

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on March 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Griffith. Staff present on-line were DWS Principal Lisa Wendel and PHS Principal DeAnna Williams. IT Director Rusty Raymond recorded the meeting.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors

2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

None.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes, February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Minutes, March 9, 2026 Work Session
- 3.3 Accept Resignation/Retirement Stephanie Griffith (District Admin Assistant)
- 3.4 Accept Resignation, Phoebe Skinner (PE Teacher)
- 3.5 Accept Resignation, Nancy Windholz (Fifth Grade Teacher)
- 3.6 Accept Hire, Nancy Windholz (Second Grade Teacher)
- 3.7 Surplus Items Approval

Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Korinn Hockett, Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown all voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Joshua Huggins and Caroline Roberts both signed up in person for public comment. Mr. Huggins commented about a community member who may have violated policies regarding students. The alleged violations did not occur on 2CJ property. Mr. Huggins also mentioned a recent Book Club field trip that may have violated policy.

Ms. Robert expressed concern as well about the Book Club field trip. She reviewed the district's policy on club approval which states all trips and materials must be approved prior to the trip. Ms. Roberts noted in addition to the material students were exposed to on the trip, they were shown an inappropriately rated movie. Aaron Miller stated the district does not approve of any club activity that violates district policy. Mr. Miller requested both speakers set up an appointment with him to discuss the issues in person, so that he may investigate.

Educational Spotlight: CTE Teacher Robert Jones

Teacher Rob Jones discussed a project that his middle school students competed in. They won the competition and now have an opportunity to go Madison WI to compete nationally with their wind turbine project. Students are fund-raising for donations to fund the trip, which is May 17, 2026.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Student Representative Report

No representative or report.

5.2 Superintendent Report

Aaron Miller's report was distributed in the meeting. A community outreach meeting took place and there was strong attendance. Parent Teacher conferences are coming up.

5.3 PHS Principal Report

DeAnna Williams' report is in the board materials. Track practice started on the 9th. State testing is starting. Staff evaluations are also underway.

5.4 DWS Principal Report

Lisa Wendel's report is included in the meeting materials. We are reviewing curriculum for Social Studies. Materials will be available for parents and board members to review in the district office. TCI is Teacher's Curriculum Institute, which is well rated for K-5. Ms. Wendel has used the materials before. The McGraw Hill 6-8 curriculum is highly recommended as well. Both sets are on the ODE approved list. Links to all will be provided to the board and public, and available during parent teacher conferences.

5.5 Transportation and Maintenance Report

Chad Berry's report is included in the meeting materials. Aaron added that the district is evaluating the fire suppression system which needs repairs. We are also working on fixing the DWS reader board. Rusty Raymond discussed some of the difficulties in repairing the board. Board members expressed concern about the expense of the board and its exposure to the elements. Aaron Miller will investigate and update the board.

5.6 Technology Report

Rusty Raymond he is working on replacing the VPN service which allows remote workers to log into the network. The current service costs a bit more that it should. Rusty has laptops available for Family Academy students

5.7 Financial Report

Tara Garratt's report is included in the meeting materials. Carol Hacherl noted in January the ending fund balance was over \$1M but now is lower. Carol wants to understand how changes happen in the EFB over time. Aaron explained the difference between estimated costs and actuals. A big part of the equation this year is the suppression system. Bob Brown suggested utilizing a financial tracking tool he had seen at the recent OSBA conference. Aaron asked Bob to find out what tool he wants to see and we will look at implementing it.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approve 2026-2027 District Calendar

Aaron presented the proposed 2026-2027 District calendar. He is proposing a 4-day week. This has been reviewed by the district Calendar Committee and opened to both students and parents for input.

Board members questioned what would happen for the Friday elective option. Aaron responded we're going back to integration into the four-day schedule. There are details to be worked out with classified staff (i.e., working hours) and the possibility of child care on Fridays for 2CJ enrolled students. Information from the community engagement meetings is included in the board materials. Survey results and concerns are included. Seniors are more interested in work experience on Fridays, rather than electives. An extra 15 minutes at the end of each day of class time is being added. Students will reach the required number of instruction hours. A four-day week would provide room to add much needed professional development for classified staff. Strong instruction and engaging curriculum will keep attendance up. Judy Miles noted that data shows about a 50/50 split on student and community approval.

Judy Miles moved to approve the 4-day school schedule as presented pending a final proofreading by district office staff. Bob Brown suggested approval as an experiment, emphasizing examining attendance data at the end of the first year. Korinn Hockett seconded the motion to approve the 4-day calendar. Carol Hacherl mentioned concerns about providing food on Fridays, and whether the schedule would have a significant financial impact on the district. Aaron noted other districts have pursued this path and saw only nominal financial savings the first year. Bob Brown noted the 4-day week may be attractive for new teacher hires. Carol Hacherl, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown and Korinn Hockett voted in favor of the 4-day calendar. Bob Brown abstained. He noted he would like to have specific data points reviewed at the end of the school year. Bob Brown changed his vote to approval. Motion approved unanimously.

6.2 Curriculum Adoption Approval Process

Aaron Miller noted the approval process must include parents. Therefore the curriculum approval process will be moved to the April 20, 2026 board meeting.

6.3 Approve Adult Meal Prices

Angel Ashdown moved and Bob Brown seconded to approve the proposed adult meal prices. Bob Brown, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown, Carol Hacherl and Korinn Hockett voted in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

8.1 School Board Timeline Review and Calendar

The timeline was reviewed. Aaron Miller will provide a self-evaluation on his goals achievements.

8.2 Bond: Board Request for Move Forward

Aaron Miller stated he needed the board's permission to move forward with the Bond project. Carol Hacherl moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to move forward/proceed with the Bond project so it may be placed on the county ballot. Bob Brown, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown, Carol Hacherl and Korinn Hockett voted in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

8.3 Board Recognition (Thank you cards)

The board decided to send a thank you card to Matt Hall from the Port Orford news for his assistance with the Jolly Roger. They all signed a card. Stephanie Griffith will mail it.

Angel Ashdown moved and Judy Miles seconded to send a card to Matt Hall, reading "Thank you for helping to make our award-winning school newspaper possible." Bob Brown, Judy Miles, Angel Ashdown, Carol Hacherl and Korinn Hockett voted in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

8.4 Board Budget Increases

a. Superintendent Survey

The board supports paying OSBA for the performance assessment survey for Aaron Miller for the 26-27 school year. The cost will be added to the proposed budget.

b. Bond Support

The board supports moving forward with the Bond proposal. Costs will be added to the 26-27 budget.

c. Board Travel

It was suggested board travel money could be directed toward student travel (Knowledge Bowl, etc.) Aaron stated those costs are typically handled through Booster clubs or student fund raising.

d. Other Increases

The board suggested sending the administrative assistant replacement to train with OSBA in Portland and/or Salem.

9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Policy Update Project – Aaron asked for suggestions on how to handle the project. There are 473 policies that have been updated by OSBA and need 2CJ Board approval. It was decided Carol Hacherl and Stephanie Griffith would meet regularly to review the policies, run their edits past Aaron, and present them for first readings in large batches. The next meeting will have approximately 50 first readings.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

14.0 Executive Session

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bob Brown moved and Angel Ashdown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Angel Ashdown and Bob Brown voted in favor. Korinn Hockett adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Korinn Hockett
Board Chair

Aaron Miller
Superintendent/Clerk

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