



Organizational Board Meeting Sisters School District Office July 9, 2025 at 5:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board	(Erik Benton), Emily Horton, Sarah Keeton, Asa Sarver, Jeff Smith
Student Representative	-
Superintendent	Curt Scholl
Administrators	Jana Giles, Matt Hilgers, Joe Hosang, Justin Nicklous, Steve Stancliff, Megan Storey, Lorna Van Geem
Supervisors	Sherry Joseph, Todd Pilch, Ryan Stock
Board Secretary	Amy Bionda

* late arrival / (virtual)

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Call to Order	Curt Scholl called the Organizational Board Meeting to order at 5:00pm.
Pledge of Allegiance	Curt Scholl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions	Add approval of Classified Contract as an Action item under Board Business.
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Jeff Smith moved and Asa Sarver seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-07-09 Organizational Board Meeting Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

SWEAR IN OF NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS

Position 1	Sarah Keeton took the oath of office to serve as Position 1 for the Sisters School District with a term ending on 6/30/2029.
Position 5	Emily Horton took the oath of office to serve as Position 5 for the Sisters School District with a term ending on 6/30/2029.
Recognition	Asa Sarver and Curt Scholl extended thanks and presented a plaque to Edie Jones for her four years of service on the Sisters School Board.

ELECTION OF 2025-2026 OFFICERS

Jeff Smith nominated Asa Sarver to serve as Board Chair and Sarah Keeton seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Asa Sarver nominated Jeff Smith to serve as Vice-Chair and Erik Benton seconded the nomination. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Facility and Master Planning	Emily Horton, Asa Sarver
Bargaining	Sarah Keeton
Sisters Country Leadership Group	-
Sisters Schools Foundation	Jeff Smith
Superintendent Evaluation	Erik Benton, Asa Sarver

ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Clerk	Curt Scholl
Business Manager	Sherry Joseph
Budget Officer	Curt Scholl
Official Auditor	(Pauly Rogers & Co. PC)
Depository of School Funds	(First Interstate Local Government Investment Pool)
Business Insurance Broker	Geoff Sinclair (Brown & Brown)
Bond Counsel	Ann Sherman (Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP)
Authorized Representative for Application for Federal Funds	Curt Scholl, Sherry Joseph, Joe Hosang
Authorized Representative to Engage in Contracts	Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Designated Board Rep., Curt Scholl, Sherry Joseph, Joe Hosang
Contract Review Board	Board will serve as Contract Review Board
Official Legal Representative	Heidi Kim, Lauren Lester, Melinda Thomas (Attorneys, HDED)

Jeff Smith moved and Emily Horton seconded that the Board approve the Annual Organizational Appointments as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board approve the 2025-2026 School Board Meeting Calendar with time changes to 5:30pm and +/-6:30pm for all meetings. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD POLICY ADOPTION

Jeff Smith moved and Emily Horton seconded that the Board re-adopt the Policy DFA - Investment of Funds. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS / FINANCE / FACILITIES

2025-2026 Student Pay to Play Fees
 2025-2026 Mileage Rates
 2025-2026 Per Diem Rates
 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Prices
 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher Salary Rates

Jeff Smith moved and Asa Sarver seconded that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Business, Finance and Facilities Rates and Fees as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

District Assets Update

Curt Scholl reported that the walkway near the elementary school is scheduled to be paved, and the field will be reseeded once the new water pump is installed. Volunteers are completing the electrical wiring for the new greenhouse. Additionally, a boiler and some system controls are being replaced at SMS. Discussions are ongoing regarding the sale of the current District Office and the future of the Cloverdale property.

Other Topics

Curt Scholl announced that negotiations for the Classified Contract have been completed, and an agreement on the Certified Contract is nearing finalization.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jeff Smith moved and Asa Sarver seconded that the Board approve the Classified Contract as presented. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

[2025-06-04 Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing Minutes](#)

Jeff Smith moved and Asa Sarver seconded that the Board approve the 2025-06-04 Regular Board Meeting / Budget Hearing Minutes. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 3-0. Sarah Keeton and Emily Horton abstained.

New Hires

Deirdre Iwersen, SES Teacher

Resignation

Ryan Hirth, SHS Teacher

Paul Patton, SHS Teacher

Jeff Smith moved and Emily Horton seconded that the Board adopt the rest of the 2025-07-09 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 6, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:30pm	DO
August 6, 2025	Board Work Session: Superintendent Goals	+/-6:30pm	DO
August 20, 2025	OSBA Board Member Training	5:00pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn

Asa Sarver called the Organizational Board Meeting adjourned at **6:04pm**.

Asa Sarver, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary