



**Regular Board Meeting
Sisters School District Office
February 5, 2025 at 5:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

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

* late arrival

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Call to Order **Jeff Smith** called the Regular Board Meeting to order at **5:03pm**.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None

Erik Benton moved and Jeff Smith seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-02-05 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

GUEST PRESENTERS

SSF Presents & Outlaw Strings

Crista Munro provided the board with an overview of SFF Presents (formerly Sisters Folk Festival). The organization's collaboration with the Sisters School District dates back to the early 2000s with the launch of the Americana Program. This partnership continued to grow with the introduction of the Luthier Program, the expansion of music and art classes, and the acquisition of numerous instruments and devices. Additionally, a five-year Studio to School grant enabled the hiring of new visual arts teachers. Further enriching students' creative opportunities, SFF Presents has supported scholarships through Sisters GRO, established the Middle School Strings Club, and, this year, introduced both the Outlaw Strings and the Outdoor Creativity Club. Remarkably, all of these programs are offered to students at no cost. Looking ahead, the next goal is to enhance the elementary school's music program by purchasing 20 ukuleles. The presentation was followed by a captivating video performance from the Middle School Strings Club, along with a brief Q&A session featuring a few talented student fiddlers.

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures

Sherry Joseph shared the [2025-02-05 General Fund Report](#) and the [2025-02-05 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report](#). Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. A question was asked about how the Student Investment Funds were generated. Curt Scholl and Sherry Joseph explained that they came from the Oregon State Corporation Activity Tax (CAT).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Programs

Lorna Van Geem announced that SMS has earned the prestigious ASCA RAMP certification, distinguishing it as one of only eight schools in the state to achieve Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program status. This certification honors schools with outstanding, data-driven counseling programs that make a meaningful impact on students. She also shared that SES is currently under review and may soon receive the same recognition. Lorna expressed her gratitude to the dedicated team of counselors for their incredible three years of hard work in making this achievement possible.

Middle School

Tim Roth presented the state report card for Sisters Middle School, highlighting that the school exceeds the state average in all subjects. He also noted a significant 9% increase in attendance, which he attributed to the school's supportive environment, diverse clubs, strong teacher-student connections, and mentorship programs.

High School

Steve Stancliff also reviewed the state report card, noting a slight decline in attendance, which can largely be attributed to sports and activity-related travel. He emphasized, as he has in the past, that the report card does not fully reflect the district's academic performance, as students who opt out of testing are still counted negatively in the scores. He highlighted that the district relies on more comprehensive assessments, such as iReady, ACTs, and Youth Truth, which provide a clearer picture of student progress. However, he acknowledged that state report card scores remain important indicators to consider.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Update

Curt Scholl stated that enrollment was slightly below projections.

Budget

Curt Scholl noted that budget season is approaching and that adjustments will be necessary to account for rising operational costs and PERS obligations. However, he added that the current state school fund projection appears strong for the time being.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl announced that the new elementary school is being considered for recognition as a "Build a Better Central Oregon" award project. The application process is currently underway.

Parks & Rec Collaboration Update

Curt Scholl shared that renovations on the old elementary school are progressing well, with SPRD expected to complete their move around or shortly after spring break. The district is also continuing discussions with the city to refine the definition of "community center," which would allow organizations like Treehouse Therapies to rent space.

District Office Building Update

Curt Scholl outlined potential options for the district office, including renting or selling the property. He provided an overview of the benefits and challenges associated with each option.

BOARD BUSINESS

Joint City Council Meeting Date

The board determined that the first two weeks of April would work for all board members to hold a joint city council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes 2025-01-15 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Resignation **Carrie Campbell**, SES Teacher

Jenica Cogdill moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-02-05 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 5, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO
March 5, 2025	Executive Session	+/-6:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **Jeff Smith** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **6:19pm**.

Jeff Smith, Board Vice-Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary