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Community Schools

Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2026, 6:00PM
55 Academy St, Lebanon, OR 97355

Present:

Lorlee Engler, Chair

Clyde Rood, Vice Chair

Melissa Baurer, Member

Mike Martin, Member

Nichole Piland, Member

Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent

Steven Prososki, Finance Director

1. WELCOME

Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/@lcsdboardmeetingstream6568/streams

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Lorlee Engler at 6:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Boren, President of the Mid-Valley Rebels and a Lebanon firefighter, addresses the Board about the youth football and cheer program. He shares that the program, founded in 2022 with approximately 57 athletes, now serves 175 athletes. The 100% volunteer-driven organization focuses on providing high-quality football and cheer opportunities while developing character, leadership, teamwork, and pride in representing Lebanon. Boren emphasizes the program's strong community involvement and thanks the District and Board for their continued partnership and support.

Board Member Melissa thanks Boren and the Mid-Valley Rebels for their partnership and collaboration, including providing scholarships for Lebanon students.

3. LEBANON MUSEUM FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Paul, President of the Lebanon Museum Foundation, provides an overview of the organization's history, collections, community presentations, and plans for Lebanon's 150th anniversary in 2028. He shares that the volunteer-run organization is working toward securing a permanent museum space and forming a community committee to coordinate the anniversary celebration.

Paul expresses interest in partnering with LCSD to provide historical presentations, educational opportunities, field trips, and community events aligned with Oregon curriculum standards. Board members discuss potential facility needs and opportunities for collaboration. Superintendent Jennifer Meckley offers to connect Paul with the District's curriculum director as a point of contact for future partnership.

4. 2025-26 RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION REPORT

Superintendent Jennifer Meckley presents the required annual restraint and seclusion report, noting that 13 restraints involving 13 different students occur during the 2025–26 school year. She explains that restraints are used only when necessary to address immediate safety concerns and that staff who perform restraints receive Safety-Care training. The Board discusses injuries and the increase in incidents. Jennifer shares that school staff will also receive de-escalation training this year and expresses appreciation for staff who support students with significant behavioral needs.

5. OREGON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER REPORT

Jennifer presents the required annual English Language Learner report and notes that statewide data is also available. The Board discusses the District's positive outcomes for English language learners, including current staffing and support. Jennifer notes that approximately 22% of ELL students also receive special education services She shares that local ELL data can be included in next year's report, as many Board members show interest in that.

6. GOALS: FOCUS AREA AND SB 141

Jennifer reviews the District's Five Focus Areas with strategies and goals, and the SB 141 targets previously discussed by the Board.

The Board discusses how the Five Focus Areas and SB 141 targets should inform the Superintendent's goals and evaluation. Members consider whether additional goals are necessary or whether the existing focus areas and required SB 141 targets sufficiently represent the District's priorities. Discussion includes the importance of academic proficiency and growth, how progress is measured, attendance, and the use of MAP interim assessment data to monitor student achievement and growth throughout the year.

Jennifer emphasizes that the work within all Five Focus Areas contributes to improved student outcomes and that the Board should consider these broader efforts when evaluating progress. The Board agrees that the Superintendent's evaluation should reflect the overall work of the District and the Five Focus Areas, rather than relying solely on SB 141 metrics.

7. FACILITIES PLANNING

Jennifer reviews the long-term facilities planning priorities discussed at the Board's recent work session and shares that the District would also like to develop a clearer short-term plan for

prioritizing projects within available resources. Jennifer and Steven explain that facility needs significantly exceed available capital funding, with approximately $400,000 transferred from the General Fund and limited additional capital resources. They emphasize the importance of Board involvement and transparency in determining which projects can be addressed, including required improvements such as fire alarm systems and LED lighting.

The Board requests an updated facilities spreadsheet that identifies projects, estimated costs, urgency, required work, and community and staff feedback to help guide prioritization. Discussion also focuses on how short-term investments connect to long-range planning and a potential future bond, recognizing that deferred facility needs will eventually place additional pressure on the General Fund.

Jennifer reviews upcoming long-range planning efforts, including the Walk the Halls campaign, continued review of the District's long-range replacement and renovation plan, and formation of a Superintendent-led Facilities Advisory Committee with broad community participation. The Board agrees that continued discussion and prioritization of facility needs will be important throughout the year.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board expresses appreciation for the District's efforts regarding electric personal mobility devices. Jennifer notes that the District collaborated with OSBA on the policy language and that other districts are taking similar action. Nichole moves to approve the consent agenda as a whole and specifically JHFCA with one reading to ensure it is in place for the start of school. Melissa seconds the motion. The consent agenda made up of July 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes, First Reading policy update JHFCA, Second Reading policy updates GBA and BDDC, new hire Matthew Johnson, and temporary new hire Samantha Braukman Yunker passes unanimously.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.1. Operations

Jennifer shares that the District received a Department of Justice COPS School Violence Prevention Program grant in 2023 and has applied for a new approximately $500,000 grant, which requires a $170,000 District match from capital project funds. The funding would support continued school safety improvements, including emergency alert systems, intercom/paging systems, radios, and related technology. It is clarified that the grant would be accounted for in a separate fund within the District budget.

9.2. Financial

Steven shares that the Finance Department continues to work across two fiscal years. The first interim audit is complete, with the final audit scheduled for next month and required to be completed by the end of December. Board members should expect to receive a questionnaire from the auditors.

Steven reviews areas where revenues are below budget and expenditures exceed projections. In response to a question regarding property tax revenue, he explains that the District budgets based on estimated collections. The projected ending fund balance is approximately $7.7 million, subject to additional revenues received within 60 days after June 30, audit adjustments, and final expenditures.

10. COMMUNICATION

10.1. Board

Melissa recognizes the District's social media engagement and suggests a joint recognition of the Mid-Valley Rebels and Pop Warner programs. Jennifer shares that a post highlighting the press box will be published once the project is complete.

A question is presented about the preschool facility projects, including the Green Acres covered play area, and the playground improvements and fencing at Lacomb.

Melissa asks about follow-up with the Lebanon Museum, and Jennifer confirms she will connect Tonya with the museum regarding curriculum and educational partnership opportunities. The Board also discusses potential Board involvement with the museum. Jennifer clarifies that the District currently uses the Teen Center for the district's alt ed programs and does not have an alternative location available at this time.

10.2. Superintendent

Nothing to report.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

12. ADJOURNMENT at 7:31 PM.

Signed: ..... **Date:** 9/10/26

(Board Chair)

Signed: Jennifer Meckley **Date:** 9/10/26

(Superintendent)