

Stanwood-Camano School District #401

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Administration & Resource Center Boardroom
26920 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, Washington 98292

September 15, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miranda Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Directors Present: Miranda Evans, Steve King, Charlotte Murry, Mike Olson, John Russell
Student Representatives Present: Audrey LaPlante (Lincoln Hill High School) and Maycie Tower (Stanwood High School)
Superintendent Dr. Ryan Ovenell was also present.

Public comment opportunities were shared.

FLAG SALUTE

Board President Miranda Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Steve King moved to approve the agenda for the September 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting; seconded by Director Mike Olson.

Aye: Miranda Evans, Steve King, Charlotte Murry, Mike Olson, John Russell

Passed - Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[September 1, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Director Charlotte Murry moved to approve the September 1, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by Director Mike Olson.

Aye: Miranda Evans, Charlotte Murry, Mike Olson
Abstain: Steve King, John Russell

Passed

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE OATH OF OFFICE (Administered by Dr. Ryan Ovenell)

1. Maycie Tower, Stanwood High School
2. Audrey LaPlante, Lincoln Hill High School

Superintendent Ovenell administered the Student Representative Oath of Office to Maycie Tower and Audrey LaPlante. The Student Representatives were congratulated and welcomed into their new role.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. [Donations](#): Dr. Ryan Ovenell

Student Representatives Audrey LaPlante and Maycie Tower presented the Donations. Superintendent Ovenell expressed his appreciation for the donations.

2. [Stanwood Middle School Report](#): Tim Dickinson

Stanwood Middle School Principal Tim Dickinson and Assistant Principal Holly Christmas shared components of the Stanwood Middle School Annual Action Plan, including detailed highlights for academic goals, multi-year proficiency data in English language arts and math, student attendance, and English learner outcomes. The school report also outlined writing improvement areas. Discussion followed.

3. [Grants and Transportation Vehicle Fund Update](#): Brenda Hunt

Executive Director of Business Services Brenda Hunt presented a Grants and Transportation Vehicle Fund Update which included Transportation Vehicle Fund status, depreciation schedule adjustments, and various state, federal, and competitive grant allocations. Ms. Hunt concluded by aligning these financial updates with district strategic goals and board priorities. Discussion followed.

4. [Enrollment Report](#): Dr. Ryan Ovenell

Superintendent Ovenell presented the September Enrollment report, reflecting 4,519 FTE, representing a decrease of 104 FTE from last year's annual average and 15 FTE below budget due primarily to lower kindergarten enrollment. The board discussed factors contributing to student movement, including out-of-district choice transfers and home-school filings, as well as the district's capacity and expanding online AL program.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board President Miranda Evans asked the board if there were any items they wished to pull and discuss, and offered an opportunity for public comment, specific to the Consent Agenda.

There being none, President Evans asked for a motion to approve Consent Items #1-11: moved by Director Russell; seconded by Director Olson.

Aye: Miranda Evans, Steve King, Charlotte Murry, Mike Olson, John Russell

Passed - Unanimously

1. Approve the [Donations](#)

2. Approve the [Student Field Trip requests](#) as follows:

- a. [Stanwood Elementary School](#), Cedar Springs Camp Outdoor Education, Lake Stevens, WA from October 7, 2026 - October 9, 2026
- b. [Utsalady Elementary School](#), Cedar Springs Camp Outdoor Education, Lake Stevens, WA from October 7, 2026 - October 9, 2026

3. Approve the [Copier Purchase and Maintenance Agreements](#) for Stanwood Middle School and Port Susan Middle School

4. Approve the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Professional [Services Agreement Renewal](#)

5. Approve the Updated [Salary Schedule](#) for Non-Represented Employees

6. Approve the [Non-Represented Employee Contract](#) for 2026-2029
7. Approve the Public School Employees (PSE) [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) 2026-2029
8. Approve the Career & Technical Education Dual Credit [Memorandum of Agreement](#) with Everett Community College
9. Approve the [Memorandum of Agreement](#) with Grand Canyon University
10. Approve the [Personnel Report](#) for September 15, 2026
11. Approve the [Bills and Payroll](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens wishing to address the Board are asked to submit online requests using the [PUBLIC COMMENT](#) link or email shoffman@stanwood.wednet.edu two hours before the board meeting start time. For those attending the meeting in person, request forms are available in the boardroom for submission before the meeting start time. Citizens who wish to provide documents to board members will hand them to the Recording Secretary for distribution after the meeting. The Board President will call upon individuals who have requested to speak during the Public Comment section of the agenda. Individuals will state their name for the record and will be allowed three minutes to speak.

There was one request for public comment.

1. Tim Schmitt presented comment on the reading of items on the Consent Agenda.

TOPICS SCHEDULED FOR SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSION

There were no topics scheduled for school board discussion.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS ON SCHOOL BUSINESS

Maycie Tower presented updates on Stanwood High School and Stanwood Middle School ASB and student leadership activities, noting successful Link Crew orientation days for incoming high school freshmen and 6th grade students at Stanwood Middle School. Preparations are underway for the October 5th Homecoming event, organized across six ASB committees, alongside participation in an upcoming area leadership dinner. Additionally, ASB leadership is reviewing middle school ASB class operations, upcoming spirit week activities and a planned October sock drive, and actively discussing student-led strategies to address campus vaping.

Audrey LaPlante presented updates for Lincoln Hill High School and Port Susan Middle School, highlighting new high school electives in digital design and forensic science, recent ASB elections, and positive student collaboration under the district's new cell phone policy. She noted that Lincoln Hill recently held a successful Fall Open House and is now planning an October spirit week, a candygram fundraiser, and their traditional pancake breakfast. Additionally, Port Susan Middle School kicked off its year with 6th-grade orientation, academic benchmark testing, Curriculum Night, and strong participation in fall athletics.

BOARD DIRECTOR REPORTS ON BUSINESS CONDUCTED

Director Russell welcomed the two student representatives and commended their active participation in the work study session, while also expressing appreciation to the superintendent and staff for their hard work and long hours in successfully reaching a collective bargaining agreement.

Director Olson highlighted preparations for the upcoming Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) General Assembly, encouraging members to review the assembly handbook and spreadsheet shared by Director Murry to provide collective feedback on proposals. Additionally, Director Olson reported positive outreach meetings with local constituents focused on supporting student learning, growth, and meeting unique needs across the district.

Director Murry requested board directors review and return the WSSDA General Assembly handbook spreadsheet as soon as possible to ensure district needs are represented, and reported attending the 9/11 memorial ceremony at the fire training center.

Director King reflected on the district's prior book study of Jonathan Haidt's *The Anxious Generation* advocated for a potential "phase two," such as a new book study, board agenda item, or Academic Advisory Team discussion focused on cell phone impacts. Director King highlighted a graphic novel adaptation as a valuable resource for students, parents, and staff, noting its availability through the Sno-Isle Library system.

Director Evans welcomed the new student advisers and reviewed key administrative reminders, including prompt completion of annual Vector training, submitting community contact recommendations for the Strategic Plan refresh team, and providing feedback on legislative proposals to support district advocacy. Additionally, community families were encouraged to apply for free and reduced lunch to access broader support services, and updates were shared from the first WIAA District 1 meeting regarding new athletic initiatives taking effect this school year.

Superintendent Ovenell welcomed student representatives Audrey and Maycie, thanking them, as well as attending families and community members, for participating in the meeting. Noting that the district is nine days into the school year, the superintendent praised the strong start to teaching and learning across all grade levels from preschool through the age-22 transition program.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Attest:

Ryan Ovenell, Ed.D.
Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Directors