

APPROVED



Rogue River School District 35

Minutes

RRSD35 Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Rogue River School District - District Office
1898 E Evans Creek Road
Rogue River, OR 97537
Directions available [HERE](#)

The Board met in executive session pursuant to **Employment - ORS 192.660(2)(a)** - to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, and **Deliberations with Labor Negotiator - ORS 192.660(2)(d)** - to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

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 information discussed is confidential.

Pursuant to ORS 192.660(4), representatives of the news media may attend this executive session; however, the Board may require that information discussed in executive session remain confidential and no final action will be taken.

The open meeting began at 6:20 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 (remote), B. Mortenson, C. Schloegl, D. Sweeney, J. Parks, M. Cleveland, P. Lee, T. Kirkpatrick

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 Feb 17, 2026 at 6:22 PM.

H. Friend lead in the flag salute.

II. Opening Items

III. Action from Executive Session

A. Resignation - RRJSHS - Teacher

J. Chick made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe Austemore, Teacher, effective June 30, 2026, as presented.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

B. Hire - Head Coach - High School Track

E. Poston made a motion to approve the hire of Daniel Alden as the High School Head Track Coach, as presented.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

C. Hire - Assistant Coach - Jr. High Girls Basketball

B. Sund made a motion to approve the hire of Aaron Hansen as the Jr. High Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

D. 26-27 Contract Renewals - RRJSHS

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the recommended Rogue River Jr / Sr High School contract renewals, non-renewals and extensions as presented.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

E. 26-27 Contract Renewals - RRES

B. Sund made a motion to approve the recommended Rogue River Elementary School contract renewals, non-renewals and extensions as presented.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

F. 26-27 Contract Renewals - SVA

J. Chick made a motion to approve the recommended South Valley Academy contract renewals, non-renewals and extensions as presented.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

G. 26-27 Contract Renewals - Special Programs

E. Poston made a motion to approve the recommended Special Programs contract renewals, non renewals and extensions as presented.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

H. 26-27 Contract Renewals - Administrator

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the recommended Administrator contract renewals, non-renewals and extensions as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

I. New Superintendent Hire

J. Chick made a motion to approve the Superintendent contract and to delegate the authority to the Board Chair to execute the contract.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

IV. RRJSHS/RRES/SVA - Student Representatives to the Board

A. South Valley Academy Presentation

Student Presentation – Treasure Trade Design

Summer Brandon introduced Cory and Alaska, who presented their “Treasure Trade” design project. The project involves designing and building a small community exchange intended to spread joy in the community while incorporating skills related to measuring, scaling, and design. The students indicated their goal is to have the project included on the Sidewalk Joy map.

J. Chick asked where the students got the idea for the project. Cory explained that an artist in Portland named Rachel invited them to create similar community projects as part of a presentation.

P. Lee asked whether the project is part of a global initiative. Summer responded that their project will include a QR code specific to their installation and noted that similar projects exist in various locations.

During the presentation, the Board was also introduced to Tarmac, a service dog trained by Dogs for Better Lives. It was explained that Tarmac provides support through deep pressure therapy and weighted contact.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Reports

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A to C, as presented.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes - January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes from RRSD35 Regular Board Meeting on 01-20-26.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes - February 04, 2026 School Board Meeting

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes from RRSD35 School Board Meeting on 02-04-26.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Report

Graduation Trends and Growth

P. Lee presented a slide reviewing district graduation trends from the 2020–2021 school year through the 2024–2025 school year. P. Lee highlighted the significant growth observed in the district’s graduation rates over this period.

P. Lee noted that two years prior, the district’s graduation rate was in the mid to upper 60 percent range. The rate increased to approximately 74 percent in the 2019–2020 school year and continued to improve in subsequent years.

The state graduation average was reported at 81.2 percent. P. Lee noted that the district was approximately 1 percent above the state average in the previous year and is currently about 1 percent below the state average for the most recent reporting year.

ODE Vendor Short List and District Grouping

P. Lee reported that IXL was not included on the short list of vendors approved by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). He provided background regarding SB 141, which required ODE to establish comparison targets for districts with similar characteristics by clustering districts and charter schools across the state.

P. Lee explained that the district was initially placed in a cluster that did not accurately reflect comparable districts. An appeal was filed by the district requesting reconsideration. ODE reviewed the appeal and approved the request, placing the district into a more appropriate comparison grouping. P. Lee noted that this outcome represents a positive development for the district.

Superintendent Transition

P. Lee reported that he is looking forward to transitioning his responsibilities as Superintendent to Dr. April Harrison in July. He noted that Dr. Harrison would bring her own leadership style and ideas to the district.

B. RRJSHS Report

Student Activities and Graduation Projections

T. Kirkpatrick presented a slide presentation to the Board.

She reported that the recent Beef Feed fundraiser raised \$50,185, which will support student travel and events. She also highlighted upcoming activities, including the Staff vs. Student Basketball Game scheduled for February 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

T. Kirkpatrick reviewed 2025–2026 graduation projections. She and R. Davis continue to track student cohorts. The current projected graduation rate is 96.36%, while the Oregon Department of Education projection is 91.379%. She noted that one previously identified dropout has since earned a GED, which will improve the final percentage.

C.

RRES Report

RRES Academic Data Presentation

A. James presented RRES IXL math and ELA data for the school. IXL assessments are administered three times per year, with the mid-year assessment occurring from early January through the end of January.

A. James reviewed data related to the Numbers and Operations strand, Rocket Math progress toward the School Improvement Plan (SIP) goal, and schoolwide ELA performance. ELA IXL scores increased from **55% to 64%**, meeting the school's goal.

A. James also reviewed Reading ATI improvement data.

As part of the presentation, A. James introduced kindergarten teacher K. Smith, who shared observations about student growth, maturity, and learning development throughout the year, noting that some aspects of student progress are not fully reflected in assessment data.

D. SVA Report

SVA Report

J. Parks presented SVA's update. She highlighted the Tiny Treasure Trade project by Summer Brandon and recognized the students' efforts.

She reported a strong start to the second semester and noted the recent loss of a student, Vincent Stark, emphasizing the school's support for a vulnerable student population.

J. Parks shared that the School of Choice Open House in late January was successful, featuring hands-on passport stations. The first-ever Senior Day was also meaningful, and the largest field trip to date, ice skating on February 5, showcased student community and engagement.

She noted that teacher Desiree, completing her master's degree, conducted a civics lesson on local government with high student engagement. Current enrollment is 96, with the greatest growth in elementary and middle school grades.

Marketing efforts include a community volunteer, social media, and direct mailers.

E. Special Programs Report

Special Programs Report

M. Cleveland presented her Special Programs update, covering TAG, EL, Special Education, and the Backpack Program. Lifeskills students participate in the Backpack Program weekly, with 2–9 students attending.

She also reviewed curriculum adoption plans:

- Social Sciences – under review; an update will be provided next month.
- World Languages – scheduled for next year’s adoption cycle.
- Health – Human Sexuality – meets all standards and Oregon laws; the Board will receive a list of materials and discuss them in March.

F. REACH Report

G. RREA - Union Representative to the Board

K. Gibson, RREA Rep and RRHS Teacher, shared her perspective as a 22-year RR staff member and 29-year teaching veteran. She discussed the use of media in the classroom, noting that teaching requires real-time assessment and flexibility to meet students’ needs, including neurodivergent and English language learners.

She emphasized that teachers often know what they need to cover but must adjust how they teach based on the moment and student needs. Media tools, such as videos or audio, support individualized learning.

K. Gibson offered the Board her and the executive board’s support as a resource to better understand classroom practices and teacher needs.

H. RRACE - Union Representative to the Board

VII. Reports

A. Board Reports

Board Member Reports

M. Jacob attended a K–12 educator seminar, which included discussions on upcoming funding challenges.

B. Sund reported spending the day in Eagle Point judging FFA interviews.

H. Friend highlighted the FFA Beef Feed fundraiser, noting that a cheesecake sold for \$550.00.

B. Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)

The Board reviewed the annual requirement for SEI.

