



**Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing
Sisters School District Office
June 4, 2025 at 5:00pm**

MEETING MINUTES

Celebrations

Prior to the Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing, seven Sisters students were honored with the **AVANZA Award** for having successfully completed the English Language Learner Program.

Mae Roth was celebrated for having won first place at the State Championship for pole vaulting.

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 / (virtual)*

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Call to Order	Asa Sarver called the Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing to order at 5:02pm .
Pledge of Allegiance	Asa Sarver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions/Deletions/Amendments None

Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-06-04 Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Gayle Todd 168 N Wheeler Loop Sisters, OR 97759	Gayle Todd from the Sisters Science Club announced that their recent fundraiser raised over \$11,000 for SSD science programs
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PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order	Asa Sarver declared the Public Hearing open at 5:05pm .
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COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Steve Swisher
69339 Ox Yoke
Sisters, OR 97759

Steve Swisher acknowledged the efforts of the full Budget Committee, comprised of 11 members, who actively engaged in the process by submitting over 80 questions. He commended Sherry Joseph and Curt Scholl for their prompt and thorough responses. While recognizing the challenges of the current budget year, he also shared a few concerns for future consideration—specifically, the importance of addressing fire liability risks, particularly at the Trout Creek property, and maintaining a strong focus on early childhood education, especially for children ages 4–8.

Adjourn

Asa Sarver declared the Public Hearing closed at **5:19pm**.

BUDGET ADOPTION

Resolution **Sherry Joseph** presented Resolution #24-25-01 to the board.

Jeff Smith moved and **Jenica Cogdill** seconded that the Board approve the Resolution #24-25-01 to Adopt the Budget, Make Appropriations, Categorize and Levy Taxes Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution **Sherry Joseph** presented Resolution #24-25-02 to the board.

Jeff Smith moved and **Edie Jones** seconded that the Board approve the Resolution #24-25-02 to Adopt the Supplemental Budget – Capital Projects Fund. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

Revenue / Expenditures **Sherry Joseph** shared the 2025-06-04 General Fund Report and the 2025-06-04 General Fund Projected vs Actual Report. Sherry asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

Resolution **Sherry Joseph** presented Resolution #24-25-03 to the board.

Jeff Smith moved and **Edie Jones** seconded that the Board approve the Resolution #24-25-03 for Appropriation Transfers. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Bond Oversight Committee

Mark Kelly, Chair of the Bond Oversight Committee, provided an overview of the committee's goals and responsibilities, highlighting their ongoing collaboration with Curt Scholl, Brett Hudson, Sun West, the architect, and others throughout the planning, design, and construction phases of the new Sisters Elementary School. He expressed strong appreciation for the quality of decision-making, design, and construction, calling it an overall outstanding project. He affirmed that all proceeds were spent appropriately in accordance with Bond 9-141.

Rob Corrigan echoed this praise, particularly noting the project's success despite the budget challenges following the pandemic.

Curt Scholl concluded by recognizing the Bond Oversight Committee for their valuable contributions and input throughout the process.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle School

Tim Roth provided an overview of a new initiative being implemented at the Middle School called Portrait of a Graduate. As part of this project, 8th grade students reflect and present on three core themes: "We Are a Family," "We Are Lifelong Learners," and "We Explore Our Passions." To illustrate

the project, two 8th grade students, Kate Cogdill and Kinley Paldmo, shared their presentations with the board.

Curt Scholl and the **Board** extended their sincere appreciation to Tim for his years of dedicated leadership and service as Principal of Sisters Middle School.

Elementary School

Joan Warburg Joan Warburg opened by thanking the board for their continued support. She presented iReady assessment data, which showed improvement across all grade levels in both math and literacy compared to previous years. Discussion followed regarding the performance of students who have attended Sisters Elementary School consistently versus those who have enrolled after first grade or intermittently. Joan also shared that 5th grade students will participate in a Legacy Walk to the Whychus Creek overlook to celebrate their transition to Middle School.

Curt Scholl and the **Board** expressed their gratitude to Joan for her seven years of dedicated service as Principal of Sisters Elementary School.

High School

Steve Stancliff reported that final graduation rate data is not yet available, as a few students are in a last-minute push to complete their remaining credits—a common occurrence at the end of the school year. He noted that 93% of freshmen are currently on track to graduate, and 82% of students have maintained an attendance rate of 92% or higher. He highlighted a particularly impressive 95% participation rate in the ACT, along with a higher-than-average turnout for state testing—all positive indicators of continued progress. Steve concluded by inviting the Board to attend the High School Graduation on Friday, June 13th.

Special Programs

Lorna Van Geem shared encouraging data highlighting the positive impact of Care Solace in supporting students, staff, and families across the district. She announced a new collaborative contract between Sisters, Redmond, and Bend school districts, which will reduce the overall cost of the service by 50% and enhance the ability to monitor and coordinate mental health support countywide.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Enrollment Update

Curt Scholl reported that overall district enrollment was down this year. The district will continue to monitor enrollment data closely to determine whether this represents a developing trend or a one-year anomaly.

Bond Update

Curt Scholl provided an update on final bond projects. The Sisters Elementary School field will be closed for the entire summer to allow for proper re-seeding. In addition, a new walkway adjacent to the track will be installed. The greenhouse at SES remains under construction with the help of volunteers. The portables are scheduled to be relocated in August.

District Assets Update

Curt Scholl shared that an architect has been engaged to assess the renovation needs of the Coffield Center, which will be used as the future site for the District Office. Progress is also being made with a realtor regarding the sale of the current District Office building.

Other

Curt Scholl and part of the Board extended thanks to Edie Jones and Jennifer Cogdill for their immense service to the School Board over the past four years.

BOARD BUSINESS

Superintendent Contract Renewal

Jeff Smith moved and Jenica Cogdill seconded to approve the Superintendent contract as discussed. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

[2025-05-06 Board Work Session Minutes](#)
[2025-05-07 Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

New Hires

David Diaz, SHS Teacher

Sarah Miller, Speech Language Pathologist
Colleen Oliver, Multilingual Learner Teacher

Jeff Smith moved and Edie Jones seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-06-04 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 9, 2025	Organizational Meeting	5:00pm	DO
August 6, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	DO
August 20, 2025	OSBA Board Member Training	5:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn **Asa Sarver** called the Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing adjourned at **6:51pm**.

Asa Sarver, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary