



Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026, 6:00PM
55 Academy St, Lebanon, OR 97355

Present:

Nichole Piland, Chair

Melissa Baurer, Vice Chair

Lorlee Engler, Member

Mike Martin, Member

Clyde Rood, Member

Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent

William Lewis, Chief Operations Officer

Steven Prososki, Finance Director

1. WELCOME

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@lcsdboardmeetingstream6568/streams>

1.1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chair, Nichole Piland.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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Kimberly Mynar, 5th grade teacher at Pioneer, spoke in support of naming the walking path at Pioneer. Referencing the previous meeting's discussion on the path's history, she shared her perspective as a colleague of Rachel Brandt and highlighted the years of dedication, including fundraising efforts and strong community involvement, with support from Rachel's family throughout the process. She emphasized that Rachel's impact extends far beyond the walking path, reflecting a deep commitment to students, staff, and the community, especially following

the tragic passing of Mr. Brandt. Kimberly noted that naming the path would honor not only the work completed but also the spirit of support, perseverance, and connection behind it, and respectfully asked the Board to consider the request.

Adam, a community member, spoke in support of naming the walking path, sharing his personal connection to Tony and the Brandt family. As a runner who leads the Lebanon Run Club and supports middle school and cross-country programs, he reflected on his friendship with Tony and shared aspects of Tony's character and impact. Adam expressed that naming the path would help tell the story of a man who consistently supported and encouraged others, always pushing them forward. He also highlighted the ongoing support and strength of the Brandt family and voiced his support for the naming request.

4. NAMING OF THE PIONEER SCHOOL WALKING PATH

Mike motions to approve, and Clyde seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the naming of the Pioneer School Walking Path is approved.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RENEWAL AND NONRENEWAL

Mike motions to approve, and Clyde seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the Superintendent's recommendations for renewal and nonrenewal are approved.

6. OSAA CO-OP

A request is presented from Kraig Hoene, LHS Athletic Director, for Board approval of a cooperative agreement for golf and soccer with Central Linn School District through OSAA. He noted that the season has already begun and that the agreement has been signed by both districts, pending Board approval. Jen recommended approval of the request.

Clyde motions to approve, and Melissa seconds the motion. All in favor with a unanimous vote, the Co-op is approved.

7. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

A draft document combining input into a single set of operating agreements was presented for review and further discussion. Concerns were raised that the document is too lengthy, potentially restrictive, and imbalanced. It was clarified that the document is a starting point for discussion, not necessarily for approval at this time.

Board members discussed separating the document into two distinct agreements—Board governance and Board/Superintendent roles—and aligning content with existing policy where applicable. There was general agreement that revisions could be made, including condensing the document while maintaining key elements, as well as the importance of the accountability. The value of working through revisions in a work session was discussed, along with the potential benefit of involving Vincent Adams, a facilitator with OSBA.

Consensus was reached for members to provide feedback by March 27, after which a revised draft will be prepared for further review at the April meeting. Additional discussion included incorporating guidance for student representatives and exploring collaborative tools to support the revision process. The goal is to finalize the agreements in a timely manner, ideally before the 2026–27 school year.

8. CONTINUED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS POLICY DISCUSSION: IIA

Discussion took place regarding language in policy IIA and its reference to SB 1098. It was clarified that the language in question originates from SB 1098, which was passed in June and includes amendments referencing instructional materials related to marginalized groups.

Discussion included revising the language to better align with Corvallis' approach and SB 1098 requirements. A revised policy for Board consideration will be presented at the next meeting.

9. SEVEN OAK SEISMIC PROJECT EARLY WORK PACKAGE

Chief Operations Officer William Lewis explains that at the October Board meeting, the Board approved a pre-construction services contract with GBC Construction for the Seven Oak Middle School gym seismic project in an amount not to exceed \$43,408. This amount covered pre-construction and design services.

For consideration at this meeting, staff presented an early work package for the same project with GBC Construction in an additional amount not to exceed \$521,146. These funds would support hazardous materials abatement and work related to structural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, fire alarm, and access control systems.

The Board inquired about the guaranteed maximum price (GMP), and it was shared that the GMP for the services outlined totals \$564,554. Discussion also included clarification on remaining project scope, noting that the construction phase has not yet been bid and will be brought forward for Board approval at a later date. The overall project cost is currently estimated at approximately \$1.9 million, though this figure is preliminary and not yet approved. Additional questions were raised regarding fire panel updates and how they align with the project.

