



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

January 15, 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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BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

6:00 PM I. CALL TO ORDER. Chair Orcutt called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present, parents, students, staff and community members.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.

A. Removing Consent Item E, Board Policy JHCCF G1. There will be a site council meeting for Middle/Highschool families on February 4th, at 6:00 PM, in Mr. Fauci's room at the high school, the preschool site meeting will be on February 2nd at 5:00 in the preschool building, and the next elementary site council meeting will be on February 24th at 5:30 in the elementary library. This will allow families to learn about the policy and share their feedback. Director Grimes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as adjusted, Director Frasier seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Frasier and McDonald voting yes. Director Sybrant was not at the meeting at this time, she arrived at 6:20 PM

III. AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Student of the Month Awards given to Dallas Gordon, Piper Jackson, Fabian Black, Duke Jackson, Bella Sybrant.
B. Letter of resignation, Gerald Fauci.

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. None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Board Meeting, November 20, 2025
B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
C. Hiring of Deanna McHaffie as Temporary Elementary School Teacher
D. Hiring of Amanda Churchwell as Temporary Elementary School Teacher.

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

VI. AUDIT REPORT

The 2024-2025 Audit Report was presented by Kelsey Pardon, of Neuner, Davidson & Co. Once again, the district received an unmodified opinion, with no issues in the district as a whole. The funds are being kept at a healthy balance, overall an excellent balance.

- VII. **PRESENTATION.** Preschool Presentation-Preschool Director Megan Barber. Ms. Barber shared a very informative report about her ongoing work in communications within our school and community.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. **Preschool Report.** Preschool Director Megan Barber, shared with her presentation.

- A. **Elementary Report**-Elementary Principal Falcon shared the following:

- Very successful Winter Concert,
- Safety inspection
- Staffing changes

- B. **High School Report.** High School Principal Ross shared the following:

- Health relationships
- Recruit Hippo-soft skills workshops
- Trucking driving simulator
- Unified basketball kickoff
- Polar Plunge, February 7th

Financial Report-Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:

- The district is maintaining a stable financial position
- Revenues and expenditures overview for October 2025.
- The district has spent 37% of budgeted expenses.
- Estimated ending fund balance of \$2.4 million
- Ms. Cook applauded Superintendent Berry for his conservative spending practices.

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

- ADM is down 11 students, with two large moving out of state.
- Yoncalla Indian Education Pow Wow is May 23rd
- Grandstands update-plans are almost completed, they should go out to bid later this month.
- Mr. Berry had Hanna Drennen share about the Community Schools event.
 - Ms. Drennen spoke about the 4 pillars, and discovering what values do parents want to the district to support.
 - Beth Durbin, Brian Berry and herself will be attending the January 23rd Community Schools eventMs. Drennen also spoke about getting the state to fund schools differently.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2025-2026-1, Douglas ESD Local Service Plan. After discussion, Director Frasier made a motion to approve the ESD Local Service Plan, Director Sybrant seconded, passed 4 to 1, Directors Grimes, Frasier, Sybrant and McDonald voted yes, with Director Orcutt abstaining.
- B. Resolution 2025-2026-2, The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Grant for \$17,000.00. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Frasier, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- C. Resolution 2025-2026-3, Federal McKinney Vento Grant for \$15,875. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Frasier, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, February 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.