



Yoncalla School District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2026

295 5th Street

Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room

Yoncalla, OR 97499

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

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BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Della Orcutt, Chair

Cathey Grimes, Vice-Chair

Fawn Sybrant

Lisa Frasier-Absent

Twila McDonald

Quincy Converse, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Brian Berry

Chelsea Ross

Lancelot Falcon

Megan Barber

Hanna Drennen

Kelly LaRoque

Cody Reed

Beth Durbin

Laurie Simlerness

- 6:02 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. AWARDS, RECONGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE**
- A. Student of the Month Awards presented Samuel McGowen, Jackson Bock, Emilie Woodfield, Nathan Delwisch, Lucy Rape
- III. 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 is limited to 30 minutes.**
- IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** Action Item G, Consider for Approval the bid from Great Western Corporation, for the high school grandstands project.
- V. CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. Minutes of the Board Meeting March 19, 2026
- B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
- C. Policy JHCCF-AR
- After discussion, the consensus was to move Policy JHCCF-AR to the July 2027 work session. Director Grimes made motion to approve items A and B, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously, with Directors Grimes, Sybrant, Orcutt and McDonald voting yes.
- VI. REPORTS**
- A. **Preschool Report.** Preschool Director Megan Barber, shared the following:
- Current classroom focus is on life cycles, habitats and care of frogs and chickens.
 - Students and staff enjoying a "Mad Hatter" tea party, with "pinkies up" and fun attire.

- Preschool Parent Teacher conferences are ongoing through May.
 - Family Game Night will be May 5th, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.
 - Field trip the ECEC, to investigate the butterfly pavilion.
- A. **Elementary Report**-Elementary Principal Falcon shared the following:
- Principal Falcon is having conversations with the Center for Dialogue and Resolution. The mission of CDR is resolution through mediation, including strategies for K-12 settings. He hopes to set up a meeting with them in the near future.
- B. **High School Report.** High School Principal Ross shared the following:
- April is National Poetry Month, being supported by Tellisa Buckler, who is once again offering her "Poem for a Pickle" incentive.
 - Student lead conferences are ongoing.
 - Yoncalla is joining NDHS and EHS for Operation Prom Night.
 - Jannelle Wilde she was awarded the Fund for Teachers Scholarship. She will be going to New Zealand to research their forests and endangered animals.
- C. **School Nurse Report.** On behalf of Beth Durbin, Mr. Berry shared the following:
- There will be a supported WIC enrollment at the Elementary School on April 24th, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This event will also include an opportunity to sign up for OHP.
 - The Advantage Dental Van will be at the school on the same day, 9:00 to noon.
- Financial Report**-Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:
- The district is maintaining a strong financial position.
 - Revenues and expenditures overview for March 2026.
 - The district has spent 56% of budgeted expenditures.
 - Current ending fund balance is projected to be \$1,455,903 (25% of budget)
- D. **Superintendent Report**-Superintendent Brian Berry the following:
- YSD total enrollment-282 students
 - Grand Stand Project. It appears that Great Western Corp is offering the best bid in both cost and experience.
 - District Fire Marshall Inspection. Great report, with only a few minor items that need to be replaced or repaired.
 - Cintas Class Action. In March of 2025, the district received information about this lawsuit. The district opted in, and this month have received a check for \$6790.00.
 - Executive order from the state, regarding student contact days. At this time, the impact on the district is zero. The state may direct schools to increase student contact days in the future, the district will need to be watching closely.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider for approval, hiring of Chelsea Ross for Superintendent/Principal. Director Sybrant made a motion to approve, Director McDonald seconded, motion approved with Directors McDonald, Sybrant, Orcutt voting yes, and Director Grimes abstaining.
- B. Consider for approval, hiring of Amanda Churchwell as 3rd grade teacher. Director Sybrant made a motion to approve Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- C. Consider for approval, hiring of Presley Justice as 4th grade teacher. Director McDonald made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.

- D. Consider for approval, hiring of Taylor McHugill as 1st grade teacher. Director Sybrant made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- E. Consider for approval, hiring of Susan Prouty as Elementary Special Education Teacher. Director Grimes made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- F. Annual Mid-Columbia Bus CPI adjustment approval. Director Sybrant made a motion to approve, Director McDonald seconded, passed unanimously, with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- G. Consider for approval accepting bid from Great Western Corporation, for the High School grandstands project. Director McDonald made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Board Meeting, May 7, 2026, at 5:00 PM
- B. Budget Committee Meeting, following regular board meeting.

XI. ADJOURN.

Director McDonald made a motion to adjourn, Director Grimes seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.