Jennifer asked for clarification regarding an email outlining detailed costs for each project component, and William confirmed that he had provided that information, noting that costs continue to change as efforts are made to bring the project back within budget. Jennifer also clarified that Board approval of the early work package would allow the district to move forward with securing bids, but not begin full construction. William confirmed that limited work, such as hazardous materials abatement, could begin as appropriate, but contracts would not be finalized until the project aligns with the overall budget.

It was noted that the project is currently estimated to be approximately \$400,000 over budget. Questions were raised regarding value engineering efforts, and William shared that multiple partners are actively involved in this process to reduce costs. He emphasized that the project cannot proceed if it remains over budget.

Additional discussion takes place, focused on ensuring the project will still meet required seismic standards. William confirmed that the upgrades must meet state requirements as part of the grant, achieving a seismic Level 4 rating. While value engineering is being explored, it will not compromise these requirements. The project is intended to provide a safe community facility in the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake, with Seven Oak serving as a potential site for community support alongside LHS.

A question is presented regarding the Seven Oak auxiliary gym meeting seismic standards, and William states that he would need to address this separately, at a later date, as this does not necessarily apply to the work that had been done when the auxiliary gym was initially built.

It is requested that William continue to communicate with the Board regarding how the additional \$400,000 will be made up.

Lorlee motions to approve the GMP Amendment 1 Early Work Package for the \$521,146 to GBC construction, and Mike seconds the motion. All approved by a unanimous vote, the motion passes.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Melissa motions to approve and Clyde seconds the motion. All approved with a unanimous vote, the consent agenda made up of February 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, and temporary new hire Breanna Lindsey is approved in its entirety.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11.1. Operations

Nothing to report.

11.2. Financial

Questions were raised regarding budget variances. On the charter school line (1288), it was noted that expenditures are over budget due to the district receiving its first invoice for the Evergreen Virtual Academy partnership, with approximately 40% allocated to the provider and 60% retained by the district; this agreement was not in place when the budget was originally developed. It was also noted that costs for Sand Ridge and Evergreen had been combined on one line, and this will be separated for greater clarity moving forward.

On line 2540 (insurance and judgments), the overage was attributed to higher-than-anticipated insurance premiums, which increased more significantly than expected.

It was also noted that the district currently maintains a strong Ending Fund Balance, and the finance team is continuing to plan carefully and proactively for the 2026–27 school year.

12. COMMUNICATION

12.1. Board

Melissa shared that she attended a recent high school basketball game and noted the excitement and strong sense of school spirit, highlighting that both sides of the gym were fully engaged, with visible support from students, staff, and administrators. She also referenced the Lebanon Chamber Distinguished Service Awards event, recognizing and celebrating district staff who were nominated and honored.

Nichole provided clarification regarding information from the previous meeting related to the facility use decision and OAB.

12.2. Student Board

Cade shared updates including the JROTC championship, the upcoming LHS band spring concert, and an April competition. He also noted strong participation in LHS spring sports, with 257 students registered compared to 216 last year.

Addy reported that scholarship opportunities are now opening, with approximately \$180,000 awarded annually to LHS students. She also highlighted the upcoming Forecasting and Showcase event on April 2, which will include student board involvement and opportunities to learn about athletics, programs, and activities.

12.3. Superintendent

Jennifer presents Jen's Zens starting with Seven Oak's Unified Basketball. She explains how Special Olympics Unified Sports brings students with and without disabilities together to participate as teammates, promoting inclusion, confidence, and connection. While the program has long been part of the high school, Seven Oak Middle School has now joined with Unified Basketball, where Life Skills students partner with general education peers. Students experience full game-day excitement, supported by staff, student leadership, and Special Olympics. The highlight is the strong school spirit, as the crowd celebrates every player and creates an inclusive, supportive environment for all.

She also highlights the Science Fair at Pioneer School sharing how Pioneer School was full of excitement on Feb. 20 during the annual Fifth Grade Science Fair, where students showcased creative experiments—from slime to a working water purifier. Classes toured the projects throughout the day, families joined to celebrate, and community volunteers helped judge, making it a fun and meaningful experience for all.

