



**Regular Board Meeting  
Sisters School District Office  
January 15, 2024 at 6:00pm**

## MEETING MINUTES

### ATTENDEES

<b>Board</b>	Jenica Cogdill, <del>Edie Jones</del> , Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith, Erik Benton
<b>Student Representative</b>	-
<b>Superintendent</b>	Curt Scholl
<b>Administrators</b>	Jana Giles, <del>Matt Hilgers</del> , Joe Hosang, <del>Tim Roth</del> , Steve Stancliff, Lorna Van Geem, Joan Warburg
<b>Supervisors</b>	Sherry Joseph, <del>Todd Pilch</del> , <del>Ryan Stock</del>
<b>Board Secretary</b>	Amy Bionda

\* late arrival

### CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

**Call to Order** Asa Sarver called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Amendment** Under **Induction - Accept Resignation Letter**, replace Curt Scholl with Asa Sarver.

Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-01-15 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above amendment. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

### INDUCTION

<b>Accept Resignation Letter</b>	After being announced in the December 4, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting, <b>Asa Sarver</b> declared that the board formally accepts the signed <u>Letter of Resignation</u> from David Thorsett.
<b>Award Presentation</b>	<b>Curt Scholl</b> expressed his deep gratitude to the years of service that David Thorsett dedicated to our District. Curt awarded David with a plaque honoring his time and commitment as an SSD board member. Board members presented their thoughts of appreciation as well.
<b>Induct New Board Member</b>	<b>Curt Scholl</b> inducted the new board member Erik Benton to the board by following the SSD board policy <u>BBBB - Board Member Oath of Office</u> . Erik was welcomed by all board members.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

## GUEST PRESENTERS

**Auditors** **Nicole Darcy** from **Pauly Rogers and Co.** presented the Audit Results (refer to [2024-12-03 Auditors Letter to Board](#)). The result was a modified opinion due to the District not having a current actuarial valuation of post-employment benefit related to the implicit healthcare subsidy. If not for the above-mentioned point, it would have been a clean report. There were no issues of non-compliance and no questioned costs. Eight best practice recommendations were made.

## BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

**Revenue / Expenditures** **Sherry Joseph** shared the [2025-01-15 General Fund Report](#) and the [2025-01-15 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report](#). Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**High School** **Steve Stancliff** provided an overview of the Youth Truth Survey results, which include a substantial amount of data to analyze and compare with trends from the past six years. One notable finding highlighted lower levels of engagement among sophomores, often referred to as "the sophomore slump." After administrators and teachers have had time to review and process the data, they will establish goals to address areas needing improvement.

**Elementary School** **Joan Warburg** shared updates on the progress of the four focus groups at the elementary school. The "Belong" team has been focusing on social-emotional learning (SEL) and introduced a dedicated 30-minute daily time slot for social-emotional goals. The "Prepare" team is piloting new literacy materials, selecting two publishers, and organizing on-site visits to other schools for evaluation. The "Inspire" team has been strengthening student-parent relationships through initiatives like a VIP recess and monthly grade-level assemblies that invite parents to engage. They have also established two new clubs: the yearbook club and a student leadership group. Lastly, the "Compass" team has been implementing buddy connection programs to foster relationships across different grade levels.

**Special Programs** **Lorna Van Geem** provided an overview of the Care Solace collaboration, highlighting that the Round House Foundation has generously sponsored the renewal of this two-year program. She shared a summary of data comparing this year's outcomes to last year's. In addition to the program's valuable support in connecting individuals with appropriate healthcare providers and its ability to track mental health trends across Central Oregon, Lorna emphasized the substantial time and cost savings it brings to the district.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

**Enrollment Update** **Curt Scholl** stated that enrollment had slightly increased, which has been a typical trend over the past several years.

**New Elementary School Update** **Curt Scholl** shared that the new elementary school received its permanent occupancy certificate. Now the team is just finishing up a few last details, like classroom keys, field seeding, and going through the check list of any contractor issues.

**Workforce Housing Update** **Curt Scholl** mentioned that we are still in partnership with Rooted Homes, but we continue to look at other opportunities as well.

**Parks & Rec Collaboration Update** **Curt Scholl** declared that SPRD's plans to move over spring break is still current.

**District Office Building Update** **Curt Scholl** encouraged the board to discuss during a work session the possibility of selling the District Office building, so that relocation to the SPRD building could be made possible.

## BOARD BUSINESS

**2025-2026 School Calendar**

**Joe Hosang** presented the 2025-2026 SSD School Calendar and provided an overview of the changes that were integrated. He thanked all of the calendar committee members who worked hard and collaborated efficiently together.

**Jeff Smith moved and Jenica Cogdill seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-2026 SSD Calendar. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Meeting Time & Feb Work Session** **Asa Sarver** brought up for discussion the next meeting time, as well as the February work session. The board discussed and decided that as of the next board meeting, all regular board meetings would start at 5pm, and then be followed by work sessions or executive sessions when appropriate. Also it was mentioned that a time should be decided to get together with the City Council for a joint work session.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Meeting Minutes**                      [2024-12-04 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)  
     [2024-12-04 Work Session Meeting Minutes](#)  
     [2025-01-03 Work Session Meeting Minutes](#)

**Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-01-15 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 5, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO
February 5, 2025	Board Work Session	6:00pm	DO

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourn**                                      **Asa Sarver** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **8:07pm**.

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Asa Sarver, Board Chairman

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Amy Bionda, Board Secretary