

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 10, 2026**Board Members Present:**

Sunita Garg, Chair
Justice Rajee, Vice-Chair
Dr. Vân Truong (virtual)
Dr. Karen Pérez
Dr. Melissa Potter
Syed Qasim
Dr. Tammy Carpenter

Board Members Absent:**Student Representatives Present: Student Representatives Absent:**

Vihaan Paliwal
Isabelle Riley
Jordyn Sargent
Chermia Clouser

Staff Present:

Michael Schofield
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Steve Langford
Steffanie Frost
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Marcie Davis

Interim Superintendent
Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Information Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
Public Communications Officer
Executive Assistant

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via livestream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present with Dr. Vân Truong attending virtually, and all four student representatives were present.

II. STUDENT PERFORMANCES & RECOGNITIONS

A. *Cedar Park Middle School Band* performed for the school board, led by Jenn Stone.

B. Zan Hess, principal at Whitford Middle School, was recognized for having received the *Music Education Association Outstanding Administrator Award*.

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III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Michael Schofield stated the budget priorities listening & learning survey had concluded, with over 4,000 responses. Mr. Schofield expressed his appreciation for BEA and OSEA's partnership and contributions to budget-related communication and messaging.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA President Katie Lukins and OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comments from 8 speakers as well as received 23 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Program Spotlight: Attendance

Associate Superintendent Shelly Reggiani shared with the board the importance of school attendance. BSD is using a districtwide strategy to boost student attendance with the belief that it strongly influences belonging and achievement. Schools set attendance goals, use real-time data to intervene early, and build caring, relationship-based partnerships with families to keep students connected.

B. Enrollment Forecast Update

Associate Superintendent Casey Waletich, district demographer Robert McCracken and Charles Rynerson from FLO Analytics presented a 10-year enrollment forecast update. The new forecast uses 2025–26 as its starting year and projects enrollment through 2035–36. It incorporates updated population trends, housing development data, and current enrollment. It provides low, middle, and high scenarios, with the middle scenario serving as the basis for district planning. District enrollment is projected to continue to decline more sharply than previously predicted.

BREAK: 9:05 p.m.

RETURNED FROM BREAK: 9:14 p.m.

C. Bond Program Update

Associate Superintendent Casey Waletich and Facilities Development Administrator Aaron Boyle presented an update on the bond program, including the summer internship program, seismic upgrades, and other school improvement projects that are underway or upcoming across the district.

D. Monthly Financial Report

Interim Superintendent / Associate Superintendent for Business Services Mike Schofield presented the monthly financial report, which included general fund activity and forecast, a summary of revenues and expenditures, a report on classroom teacher staffing by schools, and information on investment activity.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. School Board Executive Session, February 3, 2026
- ii. School Board Work Session, February 3, 2026
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, February 3, 2026
- iv. School Board Executive Session, February 5, 2026
- v. School Board Executive Session, February 6, 2026
- vi. School Board Executive Session, February 19, 2026
- vii. School Board Executive Session, February 20, 2026

- viii. School Board Executive Session, February 21, 2026
- ix. School Board Work Session, February 24, 2026
- x. School Board Special Meeting, March 3, 2026

C. Public Contracts

D. Interdistrict Transfers

E. Construction Excise Tax

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Vice-Chair Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Long-Range Facility Planning Recommendations

The Long-Range Facility Planning Committee, an advisory group of community members from across the district, was convened to study current conditions and develop recommendations to support long-range, data-informed planning to ensure students have access to safe, equitable and well-maintained learning environments. The superintendent's recommendations based on the committee's recommendations were presented and discussed with the school board on February 3. The recommendations were revised following board feedback and presented for action in this meeting. Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the revised long-range facility planning recommendations as presented. Vice-Chair Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

B. McKay Elementary Closure & Consolidation

McKay Elementary School has experienced more than a decade of declining enrollment and was projected to fall below 200 resident students next year. The McKay Elementary School staff and community have requested that the school close at the end of the 2025–26 school year and consolidate with neighboring schools. This recommendation was presented to and discussed with the board in a work session on February 24. School staff shared that the ongoing enrollment decline makes it increasingly difficult to provide the learning environment to best support the needs of McKay students, and consolidating would best support students' educational experience. Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the McKay Elementary School closure and consolidation as presented. Vice-Chair Rajee seconded. After discussion and comments by board members, the motion passed unanimously 7:0.

C. Boundary Change Due to School Closure

Associate Superintendents Casey Waletich and Dr. Shelly Reggiani presented the proposed boundary changes to divide the McKay attendance area between neighboring Greenway and Raleigh Hills elementary schools beginning with the 2026-27 school year. Students residing west of Hwy 217 will attend Greenway and those residing east of Hwy 217 will attend Raleigh Hills. Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the boundary changes as submitted. Vice-Chair Rajee seconded. After discussion and comments by board members, the motion passed unanimously 7:0.

D. Board Policy Revisions

- i. GCBDE Military Leave of Absence*
- ii. JGA Corporal Punishment*

Dr. Karen Pérez moved to approve the revisions to policies GCBDE and JGA as submitted. Vice-Chair Rajee seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Board Policy Revisions

- i. BHD Board Member Stipends and Reimbursements*

Board members Truong, Perez, Potter, Garg, Qasim, Rajee and Carpenter each declared a potential conflict of interest, noting that the topic under discussion could result in a financial benefit to them and future board members, but that they believed they could participate in the discussion and vote objectively. Chief of Staff Kerry Delf then presented proposed revisions to board policy BHD, reflecting sample policy language changes generated by the Oregon School Boards Association, which provides policy recommendations to reflect changes in state statutes and/or regulations and best practices.

ii. DBDB Financial Reserves

Chief of Staff Kerry Delf and Interim Superintendent Mike Schofield presented proposed revisions to board policy DBDB. Proposed changes would update the district's financial reserve policy to base the minimum reserve on a percentage of expenditures rather than revenues, and would increase the general fund reserve target from 5% to 8%. Holding adequate reserves supports the district's credit profile, which can result in direct savings to the community as higher rated bonds can translate into lower interest rates and a lower cost to taxpayers.

IX. BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNICATION

Student representatives shared thoughts about student attendance and about the importance of music programs in the district. Students expressed they were excited about the incoming superintendent and looking forward to his leadership and the possibilities it brings, especially through the student advisory council. They also thanked and recognized classified staff during Classified School Employees Week.

Board members acknowledged challenges facing the district, including attendance issues, low third-grade reading proficiency, Oregon's short instructional days, financial pressures, and declining enrollment. They expressed deep appreciation for McKay staff's courage and community-centered decision-making, as well as gratitude for others who engaged in the process. Multiple board members welcomed Dr. Smith and offered thanks and farewells to outgoing Public Communications Officer Shellie Bailey-Shah for her years of service. They recognized ongoing efforts across the district—from CTE programs to school visits, budget work, and legislative advocacy. Comments highlighted pride in student and staff resilience, excitement about future opportunities, and empathy for community members affected by global events. Board members emphasized their commitment to navigating budget challenges together and supporting students, families, and staff through this difficult period.

The board also reflected on the recently completed legislative short session. They highlighted the importance of the Education Stability Fund and expressed concern that the state has not deployed it to ensure preventing cuts to K–12 education. Board members emphasized gratitude for Beaverton's reserves—built by previous boards and intentionally used now to soften cuts—which have kept BSD less affected than neighboring districts.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Chair Sunita Garg adjourned the meeting at 10:28 p.m.