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Central School District 13J

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday January 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

Henry Hill Educational Support Center
750 S. Fifth St., Independence, OR 97361
Hawk Hall

Directors Present

Byron Shinkle, Irene Oliveros-Vega, Jann Jobe, Melanie Landon-Hays, Susan Graham

Directors Absent

Andrea Van Heeswyk

Guests Present

Emily Mentzer

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Byron Shinkle called a meeting of the board of directors of Central School District 13J to order on Monday Jan 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

C.

Flag Salute

D. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Recognitions

A. MICF Classroom Grants

Board President of the Monmouth-Independence Community Foundation Sabra Jewell and Abby Fitts presented the Classroom Enrichment Grant check to the grant recipients. Ms. Jewell said that the foundation receives applications each year, and this year they received more than \$41,000's worth of grant projects. The foundation only had \$15,000 for these grants this year. The foundation board agreed to allocate an additional \$8,000, bringing the total funding for Classroom Enrichment Grants to \$23,000. She said that the foundation will be actively seeking donations to these grants specifically, because "saying no to your teachers is something I never want to say again."

III. Communication from the Floor

A. Aaron Villeneuve, Central Student Advocacy Club

Mr. Villeneuve and students from the Central Advocacy Club addressed the board about concerns over the leaking roof at Central High School.

Students were:

Skyler Steeves, Jade Kiersey, Tialani Heagy, Aurana Pickett, and Mr. Villeneuve.

IV. Standing Reports

A. Personnel Report - House Bill 2900

Executive Director of Human Resources Brian Flannery updated the board on the effects of House Bill 2900. The bill redefines probationary periods for licensed staff, and effects some staff in Central School District. The bill does not affect contracted staff. He also talked about the difference between probationary staff and contract staff. He compared it to "tenure" in a university.

B. Data report: Attendance, Discipline

Dr. Kubista presented the data for attendance and discipline through the end of December. Attendance was up over the previous year for December. Total in- and out-of-school suspensions also were down.

Dr. Kubista went into the strategies for increasing attendance and decreasing suspensions.

Board members expressed hope in the data, and commended staff at all levels who play such an important role in the lives of students.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Updates

Dr. Kubista told the board about efforts to make improvements on the Ash Creek Elementary School campus for baseball and softball.

The group who wants to make the improvements is working with CYS (Central Youth Sports). The Memorandum of Understanding will be with CYS.

The project would use natural grass, and will be a combination of softball and Little League baseball. There will be a combination of storage and batting cages, as well as concessions.

The board asked Dr. Kubista to move forward with the MOU.

VI. Board Report

A. Board Appreciation Month

January is School Board Appreciation month. Dr. Kubista and board members took the opportunity to honor Director Steve Moser, who passed away in December.

They mentioned Mr. Moser's dedication to students, community, and staff. His heart and commitment to the community in so many ways -- schools, Scouts, Lions, and more -- were noted and admired, and will be greatly missed. Mr. Moser's legacy lives on in his children and in all the lives he touched.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Jann Jobe made a motion to Approve consent agenda as presented.

Melanie Landon-Hays seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Byron Shinkle	Abstain
Susan Graham	Aye
Jann Jobe	Aye
Andrea Van Heeswyk	Absent
Melanie Landon-Hays	Aye
Irene Oliveros-Vega	Aye

B. Policy - 2nd reading

C. Personnel Report

D. Finance Report

VIII. Business Agenda

A. Declaring a Vacancy

Susan Graham made a motion to declare a vacancy in Zone 1.

Jann Jobe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Byron Shinkle	Abstain
Irene Oliveros-Vega	Aye
Andrea Van Heeswyk	Absent
Jann Jobe	Aye
Susan Graham	Aye
Melanie Landon-Hays	Aye

IX. Closing Items

A. Board Comments

Board Chair Shinkle thanked the members of the Central Student Advocacy Club for bringing forward concerns about the facilities at the high school. He asked for more understanding about the projects that need completed understanding that the district doesn't have the funding to do all of them.

Director Landon-Hays asked if there were any Legislative Priorities that the board can work on pursuing.

B. Items for Action at Future Meetings

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Byron Shinkle

Documents used during the meeting

- 1_12_26_HR Board Report RE HB 2900.pdf
- January2026_PerformanceMetrics.pdf
- 2025_11_17_csd_13j_board_plc_minutes.pdf
- 2025_12_01_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- IGBBC D1 Talented and Gifted Programs DELETE.pdf

- IGBB G1 Talented and Gifted Program.docx.pdf
- EBC_EBCA D1 DELETE.pdf
- EBCA G1 Safety Threats NEW.docx.pdf
- EBCB G1 Emergency Procedure Drills.docx.pdf
- JHCA G1 Immunization, school sports participation, concussions, etc.docx.pdf
- updated contract status for 1_12_26 consent agenda.pdf
- Board Report - January 2026 Updated.xlsx - January 26.pdf
- YTD Appropriations_2025-26_as of 12-31.pdf
- Board Reports for 2025-26 (3).pdf