VIII. Business / Fiscal Services

A. Monthly Financial Update

Budget and Staffing Update

D. Sweeney reviewed potential budget reductions, highlighting Article 20 – assistant coaches. The district currently has 38 assistant coaches, with student participation declining, representing approximately \$78,000 in costs. Most teams have two coaches, while golf and wrestling have three.

D. Sweeney also discussed enrollment trends, noting a 17% kindergarten loss similar to state-wide patterns and declining numbers in grades K–3.

J. Chick inquired about additional potential areas for cuts. D. Sweeney noted class sizes have decreased from around 60 to 40 students in kindergarten and indicated that more detailed budget information will be shared as budget season approaches.

B. Budget Calendar for 26/27

The Board reviewed the Tentative Budget Calendar for 2026-2027.

Meeting Dates:

May 6, 2026 First Meeting , 6:00 PM

May 12, 2026 Possible 2nd Meeting, 6:00 PM

May 19, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM

June 16, 2026 Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget / Regular Board Meeting - Adopt the 2026-2027 Budget

Last July 2025 the Board approved the Board Meeting Schedule for the year. On that calendar, June 23, 2026 is listed as the June meeting date. The Board discussed changing this date to June 16, 2026 to keep with their third Tuesday of each month meeting schedule.

IX. Board/Administration

A. Discussion — IIABB and IIABB AR

Policy and Administrative Regulation Review

P. Lee reviewed changes made to the policy and administrative regulation based on the Board's prior discussion.

H. Friend raised concerns regarding the paragraph on parental permission, noting she does not believe it is necessary for 8th-grade students. P. Lee clarified that no changes have been made to the existing policy in this area.

M. Jacob requested that the Board review the policy again next month after further consideration.

X. Business/Fiscal Services

A.

Approval - Chartwells Annual Contract

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the Chartwells Annual Contract, as presented.

No second.

The motion did not carry.

J. Chick made a motion to approve the Chartwells Annual Contract renewal.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

B. Resolution No. 2025-2026:5 RRS35 Financial Audit

M. Jacob made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2025-2026:5 RRS35 Financial Audit, as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

C. Seismic Grant

M. Jacob made a motion to authorize the Superintendent (or designee) to issue a Request for Proposals for seismic rehabilitation work at the High School in compliance with Oregon Public Contracting Law and applicable grant requirements, and return to the Board with a recommended contract for approval.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

D. Adjust Board Meeting Calendar Date - Add to Agenda

H. Friend made a motion to add to the agenda to change the date of their board meeting from June 23, 2026, to June 16, 2026, to keep with their third Tuesday of each month meeting schedule.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

E. Adjust Board Meeting Calendar Date - Motion

E. Poston made a motion to change the date of their board meeting from June 23, 2026, to June 16, 2026, to keep with their third Tuesday of each month meeting schedule.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

XI. Board/Administration

A. First Reading - JHFA

E. Poston made a motion to waive the First Reading of JHFA - Supervision of Students, as presented.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

B. First Reading - GCDA/GDDA

E. Poston made a motion to waive the First Reading of Policy GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting, as presented.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

C. Job Description - Secretary

B. Sund made a motion to approve the Secretary Job Description, as presented.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

D. RRS35 2026-2027 School Calendar

E. Poston made a motion to approve the 26-27 Rogue River School District School Calendar, as presented.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

E. SOESD 2026-27 Local Service Plan

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Local Service Plan and Student Success Act Comprehensive Support Plan as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

F. Declare - RRS35 Budget Committee Vacancy

E. Poston made a motion to to declare positions 2, 3, and 5, whose terms ended on 06/30/2025, now vacant. Applications are being accepted.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

G. RRS35 Facility Request - Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

E. Poston made a motion to approve the request for the 2026 Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, as presented, pending Facility Director approval.

B. Sund seconded the motion.

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

H. RRS35 Facility Request - Rooster Crow Event

E. Poston made a motion to approve the request for the 2026 Rooster Crow Event, as presented, pending Facility Director approval.

J. Chick 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 7:58 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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