



**Regular Board Meeting
Sisters School District Office
March 5th, 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 **5:00pm**.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition / Amendment Under Guest Presenters, make Local Service Plan an Action Item. Under Board Business, add Discussion of District Office and make it an Action Item.

Jenica Cogdill moved and Jeff Smith seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-03-05 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above addition and amendment. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Marla Manning
16613 Buckhorn Ln
Sisters, OR 97759

Marla Manning from the Silent Echo Theater Company presented a possible use of the District Office building if leased. She mentioned that the space could be used as a theatrical venue in Sisters, along with collaboration from the Sisters Historical Society, Sisters Arts Association, and occasionally SFF Presents and the Quilt Festival. This usage could benefit both youth and seniors alike.

GUEST PRESENTERS

Local Service Plan **Sara Johnson** and **Emily Stukel** presented the 2025-2026 Local Service Plan developed by HDES. The plan details paid services available to districts in the region, services that may not be feasible for individual districts to sustain independently. Sara noted that the offerings remain unchanged from the previous year, except for the removal of two services—Nature Connects, which became an independent service, and another that was not utilized by any district.

Edie Jones moved and Jenica Cogdill seconded that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Local Service Plan as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures

Sherry Joseph shared the [2025-03-05 General Fund Report](#) and the [2025-03-05 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report](#). She explained that due to lower-than-expected quarterly ADMw, ODE reduced the district's State School Fund allocation, which will influence decisions in the upcoming budgeting season. Curt Scholl noted that while enrollment was down this quarter, he remains optimistic that new residential developments will attract more families to the district. Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Programs

Lorna Van Geem announced that SES has earned the prestigious ASCA RAMP certification, making it currently one of only eight schools in the state to achieve Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program status. With this accomplishment, Sisters School District now has two certified schools. This recognition honors schools with exemplary, data-driven counseling programs that significantly impact students. Lorna expressed her gratitude to the dedicated team of counselors for their three years of hard work and commitment in making this achievement possible.

Elementary School

Joan Warburg shared that the K-3 ELD curriculum has been selected after awaiting a new edition from another publisher. The chosen curriculum will be on display at the District Office for public viewing until the next board meeting, where it will undergo the final approval process.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Update

Curt Scholl noted a slight decline in enrollment but remains optimistic about future growth, as new housing developments may bring additional families into the district.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl shared that maintenance work on the new SES field will be scheduled during school vacation to avoid disrupting outdoor playtime. He also reported that portables are being relocated to the high school, a secondary irrigation pump has been ordered, and construction on the new greenhouse has begun.

Parks & Rec Collaboration Update

Curt Scholl announced that SPRD is expected to move into the old elementary school over spring break. Once that transition is complete, further studies can be conducted regarding the potential relocation of the district office to the SPRD building. Additionally, he shared that a recent city code change will allow Treehouse Therapies to integrate into the community center—a significant benefit for local students, families, and the broader region. Their move-in is planned for early summer.

Additional Information

Curt Scholl reflected on his recent visit to the National Association of Independent Schools Conference, where he gained valuable insights, particularly on interest-based and place-based learning.

BOARD BUSINESS

District Office Building

Curt Scholl asked the Board to give him the direction to take for the future of the District Office.

Jenica Cogdill moved and Jeff Smith seconded that Curt Scholl shall engage to find three realtors to begin the process of analyzing the market value and potentially putting the District Office on the market. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

Budget Committee

Budget Committee meeting dates have been sent out to all committee members.

First Reading Policies & ARs

The board reviewed the following policies and ARs:

AC - Nondiscrimination and Civil Rights (*OSBA recommendation*)

GBNAA/JHFF - Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements (*OSBA recommendation*)

GCAA - Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators (*OSBA recommendation*)

GCBDA/GDBDA - Family and Medical Leave (*OSBA recommendation*)

JHCD - Medications (OSBA recommendation)
JHFF/GBNAA - Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements (OSBA recommendation): correction noted

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes [2025-02-05 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)
 [2025-02-05 Work Session Meeting Minutes](#)

Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-03-05 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
April 2, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO
April 2, 2025	Executive Session	+/-6:00pm	DO
April 9, 2025	Joint Meeting with City Council	5:00pm	City Hall
April 16, 2025	Official Budget Meeting	5:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **Asa Sarver** called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at **5:58pm**.

Asa Sarver, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary