

# MINUTES

North Beach School District No. 64  
BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING  
and REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
North Beach Junior/Senior High and via Zoom  
June 16, 2026

## CALL TO ORDER

President Don Dowie called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Members in attendance were Joshua "Josh" Cooper; Donald "Don" Dowie; Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh; John Millan; and Halvar Olstead.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Richard Zimmerman, Superintendent; Wendy McCoy, Principal; Liz Cronin, Special Service Director/Principal; Scott Lincoln, Principal; Brent Wasche, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; Shelese McConnell, Interim Business Manager (via Zoom) and Angi Schreiber, Special Services Assistant (sitting in for Patrice Timpson, Executive Assistant).

## FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING

Capital Projects Fund and General Fund 2025-2026 Budget Extension – Ms. McConnell reported that budget extensions are required for the 2025-2026 fiscal year due to expenditures exceeding the current budget capacity. She recommended a budget extension of \$1,650.00.00 for the General Fund and \$3,432,086.00 for the Capital Projects Fund. Discussion was conducted.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS

*None*

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

*None*

## RECOGNITION

Spring Sports (Track, Baseball, Fastpitch) – Athletic Director Wasche recognized the accomplishments of the district's spring athletic programs and band. The band participated in the Flag Day Parade and earned recognition by placing in a competition.

The Baseball team completed its most successful season in the past ten years, tying the program's best record during that period. Two student athletes were named to Second Team All-League.

The Fastpitch team advanced to and won the opening round of the District Tournament. One student athlete received Second Team All-League honors, and several others were recognized as Academic All-League.

The High School Track program had 71 student-athletes participate during the season. Numerous individual and team accomplishments, awards, and recognitions were highlighted.

Volunteer Awards – The Board recognized the outstanding contributions of volunteers and community partners who have made a significant impact on students and district programs.

North Beach Junior/Senior High School recognized Melissa Millan for her support of the band fundraising efforts, including the Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser; Lindsey Fry for her dedication and service to the Track and Field program; and Jerry Nack for his continued support of student-athletes as the football broadcaster and public address announcer.

Ocean Shores Elementary School awarded Kristin Hieronymus with the Elementary Impact Award; Julie Opel was recognized for her support of athletics and fundraising efforts to provide P.E. shoes for students; the Pizza Factory received the Community Partnership Award; President Melissa Giraldo of the Parents in Education (PIE) group accepted the Student Advocate Award for the organization; and Bree Kappert received the Hyak Way Award.

Pacific Beach Elementary gave the Elementary Impact Award to Tamae Moriyasu; Mark Huck, of Schulz Farm received the Community Partnership Award; Donna LeFevre received the Student Advocate Award; Rik LaMarche was given the Hyak Way Award; Tribal Elder Kathleen Law was awarded the Community Champion Award; and Dave Stasiak was recognized for extensive volunteer service through groundskeeping and maintenance.

At 6:52 p.m., President Dowie called for a 15 minute refreshment Break.

At 7:09 p.m., the meeting was resumed.

### STAFF/STUDENT SHOWCASE

North Beach Junior/Senior High School – Principal McCoy provided an update on the school's progress toward its School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals. Discipline data is still being collected, and year-end totals are not yet available. Attendance rates have shown improvement, indicating positive progress toward the attendance goal. I-Ready growth data reflects continued progress, although there is still opportunity for additional growth.

Ms. McCoy also highlighted several significant events that took place over the past month, including graduation, the Cultural Awareness Assembly, and the Senior Lunch, all of which contributed positively to the school community.

### DISCUSSION

Director Olstead shared that he serves on the Ocean Shores Elementary Safety Committee and commended the staff for their commitment and contributions to school safety. He also announced an upcoming Public Safety Meeting for the Ocean Shores community, to be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the new Fire Station.

Director Millan shared that he recently hosted Principal Cronin on KOSW Radio, where she discussed Pacific Beach Elementary, highlighted school initiatives, and expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. He also announced that Superintendent Zimmerman is scheduled to appear on the radio this Saturday.

### BUDGET STATUS

Interim Business Manager Shelese McConnell reported the month ending May 2026.

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|------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund Balance   | \$759,328.00 |
| Total Revenue Received | \$991,064.00 |
| Apportionment          | \$597,730.00 |
| Levy (Local)           | \$258,816.00 |
| Investments            | \$33.00      |
| Expenditures           | \$1,234,721  |

The projected fund balance at the end of the 2026-2027 is at 2%.

### BOARD REPORT

Director Olstead spoke on the 2026 WSSDA Annual Conference, that will be held in Spokane. President Dowie recommended that the Board not attend next year due to conference costs.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Richard Zimmerman reported:

Superintendent Zimmerman congratulated the North Beach Junior/Senior High School Class of 2026 and thanked Principal McCoy and the high school staff for organizing a successful graduation ceremony.

He provided an update on safety concerns at Ocean Shores Elementary, noting that maintenance staff are actively addressing identified issues, including fire alarm communication, emergency lighting, and planned repairs through upcoming grant-funded projects. Safety improvements at the junior/senior high school will continue throughout the summer.

