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Rogue River School District 35

Minutes

RRSD Budget Public Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
Rogue River School District - District Office
1898 E Evans Creek Road
Rogue River, OR 97537
Directions available **HERE**

Per **Senate Bill 1502**, the Rogue River School District Board of Directors will post recordings of their meetings on the school district's official website, at **https://www.rogueriver.k12.or.us/school-board/livestream-recordings-school-board**. This began on January 01, 2025.

The Executive Session was held in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(a), (d), (f) and (i) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, to consider information or records that are exempt from public inspection, and to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer, a public officer, employee or staff member.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room.

Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session.

The open session began at 6:25 p.m., immediately following the Executive Session.

Directors Present
B. Sund, E. Poston, H. Friend, J. Chick, M. Jacob

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. James, B. Mortenson, C. Schloegl, D. Sweeney, J. Parks, M. Cleveland, P. Lee, T. Kirkpatrick

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Friend called a meeting of the board of directors of Rogue River School District 35 to order on Tuesday Jun 17, 2025 at 6:25 PM.
H. Friend called the Budget Public Hearing to order 6:25 PM on June 17, 2025, and led the meeting in the flag salute.

H. Friend opened the floor for public comment. The FY 25-26 RRSD Proposed Budget has been made publicly available via the press, website, and by request.

- No public comments were made.

H. Friend adjourned the Budget Public Hearing at 6:26 PM.

H. Friend called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:27 PM.

II. Action from Executive Session

A. Hire - Ag Metals Teacher - RRHS

E. Poston made a motion to approve the hire of Evan McFetridge as the Rogue River High School Ag Metals Teacher, as presented.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
Director Sund recused himself from this motion, stating Evan McFetridge is his grandson.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Poston	Aye
B. Sund	Abstain

Roll Call

J. Chick Aye
H. Friend Aye
M. Jacob Aye

B. Hire - Math Teacher - RRHS

J. Chick made a motion to approve the hire of London Ellis as the Rogue River High School Math Teacher, as presented.
E. Poston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Hire - Language Arts Teacher - RR Jr. High

E. Poston made a motion to approve the hire of Anah Woo as the Rogue River Jr. High School Language Arts Teacher, as presented.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. MOA - RREA SVA Senior Class Advisor

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the MOA - RREA SVA Senior Class Advisor, as presented.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. MOA - SOBC.RREA.RRSD - Add Level VII to Extra Duty Schedule

J. Chick made a motion to approve the MOA - SOBC.RREA.RRSD - Add Level VII to Extra Duty Schedule, as presented.
E. Poston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Approval - Library Tech Job Description

E. Poston made a motion to approve the job description for Library Tech, as presented.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Acceptance - RREA Financial Contract Agreement

E. Poston made a motion to accept the tentative contract agreement, as presented, with a follow-up contract approval at the next meeting.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

H. Acceptance - RRACE Collective Bargaining Agreement

E. Poston made a motion to accept the 2025 - 2028 RRACE/RRSD Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

I. Action on Information Reviewed in Executive Session

M. Jacob made a motion to that the Board delegate the authority to the Board Chair to respond to the complaint as discussed in executive session.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Acceptance - 2024-2025 Superintendent Evaluation

This item will be postponed until the July 15, 2025 meeting to allow more time for the evaluation committee.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval

J. Chick made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
E. Poston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Report

Summer School
P. Lee shared that we are having Summer School this year. J. Parks will tell us more about that. This is an exciting opportunity that just came up.

Grants - Early Learning and Wellness Center
P. Lee reviewed grant opportunities in process. The RRSD received a grant from the Cow Creek Foundation. We have received every grant applied for so far. M. Jacob and P. Lee will meet with a Board of Trustees tomorrow for another grant.

P. Lee reviewed an OCF grant, along with several more in process.

RRSD has already received $170k in grants for this project. Things are looking good. We are getting alot of support from our community partners.

