

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
March 30, 2026
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the March Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee, Terri Mail, Heather Fisher and 85 audience members present. The meeting took place at the Virginia Grainger Elementary Library.

2) GARY WETCH – CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Gary Wetch, representing Loofburrow and Wetch Architects, presented posters illustrating the planned appearance of the district's buildings and athletic facilities. He informed the Board that the district has moved beyond the design phase and is now proceeding with detailed construction documents. Mr. Wetch noted that the state match is scheduled for July, and opening of construction bids will take place on August 4th.

3) APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO MARCH AGENDA

The Board approved the February Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the March Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of Janna Thurston, Camp Invention Cook. Item 5, Middle School Principal Presentation, was moved to Item 4 on the agenda.

Lafferty/Fisher/passed/5 for/0 against

4) PRESENTATION FROM DORINDA BELCHER, MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dorinda Belcher, Middle School Principal, presented to the Board and provided a GEAR UP flyer highlighting the upcoming Career Demo Day, including information on participants and turnout from the previous year. She recognized Ben Cate, Middle School History Teacher, for his recent radio interview and encouraged Board and staff members to listen. Ms. Belcher also commended Markie Carpenter, Native American Director, for the field trips and learning experiences provided to middle school students through her program.

Rexi Hennigs, Middle School ELA Teacher, presented information regarding Washington State ELA Standards and upcoming changes in the coming school years.

Brittany Carden, Middle School Counselor, presented an overview of her role, explaining her responsibilities in advocating for students and families, assisting with attendance barriers, providing one-on-one counseling, facilitating focus groups and Hope Squad, supporting safety planning, coordinating 504 plans, and assisting with student scheduling.

She also shared that she is a graduate of Okanogan and expressed gratitude for working with the district.

Toni Brown, Middle School Math Teacher, presented alongside students Lyla Fisher, Kamree Fonseca, Kennedy Fonseca, and Teddi Mail, showcasing clocks they created as part of learning one- and two-step math equations.

Nick Fletcher, Middle School CTE Teacher, presented photos from recent student field trips, including visits to Washington State University and LIGO.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley read a statement prior to opening public comment, addressing rumors and reminding participants of public comment procedures and expectations.

Once public comment was opened, the following individuals addressed the Board regarding concerns with Agenda Item 9, Resolution 05-03-25-26, Modified Education Program: Steve Streeter, Dennis O'Connor, Jessica Richardson, Jenny Cruz, and Bonnie Theis.

6) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Board did not have any questions for the administrators regarding their written reports.

7) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Quick provided the Board with an update on district operations and projects. He informed the Board that he requested a meeting with the City Council regarding permits and noted ongoing coordination with the tribe for ground-breaking activities at Virginia Grainger, in case artifacts are discovered during construction.

Mr. Quick also stated that he will be receiving insurance quotes from both the district's current provider and Washington State Risk Management to ensure the best rate for the district.

Additionally, he shared that State Representatives Abell and Engell, as well as Senator Short, recently visited the district and were given a tour. Mr. Quick noted that one of the highlights for the visitors appeared to be the question-and-answer session in one of the elementary classrooms.

8) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- a) Hired Julia Price, Life Skills Para Educator Long Term Substitute; Desiree Burke, Camp Invention Para Educator; Kaira Gregory, Camp Invention Para Educator; Patti Caryl, Camp Invention Teacher; Richard Caryl, Camp Invention Teacher; Katie Beery, Camp Invention Teacher; Anna Rawson, Camp Invention Teacher; Janna Thurston, Camp Invention Cook.
- b) March warrants (260200 through 260200 totaling \$6,170.00 and 260201 through 260254 totaling \$501,137.26 and 260288 through 260322 totaling \$79,277.95)
- c) March payroll totaling \$1,359,053.72.
- d) March Enrollment totaling 986.96.

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. McKee/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against

9) APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-03-25-26 MODIFIED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Klancy Allen, Business Manager, presented a Structural Financial Review to the Board and audience, providing a recap of the past five years and outlining the district's current financial position.

Following the presentation, a lengthy discussion took place between Mr. Quick, the Board, and, at times, members of the audience. Due to the questions raised and the seriousness of the situation, the Board decided to table action on the item. A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for April 3, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Virginia Grainger Elementary Cafeteria to consider the resolution.

