



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J
School Board Meeting Minutes

WORK SESSION of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD

August 17, 2026

Zoom Webinar & In-Person Meeting
88834 Territorial Rd.
Elmira, Or 97437

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1): The work session of the Fern Ridge School Board was called to order by Chair Grover at 5:28pm.

In attendance were Directors WC Grover, Brian Kirkpatrick, Lisa McCann, Mark Gent and Superintendent Gary Carpenter. Vice Chair Kathleen Pizzola zoomed in remotely.

We have a shared vision in the Fern Ridge School District: Provide excellence for every student so that each will reach their greatest potential.

Thank you to the members of the public who have joined us. As a reminder, School Board meetings and work sessions are meetings of the Board held in public, providing an opportunity to observe the Board's discussion and actions.

In an effort to conduct official Board business, we ask that the audience be respectful and refrain from questions, comments, and unnecessary noise while the Board conducts the meeting. Also, please note that all Board meetings are live streamed and posted on the School Board area of the website.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 2):

2. A. K-2 / 3-5 Reconfiguration Presentation: Superintendent Carpenter presented slides to summarize all of the information regarding the K-2 / 3-5 Reconfiguration plans. The remaining time was for questions and discussion. This topic will be up for action in September.

LATE ITEMS/CLOSING COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 3):

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 4): The work session was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Attest: _____
School Board Representative

Gary E. Carpenter, Jr., Superintendent