P. Lee sent out a Safety Communication last week about our building progress. He's really excited about the effort going into making our kids as safe as we can.

Legislation

P. Lee shared that the accountability bill was reviewed. Our performance is not within the threshold they are looking at now, so we appear to be safe.
P. Lee briefly reviewed the employee strike bill.

The Regional CTE Center, the Southern Oregon Career Center, is between the SOESD and multiple medical entities. Without the Phoenix-Talent SD and the Rogue River SD committing early on, this would not have happened. We are very proud of our efforts.

Art
P. Lee took a moment to provide a response, reporting that he sought legal counsel, and reviewed policy regarding the controversy around the student art show. His decision followed the advice of the district's attorney.

B. RRJSHS School Report

T. Kirkpatrick introduced S. Wicks, RRJSHS Academic Counselor, to provide an update on their AVID program. This was S. Wicks big interim leadership project.

- This is year 3 of AVID for the RR Jr. Sr. High School.
- S. Wicks tied her SMART goals with this project to the District Integrated Plan.
- She reviewed the on-track to graduate and on-time graduation.
- She also reviewed the AVID PD modules and calendar. They have a robust plan for their monthly strategies. They made substantial improvement from November to May, 47 percent to 90 percent.
- She reviewed the logo they designed and gave to staff on a binder, shirt, and stickers.
- She reviewed the quarterly progress. As of this morning, the freshmen are at 86 percent to graduate.
- Jr High ELA scores have improved. This year we are 14 points above the state average. They are really proud of this growth.

What's next

- Nine staff are going to an AVID event next week. This is in Beaverton, OR.
- S. Wick reviewed detailed planning.
- She also reviewed teaching the student to know how to review notes.

C. RRES School Report

A. James reviewed the IXL data, which shows an increase.

- Math saw an increase in proficiency scores in SBAC scores .
- Writing scores were previously the lowest. This year there has been an increase in scores. For 3rd grade we are above the state average.

- ELA saw an increase in proficiency in every grade. . P. Lee inquired whether the level of increase was for the cohort. A. James reported yes.
- In reviewing last years slide, there was a decrease in every area. This year we saw an increase!!
- Alignment, priority standards, and interventions continue to be worked on. Writing continues to be a priority, as well as math.

D. SVA School Report

J. Parks presented and discussed resiliency.

- J. Parks highlighted the SVA 2025 graduation. They had 24 students graduate out of 29. All but one fifth year graduated.
- SVA honored Cecil Felkins at graduation.
- Many students received scholarships.
- J. Parks reported that the Board was well represented with M. Jacob attending.
- J. Parks reviewed their last day of school fun.
- J. Parks highlighted their Oregon State Assessment participation. The assessment culture was not present. There has now been a 966 percent increase from 23-24. She now feels strongly about the data received. For context, from 3 students to 29 students is a 966 percent increase.
- Information going out to the public is increasing. They will have a big kick-off event. J. Parks announced a save the date for August 27th for their kick-off.
- Summer School is from 8:00 am to 2:40 pm each day. There is no summer school on Fridays. It goes to the 14th of August. They are partnering with Rogue Valley Farm to School. So much information goes out to families that they have had 100 plus requests.

E. Special Programs Report

M. Cleveland presented her 2024-2025 highlights.

Celebrations
TAG Plan and Universal Screening
Special Education & Inclusion
Early Indicator Systems- Targeted
Interventions and Supporting On Track to
Graduate for Special Education
Life Skills Diploma Options &
Coursework Mapping
Health Curriculum Adoption
Integrated Plan Completion
EL Family Engagement
Updated EL Plan
Improvements to MTSS

M. Cleveland talked about keeping the students engaged as well as coursework mapping for the life skills students. This will create an opportunity for them to graduate with a modified diploma.

Looking Ahead
She reviewed looking ahead, which included;
Continued Improvements to MTSS
Calibrated Systems of Practice
Special Education - Cyclical Monitoring

F. REACH School Report

No report this month.