10) APPROVE RESOLUTION 06-03-25-26 PD WAIVER DAYS

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Luke McKee made a motion to approve Resolution 06-03-25-26 PD Waiver Days. **McKee/Fisher/passed/5 for/0 against**

11) APPROVE RESOLUTION 07-03-25-26 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WAIVER

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 07-03-25-26 Parent Teacher Conference Waiver. **Lafferty/ McKee/passed/5 for/0 against**

12) FIRST READ OF POLICIES

2020 COURSE DESIGN, SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

2021 LIBRARY INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS
2230 TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
3414 INFECTIOUS DISEASES
3420 ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
3424 OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL
5005 EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER DISCLOSURES, CERTIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS ASSURANCES AND APPROVAL
5401 SICK LEAVE
5403 EMERGENCY AND DISCRETIONARY LEAVES
5404 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
6600 TRANSPORTATION

The Board reviewed the policies as presented.

13) FIRST READ OF PROCEDURES

3414P INFECTIOUS DISEASES
3420P ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
3424P OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL
5401P SICK LEAVE

The Board reviewed the procedures as presented.

14) SECOND READ AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES

- a. 1611 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (DISTRICTS WITH FEWER THAN 2,000 STUDENTS)
- b. 2121 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM
- c. 3122 EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
- d. 3207 PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF STUDENTS
- e. 3231 STUDENT RECORDS
- f. 3520 STUDENT FEES, FINES OR CHARGES
- g. 5050 CONTRACTS
- h. 5254 STAFF EXPRESSION
- i. 5310 COMPENSATION
- j. 6020 SYSTEM OF FUND TRANSFER
- k. 6217 ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER
- l. 6513 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- m. 6530 INSURANCE
- n. 6550 CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD FOR LEASES AND SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITAs)

- o. 6605 STUDENT SAFETY WALKING, BIKING, AND RIDING BUSES
 - p. 6700 NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 - q. 6959 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECT
- Luke McKee made motion to approve policies 1611, 2121, 3122, 3207, 3231, 3520, 5050, 5254, 5310, 6020, 6217, 6513, 6530, 6550, 6605, 6700, and 6959.
McKee/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against

15) SECOND READ OF PROCEDURES

- a. 2121P SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM PROCEDURE
 - b. 2162P EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 PROCEDURE
 - c. 3207P PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF STUDENTS PROCEDURE
 - d. 3520P STUDENT FEES, FINES, OR CHARGES PROCEDURE
 - e. 4040P PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS PROCEDURE
 - f. 5254P STAFF EXPRESSION PROCEDURE
 - g. 6217P ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PROCEDURE
 - h. 6513P WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROCEDURE
 - i. 6605P STUDENT SAFETY WALKING, BIKING, AND RIDING BUSES PROCEDURE
 - j. 6700P NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROCEDURE
 - k. 6959P ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECT PROCEDURE
- The Board does not generally make a motion to approve procedures but gives the Board an opportunity to review the procedures. The Board stated they had time to review them.

16) APPROVE SPRING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the spring sports volunteers. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/5 for/0 against**

17) APPROVE 26-27 AND 27-28 SCHOOL CALENDARS

After a brief discussion, Heather Fisher made a motion to approve the 26-27 and 27-28 school calendars with the amendment to the 27-28 school calendar by moving the professional development day on April 25th to April 18th. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against**

18) APPROVE NEW ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CALLED OKANOGAN PARENT PARTNERSHIP STARTING WITH THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR THAT WILL SERVE 1ST-6TH GRADE

After a discussion between the Board, Mr. Quick and Roy Johnson, the Board tabled Item 18, noting that it aligns with Item 9, which was also tabled. This item will be included on the Special Board Meeting agenda scheduled for April 3, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Virginia Grainger Elementary Cafeteria.

19) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Klancy Allen, Business Manager, informed the Board that the district is in the process of completing the annual audit. She stated that the district has been working closely with auditors and has held several meetings regarding district finances.

20) DISCUSSION

Board Member Ryan Lafferty thanked everyone in attendance and assured the audience that the Board is working diligently to make the best decisions for the district.

21) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair