



Yoncalla School District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2026

295 5th Street

Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room

Yoncalla, OR 97499

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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-Absent

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Brian Berry

Chelsea Ross

Lancelot Falcon-Absent

Megan Barber

Hanna Drennen

Kelly LaRoque

Cody Reed

Beth Durbin

Laurie Simlerness

**6:06 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, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE**

A. Student of the Month Awards presented to Colton Patrick, Hudson Nance, Kathrina Ramos, Leanna Bryson, Lily Songer, Gabe Rosen

**III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None

**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.** Alison Olsen commented on the wonderful field trip, she felt it was an inspiring and forward-thinking exposure for students. Also, UCC President Dr. Rachel Pokrandt was present, and discussed new projects, including the new Medical building, track update, student housing and career center.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of the Board Meeting, February 19, 2026

B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update

C. Hiring of Matthew Swearingen as High School Baseball Coach

D. Hiring of Jessie McHaffie as Assistant High School Baseball Coach

E. Hiring of Ian Sprinkle as Assistant High School Track Coach

F. Hiring of Traci Sprinkle as Middle School Track Coach.

Director Sybrant made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda, Director Grimes seconded, passed with Directors Sybrant, Grimes, Frasier, McDonald and Orcutt voting yes, Director McDonald noted she was absent from the March meeting, and was abstaining from that consent item.

## VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Policy JHCCF-AR.** Superintendent Berry shared Advisory Council advice. Parents would like accountability, so language has been added regarding refusal. Focus will be on education for parents. After discussion, the policy was moved to an Action Item for the April 2026 Board Meeting.
- B. **Superintendent Hiring-** Superintendent Berry discussed the timeline, qualifications, and the need for community and staff surveys. The position will be posted 3/20/26-4/12/26, internal only. Community and Staff Surveys will be posted from 3/20-26-4/10/26.

## VII. PRESENTATIONS. None.

## VIII. REPORTS

- A. **Preschool Report.** Preschool Director Megan Barber, shared the following:
  - Enrollment is ½ full for the 2026-2027 school year.
  - March fun included Leprechaun shenanigans and traps.
  - Parent volunteers helped the preschool plant gardens.
  - Students are watching baby eggs become baby chicks.
  - A grant has been written for Kinder Transition.
- A. **Elementary Report-**Elementary Principal Falcon shared the following:
  - Dr. Seuss night had a great turnout, approximately 350 plus attending.
  - Shout out to Alex and Karennia in food service
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip a big hit, the students went to a local dressage barn and to the Creswell airport. This trip was set up by 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Terra Jacobson.
  - Second grade attendance award, 92%.
- B. **High School Report.** High School Principal Ross shared the following:
  - NHS letters have been sent out to new invitees.
  - Shop class is making a new sign for Elder Field.
  - Fires is coming up in early April
  - A big thank you to UCC for the donation of two forklifts, and thank you to Bobby Geyer Construction for delivering them
- C. **School Nurse Report.** Beth Durbin shared the following:
  - There will be a supported WIC enrollment at the Elementary School on April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This event will also include an opportunity to sign up for OHP.
  - Mid-Columbia Bus and the Elks Lodge are handling transportation to the North County Rendezvous/ODHS Office of Self-Sufficiency event on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There will be 30 community partners available at this event.
- Financial Report-**Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:
  - The district continues to maintaining a stable financial position
  - Revenues and expenditures overview for February 2026.
  - The district has spent 50% of budgeted expenses.
  - Ms. LaRoque introduced Angie Brownson, who will be the new business manager for the district beginning in next fiscal year.
- D. **Superintendent Report-**Superintendent Brian Berry the following:
  - Big "Thank You" to Jannelle Wilde for the community newsletter.
  - Grand Stand Project has gone out to bid. This project may need to be completed in two phases.
  - YSD total enrollment-283 students

- Bleacher inspection report completed.
- The district was a part of the Four Rivers P3 panel on Early Learning.
- Austin Buchert wrote a successful \$40,480.00 TAP grant for long-range facility planning, thank you Austin!

#### **XI. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Hiring of Hanna Drennen for Elementary School Principal. Director McDonald made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Sybrant, Orcutt and Grimes voting yes.
- B. 2026-2027 School Calendar. Director Sybrant made a motion to approve Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- C. Approval of Integrated Pest Management Plan. Director McDonald made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.
- D. Adopt timeline for Superintendent Hiring. Director Grimes made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Orcutt, Grimes, Sybrant and McDonald voting yes.

#### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Special Meeting, Executive Session, Wednesday, March 15, 2026, under ORS 192.660 (2)(a) to consider the employment of public officer, staff member, or agent
- B. Next Board Meeting, April 16, 2026

#### **XI. ADJOURN.**

Director McDonald made a motion to adjourn, Director Sybrant seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.