The Superintendent announced that none of the district's schools will be identified for mandated school improvement for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Zimmerman also provided an update on the district's financial status, acknowledging that recent reviews with the Interim Business Manager and ESD 113 revealed greater financial challenges than previously understood. He accepted responsibility for strengthening financial oversight and outlined corrective actions already underway, including freezing non-essential spending, conducting a comprehensive line-by-line budget review, improving financial monitoring and forecasting, increasing budget accountability at the building level, and working with experienced financial professionals to restore long-term fiscal stability.

He responded to Board members' questions regarding the factors contributing to the district's financial condition, including declining enrollment, insufficient financial monitoring, and forecasting practices. He explained that while recent audits focused primarily on compliance and prior-year financial activity, the district is implementing stronger oversight procedures to improve transparency, accountability, and long-term financial planning.

The Superintendent reported that the district's current fund balance is approximately 5.6% and emphasized that all expenditures, staffing levels, contracts, and operational costs are under review. While staffing and program adjustments may be necessary, the district's priority is to minimize impacts on students and classrooms. He also noted that major capital construction projects remain viable because they are funded through State Seismic Grants rather than the district's general operating budget.

Superintendent Zimmerman concluded by affirming his commitment to transparent communication, responsible stewardship of district resources, and rebuilding structure through continued accountability and sustained improvements to the district's financial management practices.

Ocean Shores Elementary 2025-2026 Highlights – Principal Lincoln shared highlights from the 2025-2026 school year, emphasizing continued efforts to improve student achievement, student supports, school culture, and family partnerships.

Staff collaborated to strengthen instructional practices through the implementation of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), enhanced reading and math initiatives, expanded intervention services, and increased use of student data to guide instruction. Student support efforts included comprehensive counseling services, behavior support systems, Character Strong implementation, and the addition of a Dean of Students.

He highlighted expanded opportunities for student leadership, including ASB, school service roles, and enrichment activities such as Bike Club and Flight Club. Staff also focused on professional collaboration through the Decision-Making Team (DMT), professional development opportunities, recruitment and support of substitute staff, and ongoing collaboration between administration and employee groups.

School safety remained a priority, with continued work by the Safety Team to improve campus safety procedures and communication. Students also benefited from expanded enrichment opportunities, including music, and library programming.

Pacific Beach Elementary – Principal Cronin shared highlights from recent activities at Pacific Beach Elementary. She reported that Field Day was held today with support from the Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary, whose volunteers provided cotton candy, popcorn, and assisted with activity stations.

She also noted that kindergarten and sixth-grade promotion ceremonies were held the previous day. Additionally, the fifth and sixth grade students participated in a visit to Seabrook, where they learned about a variety of career opportunities through the Seabrook Foundation.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Public Records Requests – The following Public Records Requests were received: Stevie Charley for video footage; Christian Lober for correspondence; Woo Park for contracts, purchase orders, invoices and purchase information; and Mike Weidman for purchase information.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Jeff Albertson – District's fiscal process, the Board's responsibilities regarding the district's financial status, and concerns related to a recording of an Executive Session.

- Paul Schulz – Spoke on emails to the Board, resignations, and concerns about leadership and lack of confidence in the superintendent.
- Shari Dooley – Reductions in Force (RIFs) and financial issues.
- Marcy Black – Her current position, district's financial situation, and the financial hardship it has created.
- Melissa Millan – Thanked district staff for their efforts and highlighted the many unmet needs within the district.

### CONSENT AGENDA

*On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items; all were in favor.*

The Minutes of the May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing office as required by RCW 42.24.808, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.909, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board:

General Fund numbers 585891-585952 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount off \$298,836.08.

Associated Student Body Fund numbers 585880-585890 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount of \$18,047.06.

Compensation Tax Fund number 585953 dated June 16, 2026 in the amount of \$2,285.83.

Payroll Warrant numbers 585854-585878/Direct Deposit numbers 900024350-900024483 dated May 29, 2026 for \$989,944.09; and warrant number 585879 dated May 29, 2026 for \$509.50.

The retirement of Jeannie Jervas as Paraeducator at Ocean Shores Elementary and North Beach Junior/Senior High School.

The new hires of Spencer Gregory as Math Teacher at North Beach Senior High School; and Jacob Osborne as Special Education Teacher at North Beach Junior/Senior High School.

### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-13 – 2025-2026 Capital Projects Fund and General Fund Budget Extensions – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Cooper, the Board approved an increase in authorized expenditures for the General Fund by \$1,091,072.00 and by \$3,432,086.00 in the Capital Projects Fund; all were in favor.*

Resolution 26-14 – 2026-2027 WIAA Enrollment – *On a motion by Director Olstead and seconded by Director Fruh, the Board approved Resolution 26-14 – 2026-2027 WIAA Enrollment for the North Beach Junior/Senior High School; all were in favor.*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Board Meeting, July 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Beach Elementary School.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:23 p.m., President Dowie called for an Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee (*Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)*); *no action to be taken*; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency (*per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)*); *no action to be taken*. He noted the session would last approximately one hour.

At 8:32 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session.

At 9:50 p.m., the Board reconvened into Public Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



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John Millan, Director District 1



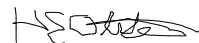
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Joshua "Josh" Cooper, Director District 2



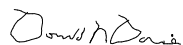
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Rebekah "Beckie" Fruh, Director District 3



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Halvar Olstead, Director District 4



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Donald "Don" Dowie, President/Director District 5

Attested to:



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Secretary to the Board/Superintendent

(Minutes prepared by Patrice Timpson)