



Central School District 13J

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 4, 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, Marc Senyk, Melanie Landon-Hays, Susan Graham (remote)

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 May 4, 2026 at 6:31 PM.

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Kubista reviewed the agenda, and removed the executive session.

II. Teacher Appreciation Week

A. Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8

Dr. Kubista honored the teachers and licensed staff in Central School District, declaring the week of May 4 through 8 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

III. Student Recognitions

A. Central Unified Sports

Coaches Ryan Saparto and Ryan Trosko spoke to the board about Unified Sports, which has grown over the last three years. Students talked about what the programs meant to them, and how it has unified the school.

IV. Community Partners

A. Central Health and Wellness Center

Tatiana Harden and Christina Reynolds spoke to the board about the Central Health and Wellness Center, including the increase in visits from students and families, and the services offered at the center.

V. Communication from the Floor

A. Public Comment

No one presented public comments.

VI. Standing Reports

A. Data report: Attendance and Discipline

Dr. Kubista presented the data update on attendance and discipline. She clarified definitions of attendance and "regular attender," which is a student who attends school 90 percent or more of the time. The board discussed not lowering standards for the sake of reaching goals.

B.

Curriculum Adoption, New Interim Assessment, and Summer Programming Updates

Director Amy Jackson presented an update on the curriculum adoptions for health, social science, and science. She also presented an update on the new state requirements to implement one of four common assessment tools, and that staff have overwhelmingly supported Star. She updated the board that Central School District has been approved for a summer programming grant of \$934,382 each year for the next three years.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Updates

Dr. Kubista did not have a superintendent report.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Jann Jobe seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-06-26.

Jann Jobe seconded the motion.

The board approved the minutes as part of the consent agenda.

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

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the minutes from CSD 13J Board PLC on 04-20-26.

Jann Jobe seconded the motion.

The board approved the minutes as part of the consent agenda.

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

B. Personnel Report

C. Policies for 2nd reading

IX. Business Agenda

A. 2026-27 Waiver for CHS: High Education and Career Path Skills (Careers) Class

Principal Rick Dormer shared with the board about the request for a waiver.

Dr. Kubista explained that new laws (SB 3) required a half a credit for personal finance, as well as a half a credit of careers. Mr. Dormer said that the careers course will be a junior-level course for next year, and a careers course for all seniors next year. Without the waiver, half the school will need to take careers next year, which is difficult to staff. The coursework isn't yet defined based on the guidance from the Oregon Department of Education.

If the waiver is approved, next year's seniors (Class of 2027) would not need the careers class to graduate.

Marc Senyk made a motion to approve the waiver for the 2026-27 school year at Central High School for the High Education and Career Path Skills class.

Irene Oliveros-Vega seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Update to 2026-27 School Year Calendar and 2027-28 Draft Calendar

Jann Jobe made a motion to adopt the updated 2026-27 School Year Calendar and the 2027-28 draft.

Marc Senyk seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

X. Closing Items

A. Board Comments

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 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Byron Shinkle