

APPROVED



Rogue River School District 35

Minutes

RRSD35 School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Rogue River School District - District Office

1898 E Evans Creek Road

Rogue River, OR 97537

Directions available [HERE](#)

Executive Session was held at 5:47 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(a) to consider the employment/hiring of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

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.

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 School Board Meeting began at 6:00 p.m., immediately following the Executive Session.

Directors Present

B. Sund, E. Poston, J. Chick, M. Jacob

Directors Absent

H. Friend

Guests Present

A. Harrison, D. Ed., A. James, B. Mortenson, C. Schloegl, D. Sweeney, J. Parks, M. Cleveland, T. Kirkpatrick, W. Bogard

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Sund called a meeting of the board of directors of Rogue River School District 35 to order on Tuesday Aug 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

II. Opening Items

III. Action from Executive Session

A. Hire - Jr High Assistant Football Coach - 2026-2027

M. Jacob made a motion to approve the hire of Jerome Makrava as Jr. High Assistant Football Coach, as presented.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

B. Hire - Jr High Head Football Coach - 2026-2027

J. Chick made a motion to approve the hire of Dane Alvarez as the Jr High Head Football Coach, as presented.

E. Poston seconded the motion.

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

IV. Special Guest / Presentations

A. Summer Learning Program

Sarah Wicks presented an overview of the Summer Learning Program. She reported that the program timeline was confirmed in May/June and that all students who wished to participate were accommodated. For next year, she recommended beginning family recruitment after spring break.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Reports

E. Poston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, items A and B, as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes - July 15, 2026 Annual Organizational Board Meeting

E. Poston made a motion to approve the minutes from RRSD35 Annual Organizational Meeting on 07-15-26.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent April Harrison, D.Ed., presented the Superintendent's Report, as included in the Board packet. She provided updates on K–2 online learning options through SVA and the District's readiness to provide virtual instruction. She also shared highlights from the recent administrative kickoff and reflection on 2025–2026 successes.

Superintendent Harrison invited the Board to attend the Welcome Back In-Service and presented customized District materials that will be provided to staff. She concluded by sharing a message recognizing the community response to the recent Rogue River fire.

B. RRJSHS Report

Principal Tori Kirkpatrick presented the RRJSHS report and invited the Board to attend the Back-to-School Bash on August 27, which will include participation from community partners.

Kirkpatrick introduced a new Pride and Image initiative focused on strengthening Chieftain Pride among staff and students and reviewed a matrix of expectations across school settings.

Kirkpatrick also reviewed college-credit opportunities available to RRJSHS students through partnerships and programs including KCC, RCC College Now/Dual Credit, and RCC Early College.

Board discussion included opportunities to provide meaningful programs that support students' long-term success and the District's approach to providing broad student participation in athletics.

C. RRES Report

Principal Ashtyn James welcomed students back for the new school year, sharing the staff's excitement to have students return from summer break and looking forward to the "high fives, air hugs, and smiles" that come with their return.

James reported positive enrollment numbers and provided information on the upcoming Open House from 4:00–6:00 p.m., which will include dinner, teacher presentations for families, and a schoolwide overview.

D. SVA Report

Principal Jennifer Parks provided an update on the SVA Back-to-School Bash and staffing. She also reviewed SVA's new fully remote K–2 option, designed to connect students and families to the District while emphasizing developmentally appropriate, hands-on and pencil-to-paper learning.

E. Special Programs Report

Michele Cleveland reviewed the District's English Learner (EL) data and ODE report numbers. She emphasized the District's focus on the growth of every student and its ability to adapt programs and supports based on individual student needs.

F. REACH Report

Wendy Bogard provided an update on the REACH program, reporting that two ninth-grade students participating in credit recovery at the Grants Pass campus are now back on track.

She shared that this year's student theme is entrepreneurship and that the program's annual goal focuses on increasing student learning and parent engagement through mentorship. Students will begin the following week, with a "Snowcial" planned as a welcome event.

G. RREA - Union Representative to the Board

Kelly Gibson reported that she and Jessa Fricke will lead RREA this year, with a focus on communication and collaboration. An RREA Executive Board member will attend each Board meeting to provide representation and remain available to the Board for input.

RREA will continue monthly meetings with Business Manager Sweeney and Superintendent Harrison, as well as quarterly check-ins with building principals. Gibson also highlighted the value of experienced and highly qualified individuals returning to serve the District in a variety of roles.

H. RRACE - Union Representative to the Board

VII. Reports

A. Board Reports

Vice Chair Sund highlighted ongoing staff professional development, noting that an FFA staff member is completing welding certification that will enable the District to provide welding certification opportunities for students.

VIII. Business / Fiscal Services

A. Monthly Financial Update

No financial projection was presented this month. The first projection will be provided in October, when additional information regarding enrollment and insurance selections is available.

IX. Review - Expense Reimbursement

A. Expense Reimbursement

Business Manager Sweeney reviewed the District's mileage reimbursement rate for use of personal vehicles on District business and discussed potential revisions based on current rates and practices in surrounding districts. The Board discussed mileage reimbursement, increased travel costs, and rental vehicle considerations.

Sweeney indicated that the Administrative Regulation may be modified based on feedback. It was noted that any revised mileage reimbursement rate would apply to District staff and other eligible travelers. Lodging reimbursement may be reviewed at a later date. No Board action was required.

X. Board/Administration

A. First Reading - Immigration Policy/AR

M. Jacob made a motion to waive the First Reading of Policy KNA, KNA AR(1), and KNA AR (2), as presented.

J. Chick seconded the motion.

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

B. First Reading - April 2026 OSBA Policy / AR Update

J. Chick made a motion to waive the First Reading of the remainder of the April 2026 OSBA Policy / AR Update, as presented.

M. Jacob seconded the motion.

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

XI. 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 6:55 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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