G. RREA - Union Representative to the Board

No report this month.

H. RRACE - Union Representative to the Board

No report this month.

V. Good of the Order (Opportunity for District Patrons to Address the Board on Agenda Items)

A. Good of the Order Comments

R. Schock of Rogue River inquired about the proficiency scores being lower than in the past. A. James shared that the pandemic played a role. P. Lee explained the elevated standards in detail along with clarifying misunderstandings about what test scores are actually saying about student reading levels.

VI. Reports

A. Board Reports

E. Poston began with the end-of-year party put on by the Boosters. She reported that it was incredible and amazing. It was safe and they had fun. It was fully supervised.

M. Jacob reported how much she appreciated being invited to the SVA graduation. They did a great job of honoring Cecil Felkins.

J. Chick wants to formally acknowledge the FFA kids for the amazing job they did at the Chamber Installation Dinner.

J. Chick reported that Little League had their tournament in Crescent City. Rogue River has not won the tournament since 1991, or 25 years. They won this year!!

B. Sund enjoyed handing out the diplomas at Rogue River High Schools' graduation.

H. Friend spent time at the FFA Sheep Fair. She reported that the kids are very responsible and pleasant. This is due to the FFA having great leadership. The team spirit was great.

H. Friend attended the 8th grade graduation. The 8th grade class was authentically happy and had so much goodness. So much recognition was nice to see.

B. Sund also did a walk-through of the new Junior High on the RRJSHS Campus. It will be opening early. They are waiting for occupancy to move classrooms in.

Special Elections Report
Congratulations to B. Sund, M. Jacob, and E. Poston.

VII. OSBA Summer Board Conference 2025

A. The Board reviewed attendance options for the OSBA Summer Board Conference.

J. Chick will attend.

VIII. OSBA Annual Convention

A. The Board reviewed attendance options for the OSBA Annual Convention.

M. Jacob, B. Sund, J. Chick, and H. Friend will attend.

IX. Business / Fiscal Services

A. Monthly Financial Update

- D. Sweeney reported that $11.4 billion was approved by the State of Oregon yesterday. He also reported that our overall estimate is aligned with what we estimated.
- Everything is as expected in the RRSD budget department.
- The Bond projects' first phase is finishing up.

B. Adoption - Resolution No. 2024-2025:5 - Adopting the FY25-26 Budget

M. Jacob made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-2025:5 adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in the amount of $31,907,204, and to approve property taxes for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at the rate of $4.0787 per $1,000 of assessed value for the

permanent tax rate and in the amount of $654,000 for the general obligation bond debt service, as presented.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval - Chartwells Contract Renewal

B. Sund made a motion to approve the Chartwells contract renewal, as presented.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
H. Friend inquired about other options. D. Sweeney reviewed the fresh hot options now available. It is a $10k change. D. Sweeney reported that the Food Service is looking good.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. Board/Administration

A. Approval - Available Slots to Accept Interdistrict Transfers of Incoming Students

E. Poston made a motion to approve unlimited slots at all grade levels at all three schools for incoming students on Interdistrict Transfer Requests for the 2025-2026 school year.
J. Chick seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Date Setting - Annual Organizational Meeting

J. Chick made a motion to set July 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm for the RRSD Annual School Board Organizational Meeting.
B. Sund seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

XII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Schloegl

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1) The administration endeavors to anticipate all items that will be dealt with by the Board on the agenda. However, from time to time the Board may add other issues to the agenda during the course of the meeting.

2) Consent Agenda are matters of routine nature. However, from time to time items may be moved out of the consent agenda and placed on the action agenda.
3) Discussion and Report mean the Board intends to discuss or hear a matter. It is not known whether or not a motion will be placed on the table.
4) Approval and Adoption mean the Board intends to take action on the issue. However, from time to time action items may be deferred or tabled.

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