



Yoncalla School District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2026

295 5th Street

Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room

Yoncalla, OR 97499

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BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Della Orcutt, Chair-Absent

Cathey Grimes, Vice-Chair

Fawn Sybrant

Lisa Frasier

Twila McDonald

Quincy Converse, Student Representative-Absent

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Brian Berry

Chelsea Ross

Hanna Drennen

Kelly LaRoque

Cody Reed

Laurie Simlerness

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Vice Chair Grimes called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present, Kaiden Marshall, Brinleigh Lewis, Emmet Mazelin, Lucy Brundage, Matt Sybrant.
- B. Elect Board Chair. Chair Grimes nominated Director Sybrant for 2026-2027 Board Chair, Director Frasier seconded, passed unanimously with Directors Grimes, McDonald, Frasier and Sybrant voting yes.
- C. Elect Vice Chair. Director McDonald nominated Director Grimes to be 2026-2027 Vice Chair, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Frasier, Sybrant and Grimes voting yes.

- I. **AWARDS, RECONGNITION AND CORRESPONDENCE.** All four seniors from the graduating class of 2027 shared with the board their plans and hopes for an out of state senior trip, which included their request to begin fundraising. The board also took a moment to recognize Kelly LaRoque, who has served as Business Manager for Yoncalla School District for four years. During her tenure in Yoncalla, the district's yearly audits have been exemplary, and her desire to keep YSD in excellent financial condition have been greatly appreciated.

II. 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. None.

- III. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** Added an Executive Session at the end of the meeting, called under ORS 192 660 (2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, staff member, or agent, Director Frasier made a motion to approve the consent agenda as adjusted, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors, Grimes, Sybrant, McDonald and Frasier voting yes.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Board Meeting
- B. Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting
- C. Accounts Payable/Funding Update
- D. Surplus of My World Interactive Elementary Social Studies curriculum
- E. Hiring of Darren Purcell as Head Coach for Middle School Football
- F. Hiring of Leighsa Swearingen for head Coach for High School Volleyball
- G. Hiring of Katelyn White as Assistant Cook
- H. Hiring of Madison Kokos as Title I Elementary Instructional Assistant
- I. Designate Chelsea Ross as Chief Executive Officer/Clerk
- J. Designate Angie Brownson as Deputy Clerk
- K. Designate Chelsea Ross as Custodians of Funds
- L. Authorize Facsimile Signature of Chelsea Ross and Angie Brownson
- M. Appoint Chelsea Ross as Budget Officer
- N. Designate Chelsea Ross as District Election Authority
- O. Designate US Bank as Bank Depository
- P. Authorize Investment of Funds with Local Government Investment Pool and US Bank
Appoint OSBA as General Legal Counsel
- Q. Appoint Oregon School Boards Association as Labor Relations Consultant
- R. Appoint Zolezzi Insurance as Insurance Agent of Record
- S. Designate Neuner, Davidson and Cooley as auditor of Record
- T. Appoint Chelsea Ross as person designated to represent Yoncalla SD in matters pertaining to AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Action)

Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Grimes, Sybrant and Frasier voting yes. Director McDonald did note that she was not at the May 7, 2026 meeting, and Director Grimes noted that she declared a potential conflict of interest in Item H.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Yoncalla Library Collaboration. Jill Cunningham shared information and lead a discussion regarding collaboration between the Yoncalla Library and Yoncalla School District. A robust conversation was had about the positives of this collaboration, and also some concerns.
- B. Date and Time for July 2026 Work Session. After discussion, the date for the July works session was set for July 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

VI. REPORTS

- A. **Financial Report**-Business Manager Kelly LaRoque shared the following:
 - The district continues to maintain a strong financial position.
 - Revenues and expenditures overview for May 2026.
 - The district's YTD actual balance is currently at \$2,173,755.
 - The estimated ending fund balance for June 30, 2026 is \$1,400,384 (24% of the budget).
- B. **Superintendent Report**-Superintendent Brian Berry the following:
 - YSD enrollment, currently 283 students, 173 PK-6th grade, 110 7th-12th grades and including 5 Expanded Options students
 - Building permit issue for new youth sports dugouts.
 - Grandstands project, Josh and his team from Great Western have been working very diligently.
 - Summer learning will be happening at the elementary school and high school.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider for approval Resolution 2025-2026-05, Budget Adoption, Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing the Tax. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Sybrant seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Grimes, Sybrant and Frasier voting yes.
- B. Consider for approval Resolution 2025-2026-06, Intrafund Transfer. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Grimes, Sybrant and Frasier voting yes.
- C. Consider for Approval 2026-2027 School Board Calendar. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Grimes, Sybrant and Frasier voting yes.
- D. Consider for approval hiring of Brian Berry as part time Assistant Superintendent. Director Frasier made a motion to approve, Director Grimes seconded, passed unanimously with Directors McDonald, Grimes, Sybrant and Frasier voting yes.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. OSBA Summer Conferences, July 10 or July 16, 2026
- B. Board Work Session, July 2026- Date and Time TBD
- C. Next Board Meeting, August 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

X. ADJOURN.

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