

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. Leslie Bergstrom at 6:33 PM on April 27, 2026 in the OSD Innovation Center at Oregon High School in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. Upon roll call, the following Board members were present: Ms. Heather Garrison, Mr. Nathan Hensal, Dr. Mary Lokuta, Ms. Leslie Wright, Mr. Matt Ledbetter and Mr. Troy Pankratz. Dr. Caleb Bush arrived at 6:35 PM. Board member(s) absent: None. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Dr. Shannon Anderson, Ms. Erika Mundinger, Mr. Andy Weiland, Ms. Jina Jonen, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Dr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Darci Jarstad and Ms. Katie Heitz.

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and public notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer, and a certificate of posting as required by Wis. Stat. sec. 19.84 as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Dr. Bergstrom.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Hensal and Ms. Wright. Motion carried 6-0.

A. REORGANIZATION

1. Board Members Oath of Office: Dr. Bergstrom announced that Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush and Mr. Ledbetter took their oath of office prior to the Board meeting.

Dr. Bush arrived at 6:35 PM.

2. Election of Officers:

- a. President: Dr. Bergstrom opened the floor for nominations for President. Ms. Garrison nominated Mr. Pankratz for president. Dr. Bergstrom asked if there were additional nominations. Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright second the motion to close the nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Pankratz for President. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes with Mr. Pankratz abstaining from the vote: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Mr. Hensal and Dr. Lokuta. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Pankratz accepted the nomination.
- b. Vice President: Mr. Pankratz opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Garrison nominated Dr. Lokuta for Vice President. Mr. Pankratz asked if there were any additional nominations for Vice President. Ms. Garrison moved and Mr. Hensal seconded the motion to close the nominations for Vice President and cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Lokuta for Vice President. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes with Dr. Lokuta abstaining: Ms. Garrison, Mr. Hensal, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 6-0. Dr. Lokuta accepted the nomination.

- c. Treasurer: Mr. Pankratz opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Dr. Lokuta nomination Mr. Hensal for Treasurer. Mr. Pankratz asked if there were additional nominations for Treasurer. Dr. Lokuta moved and Dr. Bush seconded the motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Hensal for Treasurer. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes with Mr. Hensal abstaining: Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Hensal accepted the nomination.
- d. Clerk: Mr. Pankratz opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Dr. Lokuta nomination Ms. Wright for Clerk. Mr. Pankratz asked if there were additional nominations for Clerk. Dr. Lokuta moved and Dr. Bush seconded the motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Wright for Clerk. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes with Ms. Wright abstaining: Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Hensal and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 6-0. Ms. Wright accepted the nomination.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Hensal seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. April 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

2. Approve payments in the amount of \$651,249.79

3. Treasurer's Report: None

4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:

- Michelle Baltes - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Teacher at RCI - retirement effective June 12, 2026 after 25 years of service;
- Lana Lepinski - Special Ed Educational Assistant at RCI - retirement effective June 12, 2026 after 20 years of service;
- Joan Howery - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Teacher at RCI - retirement effective June 12, 2026 after 31 years of service;
- Bridge Herr - 1.0 FTE Library Media Specialist at BKE - resignation effective June 12, 2026;
- Tarilyn Greenfield - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at OHS - resignation effective June 15, 2026;
- Lauren Beauchaine - 1.0 FTE 1st Grade Teacher at BKE - resignation effective June 15, 2026

5. Staffing Assignments:

- Jenna Oskey - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at FES;
- William Welch - 1.0 FTE Physics Teacher at OHS;
- Caitlyn Myres - 0.8 FTE Physical Therapist;
- Katie Kinman - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at OHS;
- Alyssa David - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at OMS;

- Kaycia Zimmerman - 1.0 FTE Phy Ed / Health Teacher at OMS;
- Quinn Hasenkamp - change in contract from 1.0 FTE Building Sub at FES to 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at FES;
- Jamie Prahll - change in contract from 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at NKE to 1.0 FTE Art Teacher at OHS;
- Lisa Hogue - change in contract from 0.8 FTE Occupational Therapist to 1.0 FTE Occupational Therapist

6. Field Trip Requests:

- OHS Robotics Team: April 28 - May 3rd to Houston, TX for the FRC Worlds Competition
- Formula 1 Club: May 3 - May 5 to Road American in Plymouth, WI

