

MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
North Beach Junior/Senior High and via Zoom
March 17, 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; John Millan; Halvar Olstead; and Cash Gersitz (Student Representative).

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Liz Cronin, Acting Superintendent/Principal/Special Services Director; Wendy McCoy, Principal; Scott Lincoln, Principal; Ryan Griffiths, Business Manager; and Patrice Timpson, Executive Assistant.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The "Approval of North Beach School District Master Plan" and "Approval of Education Specifications for Pacific Beach Elementary" have been moved to the April meeting.

RECOGNITION - None

STAFF/STUDENT SHOWCASE

North Beach Band Update – Jeff Simmons, Band Teacher, introduced the North Beach High School Band, who performed a song for the group. He shared that the District Music Program now serves every student across the district, including at the elementary level. The band is currently engaged in fundraising efforts to support a summer trip to Eastern Washington.

DISCUSSION

Information for the Public – Director Olstead expressed the need to keep updated information on our social media platforms for the public. He also stated a need to reach out to the greater North Beach community.

Extra-Curricular Activities – Director Millan congratulated the North Beach Track Team on their showing in the last track meet.

BUDGET STATUS

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

General Fund Balance	\$122,383.37
Total Revenue Received	\$1,074,738.87

Apportionment	\$956,784.46
Levy (Local)	\$19,503.79
Investments	\$35.00
Expenditures	\$1,183,323.74
Excess/Deficit in Revenues	(\$108,584.87)

Transitional Kindergarten – Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Funding is being impacted by the latest Legislative Session. We will have more information on its impact at upcoming meetings.

BOARD REPORT

Possible Annexation of North Beach Junior/Senior High School into the City of Ocean Shores – President Dowie and Director Millan met with Mayor Frank Elduen to discuss the potential annexation of North Beach Junior/Senior High School into the City of Ocean Shores. During the discussion, both parties expressed agreement that annexations could provide mutual benefits.

It was noted that incorporation into the city would allow the school to receive more prompt and reliable emergency response services. Director Millan requested further information regarding any potential negative impacts associated with the annexation, if there are any.

Legislative Update – Director Olstead reported that two pages of education-related ordinances have been passed. At this time, information regarding which bills have been signed by the governor is not yet available.

Additionally, a proposed reduction of \$94 million in support for schools is currently under consideration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Liz Cronin was sitting in as Superintendent for this meeting. She reported the following:

Seismic Work Update – The Seismic safety work across the district continues to progress. The next phase of the Vertical Evacuation Structure (VES) project at Ocean Shores Elementary has now been fully funded. We will soon be moving into the bid phase of this project, with construction expected to begin once that process is complete.

Planning for the new North Beach Junior/Senior High School has begun with a group of district representatives touring several coastal schools that have either been recently constructed or have incorporated vertical evacuation structures into their buildings. It was helpful to see how other districts successfully incorporated this important safety feature into their school facilities.

Data Day – Earlier on the Professional Development Day for staff, they focused on reviewing student learning data and discussing instructional strategies. These collaborative opportunities allow educators to reflect on student progress and identify ways to continue strengthening instructional practices.

Pacific Beach Elementary Update – Pacific Beach Elementary continues to focus on providing engaging learning experiences and fostering strong community connections for students. Recently, the school participated with the Missoula Children's Theater, culminating in a student performance of *"The Jungle Book."*

The volleyball program was a success, offering students opportunities to build teamwork, sportsmanship, and school pride. Fifth and sixth grade students have begun planting seeds as part of ongoing greenhouse and outdoor learning initiatives. A total of 155 seeds were planted with support from Scott Schultz and Dave Stasiak, with all seeds donated by Mr. Schultz and KXPB radio station.

The second grade students recently participated in a two-week swimming program at the YMCA, providing valuable opportunities to develop water safety skills and build confidence in the water.

An upcoming Bingo Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., offering another opportunity to bring families together and strengthen the school community.

Ocean Shores Elementary Update – Principal Scott Lincoln reported that community member Mark Doucett generously donated tools, a toolbox, and a tire pump to support the school's Bike Club. Students recently participated in the CMEA Honor Choir performance held at Olympia High School. The Bike Club continues to meet and ride rain or shine, demonstrating strong commitment and enthusiasm. The most recent Student of the Month celebration highlighted the character trait of honesty. Additionally, the Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Group sponsored a successful Basket Bingo event, providing an opportunity for families to come together and engage with the school community.

CORRESPONDENCE

OSPI – Small District Modernization Construction Grant – The District received additional funding in the amount up to \$523,078 from our 2024 Small District Modernization (SDM) grant for the Junior/Senior High School Kitchen Ventilation Project. We were previously awarded up to \$1,769,235 for our HVAC and roof projects bringing the total of our grant up to \$2,291,313.

OSPI – School Seismic Phase 4 Construction Grant Award – We have been awarded a School Seismic Phase 4 Construction grant in the amount of up to \$8,178,000 for the construction of the tsunami tower at Ocean Shores Elementary.

Public Records Requests – The following Public Records Request have been received: Charlene Dooley for employment file; Kyle Frank for text/email/phone messages; Elaine Nichols for teaching staff information; and Mike Weidman for a list of coaches.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Alvina Olstead - Pacific Beach Elementary Educational Specifications for the purposed music room.

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 February 24, 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 585578-585583 dated March 17, 2026 for \$233,119.31.

General Fund numbers 585565-585567 dated March 17, 2026 for \$118,236.64; and numbers 585584-585636 dated March 17, 2026 for \$170,559.38.

Associated Student Body Fund numbers 585568-58577 dated March 17, 2026 for \$7,204.30.

Compensation Tax Fund number 585637 dated March 17, 2026 for \$274.65.

Payroll Direct Deposit numbers 900023917-90002390 dated February 27, 2026 for \$4,859.31; and Direct Deposit number 900023921 dated March 3, 2026 for \$483.18.

The resignation of Tim Hiles as Assistant Baseball Coach.

The following coaching assignments: Cecilia Saavedra as Senior High Assistant Track Coach; and Frank Taylor as Golf Coach.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for Pacific Beach Elementary 5/6 Class to NatureBridge Olympic – On a motion by Director Millan and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved Pacific Beach Elementary 5/6 grade class to attend a three-day trip to NatureBridge Olympic, sponsored by the Seabrook Foundation.

Approval of North Beach School District Master Plan – Moved to the April meeting.

Approval of Education Specifications for Pacific Beach Elementary School – Moved to the April meeting.

First Reading of Policies – Discussion was conducted on the policies presented for first reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

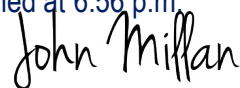
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Beach Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

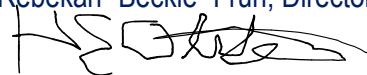


John Millan, Director District 1



Joshua "Josh" Cooper, Director District 2

Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh, Director District 3

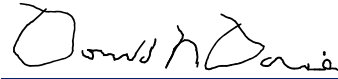


Halvar Olstead, Director District 4

Attested to:

Secretary to the Board/Superintendent

(Minutes prepared by Patrice Timpson)



Donald "Don" Dowie, Director District 5/President