations

Chief Operations Office, William Lewis, shares with the Board that the new bus lift is in and operational, which has been a huge safety improvement, and he gives his gratitude for the Board's support.

He also notes that the KG policies regarding community use of district facilities will be implemented effective January 1, 2025 and communication will be shared appropriately.

7.2. Financial

Finance Director, Steven Prososki speaks to the Board regarding the revenue short falls at the State level. He explains that revenue forecasts will be sent next week, and districts are asked for plans to be submitted in case of any cuts. He shares that this is a normal procedure, and there are no cuts made at this point. The legislature will decide on any cuts in February, and if any, those would not affect this current school year's budget. He also explains that though large numbers are being announced, not all of those numbers actually hit our district. He also notes that this is why the district maintains a strong and healthy ending fund balance, and utilizes a large number of grants.

A question is proposed from the Board regarding recommendations to trim more than 5% in the last 10 years, and Steven shares that he has experienced a recommendations to trim 10%.

The Board shares their gratitude for Finance Director, Steven.

Steven also refers to the district report which shows more activity with property taxes coming in, and grant funding adjustments, as well as MAC study funds, and some decreased enrollment.

7.3. Construction Excise Tax

The district is seeking approval of the tax rate adjustments provided by the Oregon Department of Revenue. Steven explains that this is used for capital projects only-- i.e. roofs, building maintenance needs.

Mike motions to approve, and Melissa seconded the motion. All approved with a unanimous vote, the construction excise tax is approved as presented.

8. COMMUNICATION

8.1. Board

Melissa congratulated the football team for a great season and making it to the State playoffs.

8.2. Student Board

The student representatives share that the T Mobile Friday Night Lights contest has come to an end, and T Mobile plans to present a $100,000 check at the assembly tomorrow, which is very exciting news for the stadium.

They also announce the amazing wrap up of fall sports and winter sports starting, JROTC drill competition, and senior job fair.

It is also noted that any donations for the stadium can be accepted through the finance department, and 100% of the donations go towards the stadium.

8.3. Superintendent

Jennifer thanks the Board members who attended the OSBA convention, as she enjoys learning alongside them and she adds that it is nice having an engaged Board who is willing to build relationships together.

Jennifer also shares that she would like to explore Board/Superintendent Operating Agreements, and can bring some examples at the January meeting.

8.4. Jen's Zens

Jennifer presents Jen's Zens, starting with hands on, engaging learning experiences coming from the Hamilton Creek School electives. She shares that Hamilton Creek is offering 6 electives made up of ultimate frisbee, guitar, multimedia productions, advanced art, science is fun, STEM, and through partnership with LHS they are able to offer band for middle school aged students. She notes how these classes give students the chance to explore new interests, build skills, and connect learning to real-world experiences.

Jennifer also highlights the Pioneer School Veterans Breakfast, which is an annual event and a long-standing tradition honoring and celebrating local veterans. She explains how fifth grade students welcome veterans from next door's Oregon Veterans Home, along with family members who served in the armed forces and hear firsthand stories of their service and dedication to our country.

Lastly, she shares how Ralston Academy students lent a helping hand after school to support local families in need by packing food boxes donated by Youth Era, one of the school's community partners. A rewarding way to give back and make a difference in the community. She adds that each student who participated received at $50 gift certificate as a thank you for their time and effort.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT at 6:53 PM.

Signed: Nicholas M. Poland **Date:** 12-4-25
(Board Chair)

Signed: Jennifer Meckley **Date:** 12-4-25
(Superintendent)

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ATTENDEE SIGN-IN

(This sheet will become part of public record)

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BOARD MEMORANDUM

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To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Lebanon Community School District Board of Directors

From: Steven Prososki, Director of Financial Services

Date: November 13, 2025 **Meeting Date:** November 13, 2025

Re: Update Construction Excise Tax Rate

Construction Excise Tax -The Lebanon School Board

The Oregon Department of Revenue sets the Residential and Non-Residential Construction Excise Tax (CET) rate limits by fiscal year.

In 2025-26, the Residential rate increased to 1.67 and the Non-Residential rate increased to 0.84, with a Non-Residential Max amount of $41,800.

In 2026-27, the Residential rate will increase to 1.70 and the Non-Residential rate will increase to 0.85, with a Non-Residential Max amount of $42,400

The Lebanon Community School District #9 School Board approves the above CET rates for each of the fiscal years represented

Approved: 11/13/25
Date

Signed Richard M. Pulanda
Board Chair

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Signed Jennifer Meckley
Superintendent


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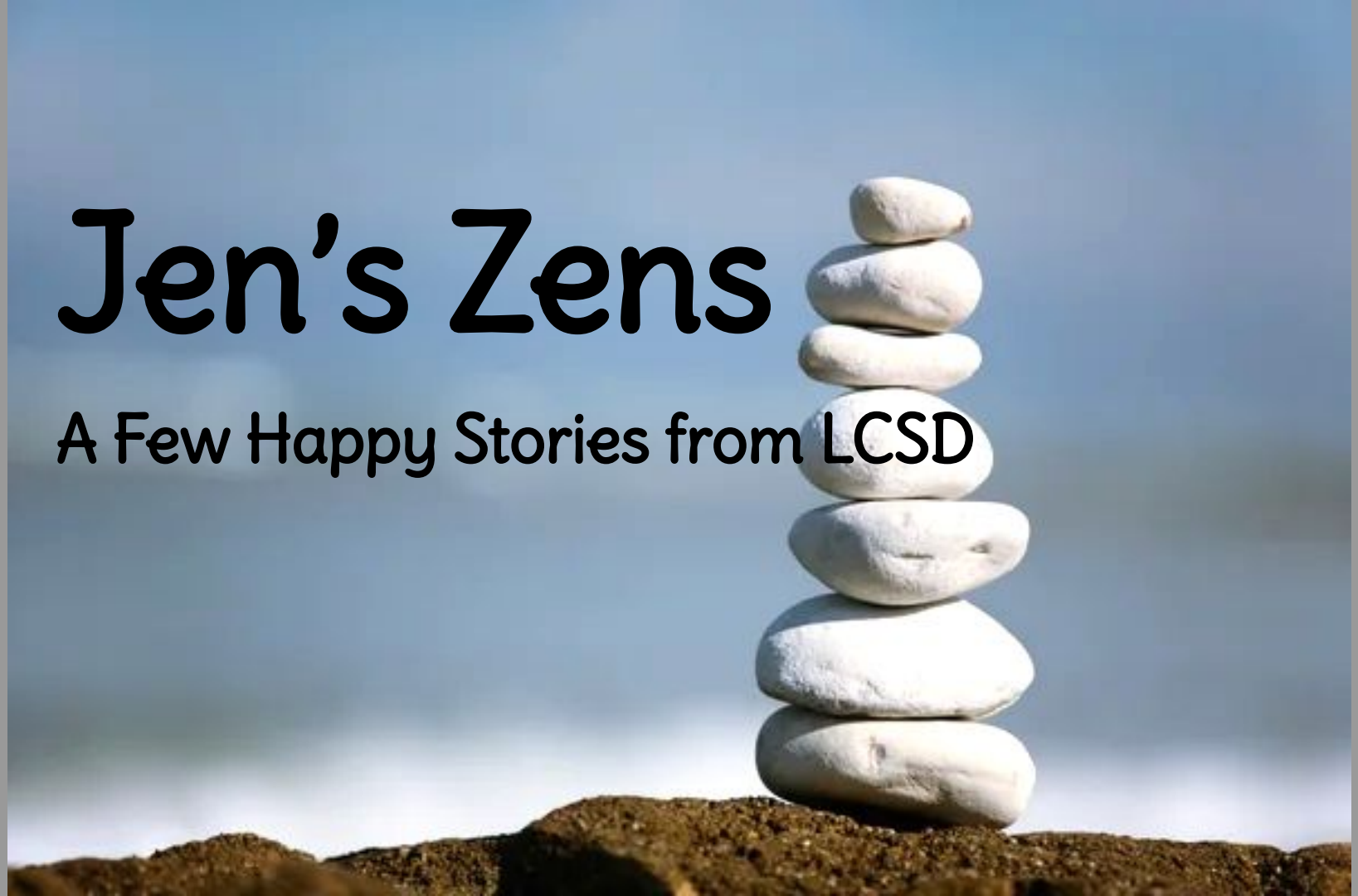





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Jen's Zens

A Few Happy Stories from LCSD





Hamilton Creek elective classes

Ultimate Frisbee, guitar, multimedia productions, advanced art, “Science is Fun,” and STEM. Plus, band!



Hamilton Creek elective classes







Pioneer's Veterans Breakfast











Ralston Academy helps with food boxes






Thank you.