



**YONCALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

February 19, 2026

**292 5th Street, Yoncalla
Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room
Yoncalla, OR 97499**

School Board meeting is also be available on Facebook Live at:

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School Board email: ysd.schoolboard@yoncalla.k12.or.us

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Della Orcutt, Chair
Cathey Grimes, Vice-Chair
Fawn Sybrant
Lisa Frasier
Twila McDonald-Absent
Quincy Converse, Student Representative-Absent

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Brian Berry
Chelsea Ross
Lancelot Falcon
Megan Barber
Hanna Drennen
Kelly LaRoque
Cody Reed
Beth Durbin
Laurie Simleness

- 6:05 PM**
- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Orcutt called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present, Steve Hammerson, parents, students, staff and community members.
 - II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** Action Item A, 2026-2027 School Budget Calendar. Director Frasier made a motion to approve the Agenda s adjusted, Director Grimes seconded, passed with Directors Sybrant, Grimes, Frasier, and Orcutt voting yes.
 - III. AWARDS, RECONGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE.** Student of the Month awards presented to Handsome Jack Hamm, Austynn Gillespie, Melina Valencia Peinado, Brogan King, Kaz Austin. Superintendent shared letters of resignation from Gerald Fauci, Susan Prouty and Lancelot Falcon.
 - IV. PUBLIC FORUM**
The public is invited to attend board meetings, and will be given a limited time of 3 (three) minutes per person to voice any opinions or problems, except that public or board criticism of personnel of the district will be heard only in executive session. Such items should be brought to the attention of the superintendent at least 5 (five) business days prior to the board meeting. Public Forum will be limited to 30 minutes. Douglas County Commissioner Steve Hammerson introduced himself and visited with the board.
 - V. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes of the Board Meeting, January 15, 2025
 - B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
 - C. 2026-2027 Licensed Personnel Action.

2026-27 LICENSED PERSONNEL ACTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve contracts as listed below:

- 1. The following TSPC Licensed probationary educators are offered a one-year renewal for 2026-27 (The year below indicates the probationary status for the 2026-27 year):**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Terra Jacobson-Barnes	Nathan "Milo" Rose
	Katie Calkins	Holdem Elkins

2. The following **TSPC Licensed** educators move from *probationary 2 or 3 to contract status* and are offered a two-year contract for 2026-27 & 2027-28:

Sarah Ruiz-Weight		
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**represents staff moving to from year 2 probationary to contract status due to HB 2900 which took effect January 1, 2026*

3. The following **TSPC Licensed** contract educators are offered a two-year contract extension for 2026-27 & 2027-28:

Megan Barber	Alauna Bowen	Sasha Cameron
Kelly Campbell	Darren Crosby	Cara Crosby
Hanna Drennen	Peter James	Alexander Kilmer
Jessie McHaffie	George "Matt" Sybrant	Kristy Westbrooks
Jannelle Wilde		

4. The following **TSPC Licensed** probationary administrators are offered a one-year contract for 2026-27 (The year below indicates the probationary status for the 2026-27 year): *None*.

5. The following **TSPC Licensed** administrators move from *probationary 3 to contract status* and are offered a three-year contract for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

Chelsea Ross		
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6. The following **TSPC Licensed** administrators currently in the first year of a three-year contract to be renewed March 15, 2027. *None*.

7. The following **TSPC Licensed** administrators currently in the second year of a three-year contract to be extended and offered a new three-year contract for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, replacing current 2024-2027 contract. *None*.

8. The following **TSPC Licensed** temporary educators are non-renewed without prejudice due to temporary status.

Amelia Grabinski	Amanda Churchwell	Deanna McHaffie
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9. The following **TSPC Licensed** temporary administrators are non-renewed without prejudice due to temporary status. *None*.

Director Grimes made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda, Director Frasier seconded, passed with Directors Sybrant, Grimes, Frasier, and Orcutt voting yes.

- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEM.** Pediculosis. Superintendent Berry shared information about the Pediculosis policy with the board, and will have the final AR ready for board approval at the March meeting.

- VII. **PRESENTATION.** High School Principal Ross shared an excellent presentation about strategies for improving student attendance.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. **Preschool Report.** Preschool Director Megan Barber, shared with her presentation, with her focus on families and grants.
- A. **Elementary Report-**Elementary Principal Falcon shared the following:
- Valentine celebration,
 - Changing newsletter from weekly to monthly
- B. **High School Report.** High School Principal Ross shared the following:
- Senior class voted to change graduation to Saturday, May 30th, at 4:00 PM
 - Valedictorians are Matthew Slocum and Audrey Knapp, Salutatorians are Liam Dougherty and Bailey Richey
 - Culinary classes have finalized their plans for the upcoming State ProStart Competitions in Salem

Financial Report-Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:

- The district in a solid financial position.
- YTD revenues total 3.7 million
- The district has spent 43% of budgeted expenses.
- Estimated ending fund balance of \$1.47 million

C. **Superintendent Report**-Superintendent Brian Berry the following:

- Current Community Newsletter
- District attendance totals-currently 283 students
- Good news for schools in Oregon regarding the March Revenue Forecast, the state GF deficit has decreased, from \$750M to below \$500M, and the CAT tax, which funds the Student Success Act, has increased by \$17.9M since December.
- Excellent News Review article about Yoncalla Attendance
- Current district maintenance update, and the UCC donation of two fork lifts to the Yoncalla School District.

D. **Community Schools Report**-Hanna Drennen

Beth Durbin, Chelsea Ross, Cathey Grimes, Twila McDonald, Brian Berry and myself attended a continuing conversation about community schools, sharing the idea that community schools are public schools that use a holistic, student-centered approach by integrating academics with health, social services, youth and community development, and strong family engagement. She shared that this system operates on a Four Pillars system:

- **Expanded Learning Time and Opportunities** Enrichment through after-school programs, summer learning, and mentorship.
- **Integrated Student Supports** Removing barriers to learning by connecting students and families with healthcare, mental-health services, and other social supports.
- **Collaborative Leadership and Practices** Shared decision-making among students, families, educators, and community partners.
- **Active Family and Community Engagement** Partnering with families and the broader community to support student success.

Inflexion describes this model as a way to create comprehensive, student-centered systems, ensuring that schools align identity, structure, learning, and readiness to meet the needs of every student.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. 2026-2027 School Budget Calendar. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously, with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Frasier and Sybrant voting yes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, March 19, 2026.

XI. **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The board recessed to Executive Session, called under ORS 332.061(1), to conduct a hearing on the expulsion of a student or to review a student's confidential medical records. The Executive Session began at 7:15 PM.

XII. **RECONVENE AND ADJOURN REGULAR.** The meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 8:36 PM, with Director Grimes making a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, with Directors Grimes, Sybrant, Orcutt, Frasier and McDonald voting to adjourn.