

MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Pacific Beach Elementary and via Zoom
January 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

President Don Dowie called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members in attendance were Joshua "Josh" Cooper; Donald "Don" Dowie; Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh; John Millan; Halvar Olstead; and Cash Gersitz (Student Representative).

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Richard Zimmerman, Superintendent; Elizabeth "Liz" Cronin, Principal/Special Services Director; Scott Lincoln, 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

Ms. Timpson noted that the resignation under "Consent Agenda" should read Kyle Fry, instead of Kyle Frank.

RECOGNITION

School Board Recognition Month – Proclamation – January 2026 is proclaimed "School Board Recognition Month". Superintendent Zimmerman read the proclamation and presented Certificates of Appreciation to Board members.

Donations – Ocean Shores Elks generously donated \$2,000.00 to North Beach Junior/Senior High School to support students with snacks and supplies. They also donated \$1,000.00 to Ocean Shores Elementary School to provide students with snacks and supplies.

A community member, Laura, donated bins of shoes for students at Pacific Beach Elementary School.

Grant Award – We received an ADA Equal Access Grant (2025-2027) award of \$149,000.00 for ADA compliant bleachers for the gymnasium at North Beach Junior/Senior High School.

At 6:10 p.m. Present Dowie called for an eight (8) minute break to enjoy desserts prepared by Mike Klemetson, Food Service Supervisor, in appreciation of the North Beach School Board of Directors.

At 6:20 p.m. we reconvened into Public Session.

STAFF/STUDENT SHOWCASE

Pacific Beach Elementary – “Farms to School” – Principal Cronin introduced, Jessica Vicente, 5th/6th Grade Teacher, who presented information on the Pacific Beach Elementary School Greenhouse project as a pilot initiative for USDA Farm to School Grant. Ms. Vicente explained that the grant would allow the school to leverage the existing greenhouse project to support hands-on science and math instruction through farming, systematize the farm-to-school process, and provide additional resources to support the program.

The following partnerships have been formed in support of this project; Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary; Schultz Farm; North Beach Food Alliance; Huck Farmworks; and Seabrook.

CTE Update – Paul Schulz, CTE Lead Teacher – Mr. Schultz and CTE Art Teacher Ben Vogt, provided information on CTE leadership and oversight; the current program; strengthening the program without expanding the schedule; new advance CTE frameworks; facility and program constraints; and student-based enterprises.

In March, Mr. Schulz will present frameworks for Board approval, once the advisory committee has a chance to make any necessary changes.

DISCUSSION

Director Olstead read a Daily World article regarding the first day of school at the new North Beach Junior/Senior High School, on January 17, 1991.

Director Olstead asked which email addresses are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act (PRA). Mr. Griffiths explained that any email address may be PRA-disclosable if it contains work-related information.

BUDGET STATUS

Business Manager Ryan Griffiths reported the month ending December, 2026.

General Fund Balance	\$491,381.00
Total Revenue Received	\$1,179,964.87
Apportionment	\$1,014,272.31
Levy (Local)	\$9,726.00
Investments	\$36.00
Expenditures	\$1,092,249.03
Excess/Deficit in Revenues	\$87,715.84

Mr. Griffiths stated that our current fund balance is below our 5% threshold, but it will grow as we progress through the Spring months, with the bulk of our levy dollars coming in March – May. He also gave kudos to Heather Johnson for applying for and securing the grant funding to replace the wooden bleachers at the North Beach Junior/Senior High School.

BOARD REPORT

Community Conversation – “Easy Ways to Protect Our Children Online” - President Dowie informed the Board that the Ocean Shores Partners in Education (PIE) group will be hosting a community

conversation titled “Easy Ways to Protect Our Children Online” on January 22, 2026 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. at Ocean Shores Elementary School.

Director Millan reported that the senior high band had a performance on Thursday that was outstanding, which was followed by a sleep-in for them on Friday. He has been attending basketball and wrestling events that the teams are doing great in. He did mention that he would like to see more community support at the games.

Director Cooper also attended the concert. Jeff Simmons, Band Teacher, informed him that this was the first time they have had a stand alone performance. Director Cooper will be attending the community conversation at Ocean Shores Elementary and feels this will be very informative to parents, as we are always playing catchup with technology.

Director Fruh added that she recently read statics that state approximately 60% of online grooming is done via Roblox and Fortnite, which elementary school age students are accessing. The community conversation is necessary and timely.

Director Olstead stated that legislation is in session for the next 60-days. He will keep up updated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Building Reports:

Athletics Fall Recap – Athletic Director Wasche provided a recap of the Fall athletic season. He reported that junior high volleyball was a young but strong team, with several 8th grade athletes moving up to the junior varsity level. High school varsity volleyball finished 3rd in league, and senior Jazmine Goldman was selected for the All-State Game. In senior high cross country, the boys' team were Pacific League Champions and the girls' team placed 2nd in the Pacific League; at District 4, the boys placed 3rd and the girl's placed 6th, with a total of 16 state qualifiers. At the junior high level, Branden Fry was the Pacific League Champion, and the girls' team placed 2nd in the Pacific League. Junior high football finished as runner-up in the league championships. Senior high football had six athletes nominated for Academic All-State, eight All-League award recipients, and George Harmon was named All-League Defensive MVP and earned a roster spot in the Cleats vs. Cancer All-Star Game. Junior high girls' basketball finished 3rd in league. Mr. Wasche noted that all team sports showed improved records compared to the previous year, with both volleyball and football finishing with winning records. He also reported increased participation at the junior high level, along with improved infrastructure systems implemented across programs.

Ocean Shores Elementary Update – Principal Lincoln reported that Ocean Shores Elementary celebrated its Students of the Month and hosted a Winter Concert themed “How to Teach Your Reindeer (to Fly.” He shared that Alex Cugal-Wilson was recognized as “Teacher of the Year” by the local VFW. Principal Lincoln noted that the Associated Student Body continues to focus on developing student leadership skills. Additionally, the school held its first Family Advisory Meeting, titled “Easy Ways to Keep Our Kids Safe Online,” presented by Partners in Education (PIE), which included dinner for attendees.

Pacific Beach Elementary Update – Principal Cronin reported that only four students were absent that day. This is a major accomplishment. She shared that iReady testing is currently in progress. The Friends of PBE have provided games for indoor activities, with older students assisting in leading

the games. Principal Cronin also noted plans to begin a Robotics Club, and a Genealogy Club, and that planning is underway for the Summer Curiosity Camp.

Superintendent Zimmerman Reported:

District Conditions and Operations – Our region continues to experience dynamic winter weather patterns. While no major disruptions have occurred, District teams remain prepared and responsive to changing conditions.

Capital Projects and Seismic Work – Seismic and rebuilding efforts remain a central focus for the District. The Ocean Shores Elementary project is entering the contractor bidding phase, with a Spring groundbreaking anticipated.

At Pacific Beach Elementary, the District is advancing into the Educational Specifications phase. Staff, students, and community members will be engaged in helping to define learning spaces that will serve both current and future generations.

At North Beach Junior/Senior High School, early design work continues. A Community Meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 6:00 p.m. to share updated master plan concepts for both North Beach Junior/Senior High School and Pacific Beach Elementary. This meeting provides an important opportunity for community members to remain informed and involved in shaping the future of the District's schools.

Students and Staff – Principals reported that January has been marked by meaningful moments that reflect a positive school culture. This culture is the result of intentional care, consistency, and a shared commitment to success and potential of every student.

CORRESPONDENCE

Public Records Requests – The following Public Records Requests were received: Joe DeVore for enrollment information; and Ryan Finn for emails.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Regular 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 585434-585435 dated January 20, 2026 for \$61,436.40; and numbers 585436-585441 dated January 20, 2026 for \$76,653.74.

General Fund numbers 585377-585423 dated January 20, 2026 for \$282,773.94.

Associated Student Body Fund numbers 585424-585433 dated January 20, 2026 for \$3,083.18.

Payroll Direct Deposit numbers 900023641-900023642 dated December 31, 2025 for \$410.78; Direct Deposit numbers 900023643-900023644 dated January 13, 2026 for \$6,014.78; and warrant numbers 585372-585464/Direct Deposit numbers 900023645-900023779 dated January 30, 2026 for \$957,397.78.

The following resignations: Kyle Fry as Assistant Senior High Track Coach; Jennifer Knutson as Paraeducator at Ocean Shores Elementary (6.5 hours per day); and Dustin Wittstruck as Assistant Junior High Football Coach.

The following new hires: Kiona Dycus as Special Education Paraeducator at Pacific Beach Elementary (6.5 hours per day); and Jessica Koerber as Special Education Paraeducator at Ocean Shores Elementary (6.5 hours per day).

NEW BUSINESS

Board Re-Organization – Prior to nominations, the different roles of Board positions were explained, per Policy 1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Members.

Director Millan nominated Director Dowie to serve as Board President. The motion was seconded by Director Olstead. No discussion was held. Vote: Director Millan – Aye; Director Fruh – Aye; Director Cooper – Aye; Director Olstead; Student Representative Gersitz – Aye; Director Dowie – Abstained. The motion passed.

Director Olstead nominated Director Fruh to serve as Board Vice President. The motion was seconded by Director Dowie. Some discussion followed. Vote: Director Millan – Aye; Director Dowie – Aye; Director Cooper – Aye; Director Olstead – Aye; Student Representative Gersitz – Aye; Director Fruh – Abstained. The motion passed.

Director Olstead will continue as Board Legislative Representative. He has not been in the position for more than a year and it is a two-year term.

Director Fruh nominated Director Millan as Board WIAA Representative. The motion was seconded by Director Olstead. No discussion was held. Vote: Director Fruh – Aye; Director Dowie – Aye; Director Cooper – Aye; Director Olstead – Aye; Student Representative Gersitz – Aye; Director Millan – Abstained. The motion passed.

Approval of TCF Architecture Agreement for North Beach Junior/Senior High Educational Specification – Andy Twyman with ESD 112 – Construction Management Group explained this agreement. On a motion by Director Fruh and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved the TCF Architecture Agreement; all were in favor.

Approval of 2025-2026 Highly Capable District Plan – Special Services Director Cronin explained the Highly Capable program. On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved the 2025-2026 Highly Capable District Plan; all were in favor.

Approval of Kalama Wrestling Tournament – Athletic Director Wasche presented the itinerary for the wrestling team to attend the Rubber Chicken Invitational in Kalama, Washington, January 23-24, 2026. *On a motion by Director Cooper and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved the North Beach Senior High Wrestling Team's participation in the tournament; all were in favor.*

First Reading – Some discussion was conducted on the first reading of the policies that were presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Ocean Shores Elementary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:54 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 8:00 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 9:28 p.m. the Board reconvened into Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



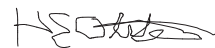
John Millan, Director District 1



Joshua "Josh" Cooper, Director District 2



Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh, Director District 3



Halvar Olstead, Director District 4



Donald "Don" Dowie, President/Director District 5

Attested to:



Secretary to the Board/Superintendent

(Minutes prepared by Patrice Timpson)