Work Session / Regular School Board Meeting

Via in person and ZOOM/Owl

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Board approved:

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A Board Work Session and Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Corbett School District was held Wednesday, August 19, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM via in person, and via ZOOM/Owl virtual platform at Corbett Middle School. Board members present were Dylan Rickert; Ben Byers; David Osborn, Chair (in at 5:02 p.m.); Sis Childs; Malinda Carlson; Leah Fredericks, Vice Chair and Zac Arndt. Also present were Administrators Marleen Carroll, Superintendent; Brie Windust, Business Office Assistant/ZOOM moderator and Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk/HR Lead. Kalkin Stransky, Business Manager, joined at 7:00 p.m. for the Regular School Board Meeting. NOTE: The minutes are prepared to coincide with time scheduled matters and the numbering system of the agenda and is not necessarily the actual order of happenings at the meeting.

1. WORK SESSION - 5:00-6:55 p.m.

Mike Scott, McPherson and Jacobson, presented a slideshow covering Phase V of the contract for our Superintendent search. Agenda was reviewed with welcome and introductions, and proposed meeting norms.
Discussion regarding communication styles between Superintendent and Board via texts, emails and in person. Give time for opportunity to address, instead of at a Board meeting. If it involves an agenda item, the sooner the better, as investigation takes time to do well. Urgency would matter if need to reach out even on a Wednesday night and talk about a plan if needed. Understanding there should be no surprises in either direction, so doing homework is SEL Intelligence. The Board Chair is also a good contact when needed, with that expectation in mind. Talking in advance of challenges is best practice.
Board/Superintendent team shared goals shows thriving when one team. Goal setting can show gaps at the monitoring of progress on actions. This is where the Superintendent is reporting the operational side to keep on track, and back into the board meeting agenda, to meet board expectations and sharing accountability/leadership orientation, quarterly at least. So get clarity to align with time and resources. More specific and actionable goals should be the focus and bottom line and invested together.
Change takes time, watch for behaviors that slow or perceptions, and gather baseline data to build on direction. Do things to continue to move towards sustained progress annually. Personal investment to use research based data and monitor for the group.

The creation of shared goals process is to be considered with board input and consensus.
Superintendent Carroll had four goals prepared. Goal 1. Build coherence in instructional practices, collaborate between buildings K-12 for curriculum (ex. Learning walks and supporting Educational Assistants, understand needs for content and learning from reading and writing). Superintendent action step is for time to connect and learn from each other. Action steps for Board is to not get pulled politically, but stay focused on the goals and tracking progress. Board discussion around intentional conversations about Artificial Intelligence (AI) with students and staff to address this year and in strategic plan. Coherence could be the Summer Learning Academy helping staff to work together. Goal 2. Open door with key milestones. Example would be summer academy. Strategic plans take about two years. The Board approves strategic plan, the superintendent gathers the information of timeline, facilitator and framework. Possibilities include surveying community and providing information along the way on agendas. Board discussion on facilitator as money well spent, importance of thinking about G.O. Bond planning now as a parallel plan for three to four years in advance (reverse timeline). Goal 3. With new biennium in Oregon coming up, reconcile for 27-28 budget. Getting clear on information you want to see so you're confident. Board discussion on educating themselves about legislature and sharing concerns with legislators, getting involved when we can. Community engagement helps rebuild trust and confidence in the District (ex. Open forum). Sharing resources between the Board. Legislators want to hear from community and Boards, as they get tired of hearing from Superintendents. A one pager that outlines priorities to legislators and to CSD and then advocate for those. Goal 4. Get transparent information and share, including confidential group and students, to rely on each other, building culture and trust. Creative recognition to make staff and students feel good (not just budget). Operating agreements and engagement, attending events with Superintendent, and implicit for board, staff, families, and community. 70% of community may not have students, but they vote.
Board feedback regarding goals. Action items to define in follow up? Watch for biting off more than we can chew? Superintendent Carroll mentioned these help support ODE goals that don't allow us much choice, so how to move forward and how to get there. Next steps to bring back at next meeting and hopefully approve. Review and mesh several times throughout the year to influence and impact things. Have strong superintendent evaluation criteria – whether traditional OSBA, or given not a lot of baselines (unknowns) with first year superintendent, base it on shared goals. Board discussion on pros and cons. Consensus for shared goals, as more holistic and lends to quarterly updates, but build in a way to talk about crisis management if needed and evaluating ourselves too. Review the content next month and see in advance of meeting. Thank you to Mr. Scott.

The Board recessed at 6:54 p.m.
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2. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS
7:00 p.m.
2.1. Call to Order / Flag Salute – Chair Osborn called the meeting to order and led all in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

2.2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda – OK as written.

