APPROVED

Central School District 13J

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday July 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location
Henry Hill Education Support Center
Hawk Hall
750 S. 5th St.
Independence, OR
97351

Directors Present
Andrea Van Heeswyk, Byron Shinkle, Irene Oliveros-Vega, Jann Jobe, Marc Senyk, Melanie Landon-Hays, Susan Graham

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Emily Mentzer, Jennifer Kubista

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 Jul 13, 2026 at 6:35 PM.

C. Flag Salute

D. Adoption of the Agenda

II. Communication from the Floor

A. Public Comment

Vidal Pena spoke about the performing arts budget.
Jason Morenson addressed the board about the importance of music in schools.
Patrick Aldrich spoke about the music program and the budget.
Aaron Villeneuve spoke to the board about budget resources.
Barbara Harriman discussed the importance of music in schools K-12.
Skyler Steeves addressed the board about the budget.

III. Board Elections

A. The Board will elect the board chair and vice chair for the 2026-27 school year

Jann Jobe made a motion to Nominate Byron Shinkle as board chair.
Andrea Van Heeswyk seconded the motion.
Director Shinkle thanked them for the nomination, but declined.
The motion did not carry.
Jann Jobe made a motion to Nominated Susan Graham as board chair.
Melanie Landon-Hays seconded the motion.
Director Graham accepted the nomination.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Susan Graham made a motion to Nominated Irene Oliveros-Vega as vice chair.
Melanie Landon-Hays seconded the motion.
Director Oliveros-Vega accepted the nomination.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Byron Shinkle	Aye

Roll Call

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

IV. Standing Reports

A. Data report: Attendance, Discipline

Dr. Kubista reviewed the attendance and discipline data for June and the 2025-26 school year.

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Updates

Dr. Kubista discussed declining enrollment. She also discussed student fees, with the possibility of increasing some student fees in the 2026-27 school year, or 2027-28 school year.
Right now, the fees to participate in athletics is much lower compared to other districts.
The fees for student ID cards have not been adjusted in years.
Director Van Heeswyk would like to have the fees reviewed. Director Jobe wanted to be sure scholarships would be available for those who could not afford them.

B. Policy for 2nd Reading

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to Approve consent agenda as presented.
Byron Shinkle seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 06-08-26.

Byron Shinkle seconded the motion.
The Minutes were approved as part of the consent agenda.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. Personnel Report

C. Finance report

D. Superintendent Evaluation Summary

VII. Recess into Executive Session

A. Executive Session - Closed to the public

The board recessed into executive session at 7:45 p.m. under the provisions of ORS 192.660 (2)(d) 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.
The board adjourned the executive session and recessed into regular session at 8:13 p.m.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Board Comments

Director Van Heeswyk said that looking at athletics fees will be beneficial to the district. She noted that scholarships will be available for students who could not afford them.
Director Senyk said he appreciated those who spoke during public comment about the value of performing arts programming.
Director Oliveros-Vega thanked Director Shinkle for his years of service as the board chair. The rest of the board agreed.

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 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Graham

Documents used during the meeting

- Attendance, Discipline - July 2026 Meeting.pdf
- JFCEB D1.pdf
- 2026_06_08_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- Board Reports - 26_27 July 2026.pdf
- Appropriations_2025-26_06-30.pdf
- Superintendent Performance Summary - 25_26.docx.pdf