

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting on March 11, 2026, covered various updates and reports. Director Wheeler highlighted the high school wrestling team's success, with eight boys placing overall and one girl placing third. Vice Chair Johnston noted the senior credit check and middle school wrestling achievements. Superintendent Carpenter reported a 1.3% enrollment growth, the highest in Clackamas County, and recognized Angie Barrett for her Gold Star Award. The FFA chapter achieved significant milestones, including state degrees and fundraising success.

Action Items

- Maggie Kelly - Working with the transportation department to develop staggered dismissal times across the three schools and explore options for inter-school shuttles for families with children at multiple schools, then share the proposed plan with the parent pickup/drop-off committee for feedback.
- Dani Randall - Coordinate promotion and outreach for Kindergarten Connection in April so every family has an opportunity to visit River Mill, meet potential teachers, and tour the school before pin registration.
- Ryan Carpenter - Prepare and submit the district's SEI conflict-of-interest filings between March 15 and April 15, ensuring all applicable third-party relationships are disclosed.
- Ryan Carpenter - Investigate the sixth-grade Outdoor School incident thoroughly, including reviewing the provider's policies and practices, and report findings and proposed corrective actions back to the board.
- Send an email to all board members requesting their availability and coordinating to select a new date for the May board meeting that avoids the holiday break while respecting budget timing constraints.
- VC Johnston motioned to amend the consent agenda to be moved to action item M later in the agenda, seconded by Director Wheeler motion carries 4-0 (due to technical difficulties during the vote)
- Director Wheeler approved the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Martinez. Director Behrman and Chair Riedel declared an actual conflict of interest per policy BBFA and will not be voting or having any discussion on this. Motion carried 4-0
- Director Behrman approved the 2026-27 Budget calendar, seconded by VC Johnston motion carried 5-0.
- Director Wheeler moves to approve the Superintendent contract for FY 2026-2029, seconded by Director Martinez motion carries 6-0
- Director Wheeler moves to approve Resolution 2026-1 to Establish "Estaccada Rangers" as the official District-Wide Mascot, seconded by Director Behrman motion carries 6-0.
- Note: some vote counts differed from the attendance due to technical difficulties.

Outline

Board of Directors Meeting Introduction and Roll Call

- Chair Riedel calls the board of directors meeting for March 11, 2026, to order and welcomes everyone.
- Superintendent Carpenter leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Denise Pemberton conducts a roll call, confirming the presence Director Behrman, Director Martinez, Director Wheeler, VC Johnston, Chair Riedel and Director Lohmeir via phone
- Motion to approve the agenda is made by VC Johnston and seconded by Director Wheeler, with all in favor 5-0

Director Reports: High School Wrestling Tournament and Honor Society Induction

- Director Wheeler reports on the high school state wrestling tournament, noting the team's overall eighth place and individual placements.
- Director Wheeler also discusses the National Honor Society induction, highlighting the program's growth and community service opportunities.
- The Clackamas Community College seminar on dual enrollment is mentioned, detailing the different options available for students.

Vice Chair Johnston's Report: Senior Credit Check and Middle School Wrestling

- Vice Chair Johnston mentions receiving a senior credit check and appreciates the counselors' efforts in ensuring students are on track.
- Johnston highlights the success of the middle school wrestling team, with three wrestlers qualifying for state.
- Johnston also acknowledges the hard work of teachers in preparing students for state testing and the positive feedback from a career fair.

Superintendent's Report: NHS Growth, Student Ensemble, and Art Contest

- Superintendent Carpenter praises the growth of the National Honor Society and the efforts of Mr. Christiansen in leading the program.
- The success of a recent student ensemble event is noted by Chair Riedel, with 22 high schoolers and eight middle schoolers participating.
- Chair Riedel shares a personal experience of seeing a student's art displayed in Washington, DC, as part of a state art contest.

District Communications and Community Engagement

- Maggie Kelly provides updates on Career Technical Education Month and the upcoming CTE Open House.
- Maggie highlights recent communication efforts, including a Facebook Live event with the superintendent and a parent pickup and drop-off committee meeting.
- Upcoming events such as the safety fair, bike rodeo, and kindergarten connection are mentioned.

Finance and Accountability Report: Enrollment and Budget

- Scott Pillar reports on steady enrollment numbers and the impact of the charter school on expenditures.
- The legislature's short session is discussed, with no significant cuts to state funding projections.
- Questions are raised about the enrollment report and the impact of Summit's enrollment on the district's budget.

Superintendent's Report: SEI Filings, Board Meeting Date Change, and Employee Recognition

- Ryan Carpenter reminds the board about the upcoming SEI filings due by April 15.
- The need to adjust the May board meeting date due to the May break is discussed.
- Superintendent Carpenter recognizes Angie Barrett for receiving the Gold Star Award from the Oregon PERS retirement system.

FFA Update: State Degrees, Contests, and Future Plans

- FFA Students provide an update on the FFA chapter's recent activities, including fundraising, contests, and state degree qualifications.
- The chapter's success in various competitions and the involvement of students in leadership roles are highlighted.
- Future plans for the FFA program, including participation in the state convention and potential changes in outdoor school programs, are discussed.

Winter Sports Recap: Cheer, Swim, Girls and Boys Basketball, and Wrestling

- Andy Mott and student athletes provide a recap of the winter sports season, including highlights and accomplishments of various teams.
- The success of the cheer team, swim team, girls basketball, boys basketball, and wrestling teams are discussed in detail.
- Upcoming spring sports and the positive impact of the winter season on student engagement are noted.

CTE Update: Program Revitalization, Regional Collaboration, and Community Engagement

- Erin Gardenhire provides an update on the revitalization of CTE programs, including new partnerships and community engagement activities.
- The launch of the South County Ignite program and the development of hybrid learning partnerships with Clackamas Community College are highlighted.
- The importance of creating a framework for CTE pathways and the positive feedback from students and industry partners are discussed.

Public Input: Concerns About Outdoor School Program

- Nicole Dodson raises concerns about the safety and privacy of students during the recent Outdoor School program.
- Specific issues, such as a male student leader being assigned to a girls cabin and the lack of transparency from the district, are discussed.
- Zach Hillegas supports the concerns, emphasizing the need for clear policies and accountability to ensure the safety of students.