

**Odessa School District #105
311 S 1st Street
Odessa, Washington 99159**

**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
January 28, 2026**

BOARD MEETING	The board held a workshop in the district office at 5:15 pm. The board held discussions regarding sports and the cell phone survey.
OPEN MEETING	The Board of Directors of Odessa School District #105 met in the library on January 28, 2026 at pm. This meeting was publicized by posted notice and notices presented to administration, union presidents, board members and the newspaper.
PRESENT	Chris Crossley; Carmen Weishaar; Sheena Starkel; Nicholas Sebesta; Zach Schafer; Steve Fisk, Superintendent; Justin Parr, Operations Supervisor; and Larry Moffet, Athletic Director.
FLAG SALUTE	The flag salute was led by Chairman Crossley.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Action: Sheena Starkel and moved Nicholas Sebesta seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. <p style="text-align:right">Motion carried. 5 – 0</p>
BOARD REORGANIZATION	<p>Superintendent Fisk called for nominations for board chairman. Carmen Weishaar nominated Chris Crossley. Sheena Starkel seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Chris Crossley was elected Board Chairman by a vote of 5 - 0.</p> <p>Nominations for Vice Chairman were opened. Sheena Starkel nominated Carmen Weishaar. Nicholas Sebesta seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Carmen Weishaar was elected Vice Chairman by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Nominations for Legislative Representative were opened. Zach Schafer nominated Sheena Starkel. Nicholas Sebesta seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Sheena Starkel was elected Legislative Representative by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Nominations for WIAA Representative were opened. Carmen Weishaar nominated Zach Schafer. Nicholas Sebesta seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Zach Schafer was elected WIAA Representative by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Chairman Crossley appointed board members to serve on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities – Zach Schafer and Carmen Weishaar• Curriculum – Chris Crossley and Nicholas Sebesta• Negotiations – Zach Schafer and Sheena Starkel <p>Sheena Starkel moved and Zach Schafer seconded a motion to approve the appointed committee positions. A roll call vote was taken and all committee positions were approved by a vote of 5 - 0.</p>

STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT

Eleda Najera, John Melcher and Kieu Tran presented the details of the senior class trip to Westport, WA including a breakdown of travel costs, food and entertainment to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved the consent agenda which included:

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December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

Bills & Payroll:

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. In addition, payroll warrants in the amount of \$321,871.43 are also approved.

General Fund

Voucher #617723, 617741-617789 totaling \$74,887.67.

Payroll warrant #617724-617740 and Direct Deposit Warrants #9000001012-9000001070 and #202300061-202300062 totaling \$321,871.43.

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher #617790-617791 totaling \$8,277.48.

ASB Fund

Voucher #617792-617801 totaling \$7,041.95.

PPT Fund

Voucher #617802 totaling \$500.00.

Action: Zach Schafer moved and Sheena Starkel seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried. 5 – 0

REPORTS

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Fisk shared the levy brochure has been mailed. Fisk attended the Bi-County Superintendent meeting in Reardan this month. Fisk also attended meetings with the Commerce Department regarding the Solar Energy and Clean Energy grant. The district is in phase one the \$2.23 million dollar grant with a completion date of June 2027. The anticipated savings annually for the district could be up to \$30,000.

Superintendent Fisk briefly discussed the parent/student cell phone survey. Fisk will set up a special board workshop to further discuss the district’s policy on cell phone use.

Financial Report

Superintendent Fisk presented the ASB balance sheet for December. He further presented the Financial Activity reports for the General Fund for December showing an ending fund balance of \$807,642.98. Fisk presented financial printouts for all funds.

Legislative Report

Superintendent Fisk briefly shared about testifying to legislative representatives concerning current topics.

Principal's Report

Superintendent Fisk reported in Principal Kane's absence. K-12 Map testing is almost complete. The current MTSS interventions are working, with improved test scores for both ELA and Math. However, more intervention work is needed for grades 6th-12th. Kimberly Ryan has been organizing quality experiences for students on early release days with guest speakers discussing taxes, investments, college/trade school experiences and career choices. Kimberly also hosted an Alumni Career Day on January 28th for students in 6th-12th grade. The afternoons for early release days are filled with professional development opportunities for staff, allowing extra time to grade and correct assignments along with team planning. The 2nd and 5th grade classes are piloting two math curriculums this winter and spring. The beginning stages of piloting an ELA curriculum for 6th-12th grade has begun. All curriculum used in the classroom must be research based by the year 2028.

AD Report

Athletic Director Larry Moffet reported Wilson Creek will join the track team this spring. One ACH athlete will also practice with the Odessa Track team. The spring track and baseball schedules are complete. The golf schedule will be finished soon. The fall football schedule is also complete with four home games and five away games.

The HS Girls Basketball crossover game is tomorrow at Selkirk at 7:30 pm. The district has four coaching positions open. Moffet will be hiring an assistant coach for JH Baseball depending on the participation number.

Board Report

Board member Sheena Starkel thanked Kimberly Ryan for hosting the Odessa Alumni Career Day with 34 alumni in attendance.

Facilities Report

Operations Supervisor Parr briefly discussed the energy grant he is currently reviewing with Custom Energy. E-Commerce and the installers of the solar grant will do a walk through soon. Parr also shared concern for bus driver availability for spring sports.

NEW BUSINESS

Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the high school library. The board scheduled a workshop at 5:15 pm before the regular meeting. There will also be a special cell phone policy workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:15 pm.

Action: Nicholas Sebesta moved and Zach Schafer seconded a motion to schedule the next regular board meeting on Tuesday February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the high school library, preceded by a board workshop at 5:15 pm. An additional special workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:15 pm.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Policy/Proc #6220 Bid Requirements (1st Reading)

Action: Zach Schafer moved and Nicholas Sebesta seconded a motion to approve the first reading of Policy/Procedure #6220 Bid Requirements as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

Precision AG – Hagan Foundation Grant

Action: Zach Schafer moved and Sheena Starkel seconded a motion to approve the Hagan Foundation Grant for Precision Ag in the amount of \$5,500 as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

Spring Sports with Wilson Creek

Action: Zach Schafer moved and Nicholas Sebesta seconded a motion to approve spring sports with Wilson Creek as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

Senior Trip – March 20-24, 2026

Action: Sheena Starkel moved and Nicholas Sebesta seconded a motion to approve the senior trip to Westport, WA, on March 20-24, 2026 as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

FBLA/FFA Overnight Stays

Action: Zach Schafer moved and Sheena Starkel seconded a motion to approve FBLA and FFA overnight stays as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

Holocaust Course Proposal

Action: Sheena Starkel moved and Zach Schafer seconded a motion to approve the Holocaust course proposal as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

Board Recognition

The Board Members received commemorative certificates for their dedication and hard work for the Odessa School District.


EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

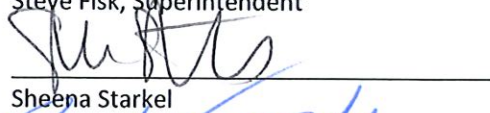
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Crossley adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

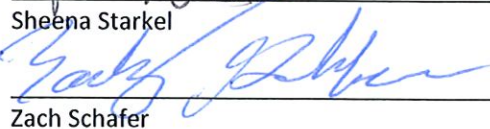

Chris Crossley, Chairman


Steve Fisk, Superintendent


Carmen Weishaar, Vice Chairman


Sheena Starkel


Nicholas Sebesta


Zach Schafer