



FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J
School Board Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING of the FERN RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD

July 20, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1): The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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

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. There is an opportunity for citizen comment tonight, and the Board looks forward to hearing from those who signed up. I will share some reminders when we get to that portion of the meeting.

Also, please note that all Board meetings are live streamed and posted on the School Board area of the website.

FLAG SALUTE (Agenda Item 2): The flag salute was led by the Board Chair Grover.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Item 3): None at this time.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR (Agenda Item 4): Director Kirkpatrick made a motion to discuss and vote on this topic at the retreat.

Director Kirkpatrick moved to elect the board chair and vice chair for 2026-2027 next Monday the 27th, seconded by Director Gent. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

MONTHLY ITEMS (Agenda Item 5):

5. A. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the regular school board meeting on June 15, 2026 were presented for approval.

Director McCann moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2026, seconded by Director Pizzola. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

REPORTS (Agenda Item 6):

6. A. Facilities Report: Director Dan Prutzman presented a handout to outline the Maintenance and Custodial departments area of responsibilities and duties throughout the year. Director Prutzman gave an update on the bond projects and irrigation improvements.

6. B. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Carpenter discussed the maintenance van that is to be surplus.

Director Pizzola moved to approve the surplus of the 2016 Ford Van, seconded by Director McCann. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

- Superintendent Carpenter presented slides that outlined the proposed transportation plans and no major facility changes would need to be made to fit the two age groups.
- Scott Rose gave an update on all the current bond projects and answered question of the board.
- Invited the board members to the first day of Inservice Week.
- Gave some reminders of the main topics to prepare for the Board Retreat on Monday the 27th.

6. C. West Lane Charter Annual Review: Superintendent Carpenter discussed and summarized the annual review of West Lane Charter. There were some clarifying questions and answers.

6. D. Curriculum: New-Elmira High School 10th-12th grade-World Cultures: Superintendent Carpenter presented the summary of the new curriculum for approval. Principal Cydney Vandercar answered questions and concerns.

Director Pizzola moved to approve the World Cultures Curriculum, seconded by Director Kirkpatrick. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Agenda Item 7):

7. A. Allocate 200K for Dirt Grading behind EES: There was a request for a motion to approve anticipated leftover bond funds to fund 200K for the dirt grading work with additional seeding in the field space behind Elmira Elementary. There was a time of discussion on the layout and access plan.

Director Kirkpatrick moved to approve the allocation of, seconded by Director Pizzola. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

7. B. Annual Organization Appointments for School Year 2026-2027-Resoluton #26-

27/01: The Annual Organization Resolution was presented for approval. There was a short time of discussion regarding competitor banking incentives and service.

Director McCann moved to approve the Resolution 26-27/01, seconded by Director Pizzola. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

7. C. First Reading of Proposed Policy Updates: A first reading was held on the following proposed administrative rule and policy updates:

CBA delete—Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent,

CBA G1 replace—Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent,

CBG G1 update—Evaluation of the Superintendent,

EBB G1 update—Integrated Pest Management,

GBA G1 update—Equal Employment Opportunity,

GBA AR G1 update—Veteran and State Servicemember Preference,

GBN_JBA G1 update—Sexual Harassment,

JBA_GBN G1 update—Sexual Harassment.

7. D. Second Reading of Proposed Policy Updates: A second reading and motion for approval was held on the following proposed administrative rule and policy updates:

EEACC G1 update—Discipline Procedures for District Approved Student Transportation,

EEACC R G1 replace—Discipline Procedures for District Approved Student Transportation,

JGDA G1 update—Discipline of Students with Disabilities, and

JGDA R G1 update—Discipline of Students with Disabilities.

Director Gent moved to approve all of the policies as preseneted, seconded by Director Kirkpatrick. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, McCann, Pizzola and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

7. E. Retreat Agenda: The draft agenda for the retreat was presented and opened for discussion.

PERSONNEL (Agenda Item 8):

8. A. Licensed Employees Resignations/New Hires/Transfers/Other:

9. A.1. On June 15, 2026 the hiring of Lyndsey Neal, 1.0 FTE ~~One-Year Temporary~~ Special Education Teacher at Fern Ridge Middle School, effective August 26, 2026, has been corrected to a regular hire.

Hiring of Sadie Tresnit, 1.0 FTE English Language Teacher at Elmira High School, effective August 26, 2026,

Resignation of Arthur "Corky" Franklin, 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Fern Ridge Middle School, effective June 12, 2026.

Director Pizzola moved to approve the licensed resignations, new hires, transfers, other as

proposed, seconded by Director Gent. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Directors Grover, Kirkpatrick, Pizzola, McCann and Gent voting yes. 5-0.

8. B. Non-Licensed Personnel Report: The non-licensed personnel report was presented for review:

Resignations/Retirements

1. None at this time.

New Hires/Transfers

1. Hiring of Randall Fox, .5 FTE Temporary Summer Grounds and Maintenance, effective August 1, 2026.
2. Hiring of Quinton Marshall, .5 FTE Temporary Summer Grounds and Maintenance, effective July 1, 2026.
3. Hiring of Brody Bothel, 1.0 FTE Temporary Summer Grounds and Maintenance, effective July 1, 2026.

Other

2. None at this time.

Coaches

1. None at this time.

LATE ITEMS/CLOSING COMMENTS/BOARD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Agenda Item 9):

- None at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Agenda Item 10):

June 19: School offices are closed for the summer.
August 18, 19, 20: Returning Student Registration
August 31-September 2: Inservice Week
July 7–August 20: KITS Summer Program

Elmira Elementary:

August 12 : 7am-7pm Kinder and New Student Registration
August 18: 7am-7pm Returning Student Registration
August 19: 8am-3pm Returning Student Registration
August 20: 8am-12pm Returning Student Registration

Veneta Elementary:

August 12 : 7am-7pm Kinder and New Student Registration
August 18: 7am-7pm Returning Student Registration
August 19: 8am-3pm Returning Student Registration
August 20: 8am-12pm Returning Student Registration

Fern Ridge Middle School:

August 12 : 12-8pm New Student and Incoming 6th Graders Registration
August 18: 7am-7pm Returning Student Registration

August 19: 8am-3pm Returning Student Registration
August 20: 8am-12pm Returning Student Registration
September 24: Open House

Elmira High School:

August 12 : 9am-7pm **New** Student Registration and Picture Day
August 19: 8am-11am **Seniors**, 1pm-4pm **Sophomore** Registration and Picture Day
August 20: 10am-1pm **Juniors**, 3pm-6pm **Freshman** Registration and Picture Day

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 11): Board Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Attest: _____
School Board Representative

Gary E. Carpenter, Jr., Superintendent