7. Acceptance of Donations:

- Lisa Christensen - donation of a clarinet to the OMS Band;
- Summit Credit Union in the amount of \$500 for the Summit Credit Union Scholarship;
- Ross and Tracy Radel in the amount of \$500 for the OHS Band Program;
- Kaitlin and Peter Young in the amount of \$500 for the OSD Band Advocates;
- Friends of the Orchestra in the amount of \$199.50 for Field Trip Transportation costs

8. Approval of New Scholarships, if any: None

9. Approval of Safety Drill Reports, if any: None

Mr. Pankratz congratulated Ms. Baltes, Ms. Lepinski and Ms. Howery on their upcoming retirements and also thanked those that have generously donated to the Oregon School District. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Hensal, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 7-0.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Superintendent’s Report - Student Highlights: Dr. Bergstrom shared photos of recent student highlights.

The Superintendent’s Report can be found on the OSD website at www.OregonSD.org/board.

2. Public Comment:

- The following members of the public spoke:

Kelly Trapp	Stephanie Bergmann
Laura McFarlane	Katie Gottfredsen
Absalom Munoz	Kevin Fulcer
Julia Benjamin	Erika Hanson
Gabriel Gottfredsen	Susana Alvarez

3. OEA Report: None

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Official Designations:

- a. Newspaper: Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to name the Oregon Observer as the official District newspaper. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Mr. Hensal, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 7-0.
- b. Resolution regarding Investment of District Funds: Mr. Hensal moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to approve the Resolution regarding Investment of District Funds. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Hensal, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 7-0.
- c. Resolution - Depositories: Mr. Hensal moved and Mr. Ledbetter seconded the motion to approve the Resolution regarding Depositories for District Funds. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Hensal, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Appointment of Representatives:

- a. CESA #2 Delegate: Mr. Pankratz appointed Mr. Ledbetter to be the CESA #2 Representative.
- b. WASB Delegate: Mr. Pankratz appointed Dr. Bush to continue as the WASB Delegate.
- c. Board Committees: Mr. Pankratz announced that committee assignments will be as listed below:

Vision Committee

Nathan Hensal - Chair

Leslie Wright

Mary Lokuta

Policy Committee

Heather Garrison - Chair

Caleb Bush

Matt Ledbetter

- d. OSD Wellness Committee: Mr. Pankratz appointed Ms. Wright to be the Board representative on the OSD Wellness Committee.

3. EduStaff Contract for Guest Teachers and Staff for 2026-2027: Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Bush seconded the motion to approve contracting with Edustaff for daily guest teachers and guest support staff for the 2026-27 school year. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Mr. Ledbetter, Mr. Hensal and Mr. Pankratz. The following members voted no: Dr. Lokuta and Ms. Wright. Motion carried 5-2.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports

- a. Visioning Steering Committee - No update
- b. Policy Committee - No Update

2. Spanish Immersion Kindergarten Proposal: Dr. Bergstrom shared the proposal from Mariposa to start a Spanish immersion kindergarten class located at Mariposa as an OSD pilot program. She shared the OSD considerations - including: assessment of community interest; DPI requirements; Budgetary impact and a timeline that allows for thoughtful planning. Dr. Bergstrom stated that the administrative team will further explore the Spanish immersion programming proposal and bring a recommendation to the Board in the future when we have had time to accomplish an assessment of community interest and establish an inclusive committee to explore the possibility and potential impact of adding a Spanish immersion kindergarten.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Visioning and Strategic Planning: None
2. Teaching & Learning Update: None
3. Federal and State Legislative Update: Dr. Bergstrom provided an update on special education funding in Wisconsin.
4. Superintendent's Report - District Highlights: Dr Bergstrom shared many photos and updates from events happening throughout the district. The Superintendent's Report can be found on the OSD website at www.OregonSD.org/board.

G CLOSING:

1. Future Agenda: Discussion was held.
2. Check Out: Board Members had an opportunity to share and welcomed Mr. Ledbetter to the Board.

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to move into closed session, as posted and announced by Mr. Pankratz pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) and §118.22. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Mr. Hensal, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. Motion carried 7-0. The Board was in closed session at 9:09 PM.

H. CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION (Innovation Center Small Conference Room)

1. Discussing any potential non-renewal of certified staff contracts pursuant to Wisconsin statutes §19.85(1)(c) and Wisconsin Statutes §118.22.: Discussion held.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Bush, Mr. Hensal, Ms. Wright and Mr. Pankratz. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Leslie Wright, Clerk
Oregon School District