

MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Ocean Shores Elementary and via Zoom
February 24, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Beckie Fruh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Richard Zimmerman, Superintendent; Wendy McCoy, Principal; Brent Wasche, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; Liz Cronin, Principal/Special Education Director (via Zoom); and Patrice Timpson, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - *None*

RECOGNITION

State Wrestlers – Athletic Director Wasche reported that twelve (12) wrestlers went to the State Wrestling Competition. Abygail Buck, 8th grader, took 5th place at the WIAA State Wrestling Mat Classics in Girls 1B/2B/1A 190-pound weight class.

Chinook Music Educators Association Elementary Honor Choir – Eleven (11) elementary students will perform at the Chinook Music Educators Association Elementary Honor Choir on February 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Olympia High School.

National Counselors Week - February 2-6, 2026 is recognized at "National Counselors Week." We recognized our school counselors, Lisa Sem-Rodrigues, Kris Nuce, and Jennifer Simmons.

Donations – Catherine Peterson donated \$668.06 for the purchase of district-wide Social Emotional Special Education curriculum. The Quinault Indian Nation, Roxanne Ogemahgeshig, Moore Wright, and other miscellaneous donors provided toys, games, books, and various supplies to the North Beach Indian Education Program, with an estimated value of approximately \$6,000.00. Jodesha Media donated AV equipment to support the broadcasting project, including two (2) microphones, one (1) mixer, one (1) microphone stand, and approximately 50 feet of cables.

STAFF/STUDENT SHOWCASE

Ocean Shores Elementary ASB Students – Valerie Swanger, Associated Student Body (ASB) Advisor, introduced Jaxen Giraldo, ASB Vice President. He discussed what ASB has accomplished so far this year, and activities they will be doing in the remainder of the school year.

DISCUSSION

Volunteer District-Wide Awards – President/Director Dowie presented the idea of establishing an award program to recognize district volunteers. Discussion followed. President/Director Dowie and Director Fruh will work on developing a proposed format for the program and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

BUDGET STATUS

Business Manager Ryan Griffiths reported the month ending January 2025.

General Fund Balance	\$230,968.24
Total Revenue Received	\$989,848.39
Apportionment	\$982,786.92
Levy (Local)	\$7,025.57
Investments	\$36.00
Expenditures	\$1,250,260.81
Excess/Deficit in Revenues	(\$260,412.42)

BOARD REPORT

EP&O Levy – President/Director Dowie discussed the results of the election for the Education Programs and Operations Levy that was recently conducted. We passed at 63%. He thanked Jeff Albertson who headed the “For” Committee and everyone that supported the levy.

Legislative Update – Director Olstead – Director Olstead stated that there are currently three pages of legislative bills referencing education. At this time, none of these bills have been passed by both houses.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Richard Zimmerman reported:

North Beach Junior/Senior High School – Principal McCoy spoke on the schools Washington School Improvement Framework (WSF) Tiered Support Status as being “graduated.”

One of the school’s goals is to decrease the number of classroom disruptions referrals by 20%. At mid-year they are on track to meet their goal.

Overall student’s attendance rates at the junior high and senior high have increased.

Pacific Beach Elementary – Principal Cronin discussed the increase of enrollment at this building. She also, acknowledged their Social Emotional Counselor, Lisa Sem-Rodriguez for the great job she does.

Annexing North Beach Junior/Senior High into the City of Ocean Shores – Mayor Frank Elduen was not able to be in attendance. Superintendent Zimmerman explained that Mayor Elduen is doing all the leg work to see if the school can be annexed to the City, instead of the remaining in the County, so we can have faster response time for fire and police emergencies.

EP&O Levy – Superintendent Zimmerman thanked Jeff Albertson, Lisa Samson and the North Beach Education Association (NBEA) for their campaign work, and the North Beach community for supporting our students and helping to get the levy passed.

Seismic Safety Projects Update – Pacific Beach Elementary has completed the first round of Educational Specification meetings. North Beach Junior/Senior High members of the Design Team will be visiting three (3) coastal schools that have recently been constructed. The Ocean Shores Elementary Vertical Evacuation Tower project remains on track and will be going out to bid soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

ESD 113 Workers' Compensation Trust – We were awarded an Employee Safety Incentive Grant in the amount of \$3,293.00 for the purchase of a Hoyer Lift and accessories.

Torte Claim – We received a Torte Claim from Alishia Dickinson.