3. CONSENT AGENDA - Items 3.1 - 3.5
David Osborn, Chair, moved the approval of the consent agenda as presented, Resolutions No. 8.18-26 through 8.21-26. This was seconded by Ben Byers. The vote of the Board was 7-0.
4. REPORTS
A. Superintendent Carroll – has welcomed new hires and other staff to the District, with teachers back officially on Monday, August 24. The back gym is improved, HVAC has fencing around it at the Grade School for safety and less monitoring. The summer program wrapped up on Thursday, August 13. The grant reporting will be done in the fall. Lots of field painting and work, challenging with our weather. Payroll reconciling, budget reports; cleaning rugs and PTA supporting clean up and gardening; teams practicing, staff and board breakfast on Wednesday, August 26.
B. ASB Representatives – not at this meeting, still on summer break.
C. Board Reports – David Osborn welcomed back those who have been here and also new staff. Improvement to agenda with input and transparency and attaching documents for context. Thanks to the practice Superintendent Carroll has brought, with reports and opportunities for all. Public comment prior to any action items. Sense of intention but not set in stone, for timely and more efficient meetings. Reminder of OSBA elections coming up.
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7:11 p.m.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – none at this meeting.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION – Chair Osborn shared that this is time for sharing and discussion, then action on anything after that.

6.1. Summer Learning Program
Becca Hart, Summer Program Coordinator, reported to board and presented a slideshow on how the four weeks went for 1st through 9th graders, and funding of a Kinder camp with Principal Duprey on one week. 61 students attended with 90% attendance for Kindergarten. Summer Academy had nine teachers, two of them half time with 8th/9th band in CMS, otherwise targeted instruction for other grades in reading. 99 students with 82% attendance. Future planning will be done further ahead, to be more intentional

with families and staff, but kids were engaged. Maximum of 15 students in each class with a teacher and Educational Assistant (EA). Superintendent Carroll led high dosage tutoring class for EA's. Six of them were CHS grads. Their confidence was beautiful to see and all students met growth. Lots of field trips and activities, team building events and fun learning projects. More community project partnerships planned as looking ahead for hopeful two more years of grant funding.
Board discussion and gratitude for the success of the program.
Superintendent Carroll hopes for 120 students as goal for future. Ms. Hart stretched the budget dollars and lots of coordination and staff support made it work this time.
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6.2. Policy Update
Marleen Carroll, Superintendent, presented guidelines around bill passed for the required policy around immigration. It has to be adopted and training done by September 30. District and State working on training module. Brackets still need fixing.
Board discussion.
Chair Osborn noted that next month it will come back for second read and so communicate any ideas or concerns.
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6.3. Fiscal Update – Superintendent Carroll noted that Mr. Stransky is still reconciling and not confident with numbers yet. The flow and reconciliation for end of June and July is usual, and communication will be light in August, with a little more depth in September and October.
Kalkin Stransky, Business Manager, reported that there is continuation of last month with last year's information still processing and no ending fund numbers as yet. Next month will be better with progress being made of all outstanding invoices being caught up. The vast majority are done and the bank reconciliation of three accounts at US Bank, and two Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) savings accounts, one is G.O. Bond proceeds, is caught up. General operating is consistent month to month. Getting into liability accounts with employee benefits, federal and state taxes, OEBB, to get them settled. Reviewing processes in District Office with Superintendent Carroll so better run. Estimating conservative Ending Fund Balance (EFB) when we have number, but deficit spending down. Positive progress, but lots to be done yet.
Board discussion.
Superintendent Carroll acknowledged beginning of year analogy, workflow and the assumption of a positive fund balance. We are slowing down and thinking of FTE, delaying hires, and tightening if needed. After September payroll we'll know more. We understand last year's Beginning Fund Balance (BFB) not accurate and taking into account.
Board discussion on risks like winter of 2024 and dealing with two business software systems and timing and trust/transparency issues.

Mr. Stransky pointed out that we are still dealing with it, not a clean end to an old system, audit still there, with turnover and set up issues, but we are getting there. Leaning on Nancy Hall for next month's numbers.
Superintendent Carroll noted the fine toothed comb through reconciliation of OEBB and PERS. Each employee is very time consuming to import and create new system and have policy and practices in place with more cross training, but confident we'll get there.
Chair Osborn thanked all for their hard work.
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7. ACTION ITEMS

☐ 7.1. District Academic Calendar Revision 2026 – 2027
Superintendent Carroll recommended the revised calendar to include adjustments of seniors last day and colored notations for July 4th holiday and a classified in-service day.
Ben Byers moved and Leah Fredericks seconded:
RESOLUTION NO. 8.23-26 - RESOLVED that the Board approved the revised 2026-27 school year calendar as attached in the Board packet.
The vote of the Board was 7-0.
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8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
David Osborn, Chair, noted that legislators may be at the September 24 function and encouraged the November 12-14 event for professional development, both good check ins with OSBA.
See School Calendar for upcoming events
Staff and Board breakfast — Wednesday, August 26, 8:00–9:00 a.m. CGS Cafeteria
Brie Windust noted that Thursday, August 27 is the back to school night from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 29 is fundraiser for girls soccer from 10:00 a.m.-noon with Irish Football and hurling demonstration.
Regular Board meeting — Wednesday, September 16, 2026, CMS Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2026 — OSBA Regional Dinner/Meeting, Sheraton Portland Airport, Doors open at 5:00, Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6;15 p.m., Meeting 6:30 p.m.— see Robin to sign up
80th Annual Convention November 12–14, 2026 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. - see Robin to sign up
9. ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.