

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
April 27, 2026
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the April Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee, Heather Fisher and about 136 audience members present. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES AND THE APRIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO APRIL AGENDA

The Board approved the March Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the April Special Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the April Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

A significant number of staff, students, parents, and community members were present to provide public comment. Multiple individuals spoke in support of the Middle/High School Band Teacher, Mr. Lawson, as well as the teachers' union.

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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

5) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Todd Rouse, Food Service Director, provided an overview of the food service program, including the requirements and considerations involved in menu planning. He informed the Board that the district has transitioned to serving fresh food rather than pre-packaged items. He also shared that the kitchen is operating on a three-week menu cycle, which allows staff time to learn new recipes and provides students the opportunity to try a variety of new meals.

The Board received a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program presentation beginning with High School Principal Zach Spaet. Mr. Spaet welcomed those in attendance and expressed appreciation to staff and community members involved in the CTE program for their continued support of students and the opportunities provided. He informed the Board that the program has experienced significant growth, with the district now offering six CTE teachers and 33 sections of vocational education classes.

Mr. Spaet then introduced several students who presented on their respective programs and experiences:

- Chloe Skinner and Lena Coggins shared their involvement in American Sign Language (ASL) and their plans to pursue careers in ASL interpretation.

- Sage Smith and Tatum Nelson presented on their work in Middle School Science/STEM, including showcasing 3D projects they have created.
- Parker March and Henry Tibbs provided an overview of the FFA program and available coursework, noting that certain classes offer college credit. They also shared photos from a visit to Chief Joseph and highlighted a service project in which 13 blankets were made for local veterans.
- Bettie Donovan, Marjorie Johnson, and Jasmine Ortega presented on behalf of the Art program, each highlighting different forms of art including printing, painting, and drawing. The Board was also informed that Finn Beery, an Okanogan High School student, won the Bloomsday drawing competition this year.
- Sterling Coggins and Cameron Caswell presented on drafting and construction projects. Sterling provided a detailed explanation of drafting concepts and shared scale models, while Cameron presented a saddle stand he constructed and described the building process.
- Rebecca Hallam and Olivia Ramirez concluded the presentations. Olivia shared her experience competing at the FBLA State level, where she placed in the top ten, and performed a mock interview for the Board.

The Board expressed appreciation for the students and staff for their presentations and the work being accomplished through the CTE program.

Superintendent Steve Quick reported to the Board that he recently met with city representatives and reached a mutual agreement regarding how to move forward with construction efforts. He also informed the Board that the bidding window for the bond project will open July 9, 2026, and run through August 4, 2026.

Additionally, Mr. Quick shared that the district's emergency notification provider has ceased operations. The district is in the process of contracting with a new provider and hopes to have services restored as soon as possible.

6) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Resignation from Dana Moses, High School Girl's JV Basketball Coach; Eve Roberts, Accounts Payable Manager.
- b) April warrants (260324 through 260367 totaling \$518,112.12 and 260368 through 260413 totaling \$106,591.68)
- c) April payroll totaling \$1,332,761.87.
- d) April Enrollment totaling 986.96.

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. McKee/Fisher/passed/4 for/0 against

7) APPROVE CARL PERKINS V GRANT FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR, CTE DEPARTMENTS 4-YEAR PLAN, AND 2025-26 CTE PROGRAM EVALUATION

Luke McKee made a motion to approve the Carl Perkins V Grant for the 2026-27 School Year, CTE Departments 4-Year Plan, and the 2025-26 CTE Program Evaluation.

McKee/Fisher/passed/4 for/0 against

8) FIRST READ OF POLICIES

- a) 3432 EMERGENCIES
- b) 4130 TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- c) 6690 CONTRACTING FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board reviewed the policies as presented.

9) FIRST READ OF PROCEDURES

- a) 3211P GENDER INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS PROCEDURE
- b) 4130P TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROCEDURE

The Board reviewed the procedures as presented.

10) FIRST READ AND APPROVAL OF POLICY 6100A INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Policy 6100A Indian Policies and Procedures. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against**

11) SECOND READ AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES

- a. 2020 COURSE DESIGN, SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- b. 2021 LIBRARY INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS
- c. 2230 TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
- d. 3414 INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- e. 3420 ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
- f. 3424 OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL
- g. 5005 EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER DISCLOSURES, CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ASSURANCES AND APPROVAL
- h. 5401 SICK LEAVE
- i. 5403 EMERGENCY AND DISCRETIONARY LEAVES
- j. 5404 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE
- k. 6600 TRANSPORTATION

After a brief discussion to remove Policy 5401 and 5403 for further review, Luke McKee made a motion to approve Policies 2020, 2021, 2230, 3414, 3420, 3424, 5005, 5403 and 6600. **McKee/Fisher/passed/4 for/0 against**

12) SECOND READ OF PROCEDURES

- a. 3414P INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- b. 3420P ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
- c. 3424P OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL
- d. 5401P SICK LEAVE

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 would like 5401P removed for further review.

13) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Klancy Allen, Business Manager, informed the Board that the district is 58% through the year and operationally stable. Revenue trends and cash flows continue to be monitored closely.

14) DISCUSSION

None heard.

15) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair