

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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June 29, 2026
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the June Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Heather Fisher, Luke McKee and Terri Mail and about 12 audience members were present. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES, JUNE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO JUNE AGENDA

The Board approved the May Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the June Special Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the June Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of the Superintendent Evaluation. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/5 for/0 against**

3) SPECIAL PRESENTATION – SUSAN ADAMS – SKILLSOURCE AWARD

Susan Adams, representing WorkSource, presented the Workforce Champion Award to Roy Johnson and the Open Doors program in recognition of their outstanding partnership and commitment to supporting students and the community. She highlighted the program's dedication to building meaningful partnerships and recognized the staff for going above and beyond to provide opportunities and support for students and the communities they serve.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Neal, Okanogan County Commissioner, addressed the Board regarding the State's use of federal grant funds that had been appropriated to school districts. He shared his concerns regarding the impact on school funding and announced his candidacy for reelection.

Jenny Kruse addressed the Board regarding Agenda Item 7, expressing concerns related to the district's current financial condition. She also thanked Superintendent Steve Quick for choosing not to accept a salary increase for the upcoming school year.

5) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Steve Quick informed the Board that another successful school year had ended and commented on the success of this year's graduation ceremony. He also shared that the district recognized its retirees during the end-of-year staff luncheon and expressed his appreciation to all staff for their dedication and teamwork throughout the year.

Mr. Quick provided a construction update, informing the Board that bid dates for the Virginia Grainger Elementary and Middle/High School bond projects are changed from

August 4th to August 13th.

He informed the Board that discussions regarding athletics will take place in July to explore potential cost-saving measures, including possible adjustments to athletic eligibility requirements.

Mr. Quick also shared that he attended a Rotary meeting with Rebecca Hallam, where she presented on the district's financial literacy instruction.

He reported attending the Tribal Consultation meeting and discussed the possibility of partnering with Methow Arts to provide additional art opportunities for elementary students.

Lastly, Mr. Quick informed the Board that the fire near Kartar came within approximately one mile of Camp Progress, but the camp remained safe. He also shared that Kiwanis is holding its annual berry sale.

Mr. Quick concluded his report by reading a statement regarding Agenda Item 7, explaining the rationale for the proposed salary increases.

6) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- a) Hired Conner Ashworth, Fifth Grade Teacher.
- b) Resignation from Chris Holand, Fifth Grade Teacher; Shane Grooms, Assistant Middle School Football Coach; Markie Staggs Carpenter, Native American Director; Kris Clark, Behavior Specialist; Nick Saenz, Assistant High School Girls Soccer Coach; Heather Downey, Assistant Track Coach.
- b) June warrants (260572 through 260572 totaling \$6,085.00, 260573 through 260613 totaling \$171,540.49, 260614 through 260614 totaling \$19,471.60, 260661 through 260663 totaling \$18,728.30 and 260644 through 260660 totaling \$479,265.09)
- c) June payroll totaling \$1,342,927.45.
- d) June Enrollment totaling 979.96.

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Fisher/Mail/passed/5 for/0 against

7) APPROVE NON-REPRESENTED SALARIES AND WAGES

The Board recessed into an exempt session for approximately twenty minutes to discuss non-represented salaries and wages. Upon returning to open session, Director Luke McKee stated that the decisions regarding non-represented salaries and wages were not made lightly. Luke McKee then made a motion to do the following: All administrative staff will

be held at zero, no increase. The transportation group will all receive a 2.6% pay increase, indicative of what has happened with the certified staff. The secretaries will receive a 2.6% base increase as well. Brandy will receive increased wages as stated per new job duties and reduction of one personnel within the district office.

McKee/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against

**8) APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-06-25-26 AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE
AUTHORIZED BANK ACCOUNT SIGNERS AND USERS**

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 10-06-25-26 Authorization to Update Authorized Bank Account Signers and Users. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/5 for/ 0 against**

**9) APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-06-25-26 CLOSURE OF THE ASSOCIATED
STUDENT BODY TRANSMITTAL ACCOUNT**

After a brief discussion, Luke McKee made a motion to approve Resolution 11-06-25-26 Closure of the Associated Student Body Transmittal Account. **McKee/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against**

10) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Klancy Allen, Business Manager, reported to the Board that the district's overall financial position and cash flow continue to be closely monitored. She also presented information regarding potential borrowing options that may be considered for the upcoming school year.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION – END OF YEAR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

RCW 42.30.110(1)F “To review the performance of a public employee”

At 6:30 p.m., the Board recessed into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to conduct the Superintendent's evaluation. The executive session was extended an additional 10 minutes. The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m. Upon returning to open session, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley read the Board's final comments from Superintendent Steve Quick's evaluation.

12) DISCUSSION

None heard.

13) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair