



Regular Board Meeting Sisters School District Office August 6, 2025 at 5:30pm

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	Asa Sarver called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:30pm .
Pledge of Allegiance	Asa Sarver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jeff Smith moved and Erik Benton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-08-06 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the above addition/deletion/amendment. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS / FINANCE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / QUESTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

District Asset Update	Curt Scholl provided an overview of the facilities work completed over the summer. Highlights included the relocation of portables from the old SES campus to SHS, boiler replacements at SMS, and the repair of the chiller at SHS. New irrigation pumps were installed, and electrical work is underway in the new SES greenhouse. The SES field was recently seeded and is beginning to grow, though initial access may be limited. A solid fence was added between SMS and SES to enhance access and safety, the SES gym floor was resurfaced, and bird deterrent spiking was installed at SES. The sale of the District Office is progressing slowly. Efforts are currently focused on completing a land survey and addressing rezoning requirements for the adjacent parcel. The City remains interested in the property.
Other Updates	Curt Scholl reported that contract negotiations have been completed, including the introduction of a new professional development credit model for certified staff, which was very well received. He also noted a late resignation from a first-grade teacher. The position drew 35 applicants, and interviews are taking place this week to ensure the new hire is in place by the start of the school year.
COSA Presentation	Joe Hosang demonstrated a new AI tool called Notebook LM, which can synthesize multiple documents and even generate podcasts. He also shared highlights from a presentation he and Curt delivered at the COSA conference, which was well received by administrators from across Oregon. The focus of the presentation was on strategies to re-engage students. Emerging initiatives from Sisters School District include a new professional development model and a place-based learning program called IGNITE. A grant has been submitted to support a more robust launch of the program, with results expected in the coming weeks. IGNITE aims to increase student agency by offering learning opportunities through internships and project-based work, including the ability to earn English credits.

BOARD BUSINESS

Calendar Committee Appointment	Asa Sarver and Erik Benton volunteered to be on the Calendar Committee. This appointment was omitted during the organizational meeting.
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CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Minutes	<u>2025-07-09 Organizational Board Meeting Minutes</u>
Resignation	JoHanna Synder , SES Teacher

Jeff Smith moved and Emily Horton seconded that the Board adopt the 2025-08-06 Consent Agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 20, 2025	OSBA Board Training	5:00pm	DO
September 3, 2025	Regular Board Meeting	5:30pm	DO
September 3, 2025	Board Work Session	+/-6:30pm	DO

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn	Asa Sarver called the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm .
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Asa Sarver, Board Chairman

Amy Bionda, Board Secretary