Public Records Requests – The following Public Records Requests were received: Abbas Kahn for purchasing records; Lisa Samson for employee salary placement, contracts, and salary schedules; and Samantha Williams for emails, Incident Reports, leave information, and training records.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Minutes of the January 20, 2026 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 585537-585541 dated February 24, 2026 for \$430,745.77.

General Fund numbers 585465-585514 dated February 24, 2026 for \$182,104.77.

Associated Student Body Fund numbers 585515-585528 dated February 24, 2026 for \$12,070.07.

Compensation Tax Fund numbers 585531-585532 dated February 24, 2026 for \$437.71.

Payroll Direct Deposit numbers 900023730-900023781 dated February 24, 2026 for \$5,036.88; warrant numbers 585532-585535 and 585542-585563/Direct Deposit numbers 900023782-900023916 dated February 27, 2026 for \$986,268.42.

Void/Reissues as follows: General Fund numbers 585529-585530 dated February 24, 2026 for \$40,321.20 due to the check being made out to the wrong vendor; and General Fund number 585564 dated February 24, 2026 for \$2,431.00 due to the check being made out in the wrong amount.

The retirement of Terrence Casey as Special Education Paraeducator at North Beach Junior/Senior High School (6.4 hours per day).

The following resignations: Malia Cox as Assistant Junior High Track Coach; Terrence Harris as Math Teacher at North Beach Junior/Senior High School, effective June 17, 2026; Jessica Patton as Cheer Advisor; and Rick Winters as Golf Coach.

The new hire of Alijah Irizarry as a Paraeducator at Ocean Shores Elementary Schools, 2 hours per day, in a non-continuing position.

The following Spring Coaching Assignments: Mike Beck as Head Fastpitch Coach; Jim Busey as Head Baseball Coach; Peter Fry as Head Senior High Track Coach; Steven Fry as Senior High Knowledge Bowl Advisor; Kleeta Gamble as Assistant Fastpitch Coach; Scott Harper as Assistant Junior High Track Coach; Tim Hiles as Assistant Baseball Coach; Andrea Kirkwood as Head Junior High Track Coach; Kris Nuce as Assistant Junior High Track Coach; Beth Rockey as Junior High Knowledge Bowl Advisor; and Joel White as Assistant Senior High Track Coach.

NEW BUSINESS

Notification of Possible Reduction in Force (RIF) for the 2026-2027 SY – Superintendent Zimmerman gave notification of a possible Reduction in Force; no action at this time.

Approval of New Market Skill Center Agreement for 2026-2027 SY – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved the New Market Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year; all were in favor.*

Approval of Resolution 26-10 – Surplus Vehicle – *On a motion by Director Cooper and seconded by Director Olstead, the Board approved to surplus the following vehicle: 2004 Ford E3Van – VIN # 1FTSE34L44HA28357; all were in favor.*

Approval of Resolution 26-11 – Adoption of 2025-2026 Transfers – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved the transfer of Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$300,000.000 and transfer from the Debt Service Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$141,943.83 as presented; all were in favor.*

First Review of 2026-2027 School Year Calendar – Discussion on the first review was conducted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by President/Director Dowie, the Board approved the following policies: [Policy 1111 - Oath of Office](#); [Policy 2106 - Program Compliance](#); [Policy 2108 - Learning Assistance Program](#); [Policy 2140 - Comprehensive School Counseling Program](#); [Policy 5010 - Discrimination Free Workplace](#); [Policy 5011 - Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited](#); [Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements](#); [Policy 6570 - Property and Data Management](#); [Policy 6910 - Construction Financing](#); and [Policy 6920 - Construction Design](#); all were in favor.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:01 p.m. Vice President Fruh called for an Executive Session to discuss litigation or potential litigation (per RCW 42.30.110(g)(iii)); and 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)); potential action to follow. The session should last approximately thirty (30) minutes.

At 7:06 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

At 7:27 p.m. the Board reconvened into Public Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Action on Settlement Agreement – C. Frey – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by President/Director Dowie, the Board approved the Settlement Agreement of Christina Frey as presented; all were in favor.*

Action on Superintendent’s Contract – *On a motion by Director Cooper and seconded by Director Olstead, the Board extended Superintendent Richard Zimmerman’s contract by one year, through the 2027-2028 school year, absent any increase in pay; all were in favor.*

NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at North Beach Junior/Senior High School.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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)