



Central School District 13J

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

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

Directors Present

Andrea Van Heeswyk, Byron Shinkle, Marc Senyk, Melanie Landon-Hays, Susan Graham

Directors Absent

Irene Oliveros-Vega, Jann Jobe

Guests Present

Emily Mentzer, Jennifer Kubista, Orlando San Miguel Morales

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 Apr 6, 2026 at 6:35 PM.

C.

Flag Salute

D. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Communication from the Floor

A. Public Comments

Jillian Layton expressed concerns about the Independence Elementary School.
Ed Propst expressed concerns about the Talmadge Middle School band program.

III. Standing Reports

A. Data report: Attendance, Discipline

Superintendent Kubista presented the data report for attendance and discipline.
Dr. Kubista talked about the discipline numbers -- level of suspensions or expulsions -- and the majority are happening at the secondary levels. She talked about the work staff are doing to improve the culture and climate at their buildings, with the emphasis of keeping students in school. Mr. San Miguel Morales noted that behavior at the high school has seemed particularly good with prom coming up.
The board discussed the decline in attendance, and the trends they are seeing nationwide at all levels.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Susan Graham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Finance Report

C. Personnel Report

D. Policies for second reading

V. Business Agenda

A. 2026-27 School Year Calendar (and 2027-28 draft)

Andrea Van Heeswyk made a motion to approve the 2026-27 school year calendar and the 2027-28 draft calendar.

Melanie Landon-Hays seconded the motion.

The board and superintendent discussed that the calendar may be adjusted. The superintendent also informed the board that the state may redefine instructional hours or days in future Legislative sessions.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Budget Committee Appointments

Susan Graham made a motion to appoint Antonio Martinez to the 2026-27 budget committee, Zone 5.

Andrea Van Heeswyk seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Andrea Van Heeswyk made a motion to appoint Jake Bolotin to the 2026-27 budget committee, Zone 4.

Susan Graham seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Marc Senyk	Aye
Irene Oliveros-Vega	Absent
Susan Graham	Aye
Melanie Landon-Hays	Aye
Andrea Van Heeswyk	Aye

Roll Call

Byron Shinkle Abstain
Jann Jobe Absent

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to appoint Nicole Walker Sundby to the 2026-27 budget committee, Zone 6.

Andrea Van Heeswyk seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Recess into Executive Session

A. Executive Session - Closed to the public

The board took a brief recess at 7:17 p.m. before entering executive session at 7:22 p.m. under the provisions of ORS 192.660, open meeting law, to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. Specific information discussed in executive session shall not be made public and shall remain undisclosed.

VII. Closing Items

A. Board Comments

B. Items for Action at Future Meetings

C. Adjourn Meeting

The board recessed out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Byron Shinkle

Documents used during the meeting

- April2026_PerformanceMetrics.pdf
- 2026_02_02_board_meeting_minutes.pdf

- BoardFinancial_04-2026.pdf
- Board Report - April 2026.xlsx - April 26.pdf
- ACB G1 Every Student Belongs revised.pdf
- GCAB G1 Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media Staff.docx.pdf
- 4.6.26 Board Meeting_ 26-27 Calendar and 27-28 Calendar - Draft #2 - Full Year Calendar.pdf
- 2026-27 FY Budget Committee Lol SUMMARY.pdf