She also shares that students in Bridget O'Malley's LHS physics class took a field trip to iFLY, where they calculated and tested their terminal velocities and examined how the wind tunnel at iFLY cleverly utilizes fluid dynamics to generate large wind speeds. This field trip was made possible thanks to a grant from the Lebanon Schools Foundation, Jennifer shares a big thank you for helping the district connect learning with a high-flying activity for our students.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

14. ADJOURNMENT at 7:00 PM.

Signed:

Nicholas M. Puland
(Board Chair)

Date:

4/9/26

Signed:

Jennifer Meckley
(Superintendent)

Date:

4/9/26

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SPEAKER SIGN-IN

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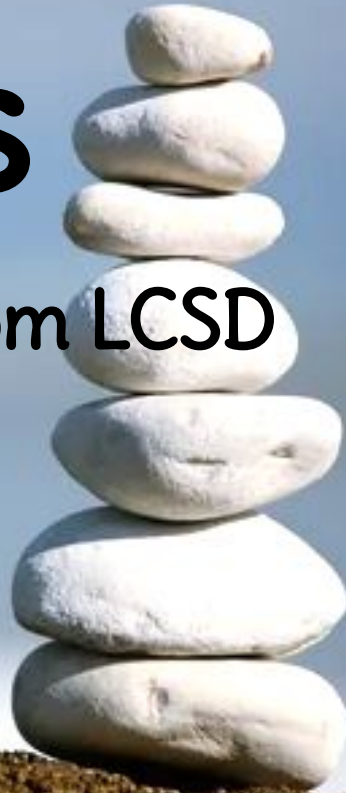
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Topic or comment to be presented (brief description):
Brandt Family Walking Path
Legacy

A complaint brought before the Board shall be referred to the proper school authorities. A complaint shall be processed in accordance with Board policy KL - Public Complaints and KL-AR - Public Complaints Procedure. A hearing conducted by the Board regarding personnel may take place in an executive session.

The Board requests that a topic or comment is limited to three minutes or less.

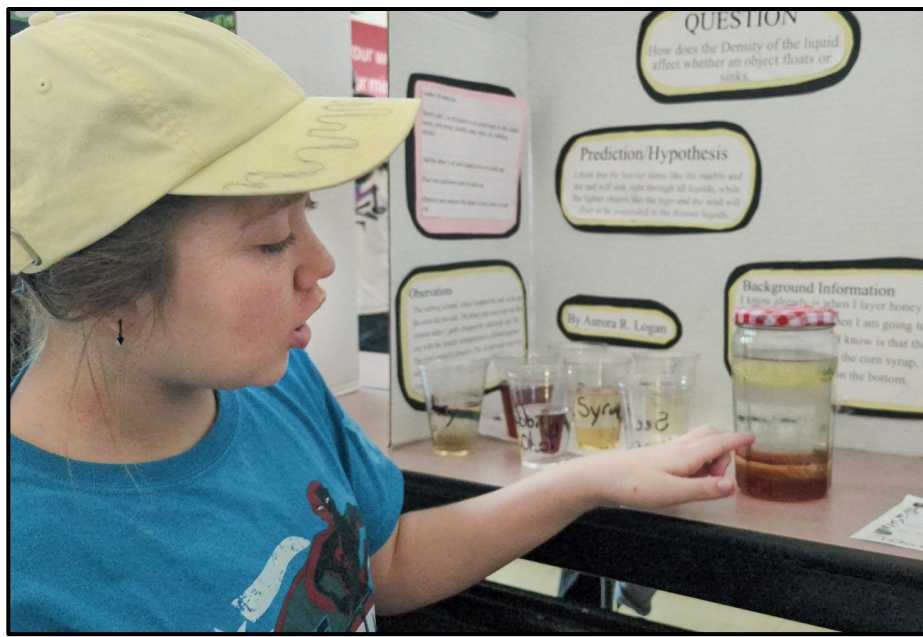
Jen's Zens

A Few Happy Stories from LCSD



Seven Oak: Unified Basketball

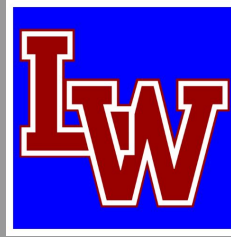




Pioneer School Science Fair



LHS science field trip to iFLY



Thank you.

