

**SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55**  
Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Vice Chairman Dale Keene called the **Regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m. December 15, 2025.

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**Board Members in Attendance**

Mike Adams, Dale Keene, Jenna Northern, Amanda Carter, Rachel Maynard, Dustin Nichol, Chris Hiaasen, Robert Webster: Absent: Mary Speck

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Kevin Strong, Josh Darwood, Barbi Riggs, Darel Bidwell, Ralph Brown, Josh Dargis, Shelley Nurre, Nate Tyler Certified: Steve Thorpe; Classified: Michelle Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

**Other Attendance:** Scott Swanson, New Era, ESPY parents and Grandparents

1. Called the meeting to order/pledge -ESPY Students led pledge
2. ESPY Awards- This award is given to students who are doing well academically and have an exceptionally positive attitude about school. They demonstrate respect and responsibility towards staff and their peers. They show courage by not conforming to Peer pressure and refuse to accept anyone who bullies. The School Board and the District want to recognize these students by celebrating their success at the beginning of each Board Meeting. Students received a Certificate, met each of our Board members and their names were announced on the web.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Agenda approval/changes  
Chairman called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

**Motion No. 25-91: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the agenda as amended.**  
**Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB

Dustin Nichol -yes

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Certified & Classified Representatives - Steve Thorpe thanked the community for the sweatshirts. All schools are doing things for families in our community for the Holiday season. Ready for break.

B. Student Report- Max Klump - had an assembly today and will have another one Friday. Are able to feed 50 families this year for christmas and 17 kids will receive christmas presents. Fall Sports has started and they all have a full schedule.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment/Attendance Update: Down 13 students over the district. Hawthorne 93% attendance.

*Sweatshirts from the community. There are extras at the Chamber of Commerce at cost.*

2. Principal Report- Strategic Plan Progress

*Pillar 1: Safe & Engaging Schools- Bullying Report was shared. Only 1 was founded across the district. Most are just peer conflict.*

*Pillar 2: Thriving Students & Prepared Citizens- A Career Fair video was shared. This was an elementary career fair. The counselors put it on.*

*Pillar 3: Academic Success for All- Josh Dargis, Principal of Holley; shared a video. Character ambassador program. Continue to grow this program and is very successful. They get rewards but also go to work- student store, announcements. create monthly videos. Have invited parents to the parties and awards. Have an end of the year party.*

*Pillar 4: Connected School Community - Care Team; Tragedy in the community. We have created a flight manual to plan what is needed and what we can do for families.*

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the November 10, 2025 School Board Meeting

**Motion No. 25-92: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB

Dustin Nichol -yes

7. Information/Discussion

- A. Budget Update-Kevin Strong gave the budget report- year to date spending
- B. Potential Bond Information- Kevin Strong gave information on the potential bond information. Gave update on the progress toward potential Bond and \$12.25 million OSCIM Application has been submitted.
  1. Maintain the current tax rate
  2. Improve student safety and security
  3. Upgrade classrooms and career learning facilities
  4. Use grants to reduce local costs
  5. Make lasting improvements that extend the life of our schools

C. Board Policies - First Read

IGBAB/JO-AR - Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities

JO/IGBAB-AR - Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities

JOA- Directory Information

**Motion No. 25-93: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the 2nd read of the board policies Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB

Dustin Nichol -yes

8. Action Items

A. Approval of the 2025-2027 SIA Grant Agreement

**Motion No. 25-94: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the 2025-2027 SIA Grant Agreement. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB

Dustin Nichol -yes

B. Social Sciences Adoption Postponement

**Motion No. 25-95: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve Social Sciences Adoption Postponement. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB

Dustin Nichol -yes

C. Approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Calendar

**Motion No. 25-96: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Calendar with correction. Board Member Rachel Maynard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes

Chris Hiaasen -yes

Rachel Maynard- yes

Amanda Carter- yes

Mike Adams- yes

Dale Keene - yes

Jenna Northern- yes

Mary Speck - AB  
Dustin Nichol -yes

***Motion No. 25-97: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to add an action item to the agenda to invite Jennifer Nelson from OSBA to facilitate a workshop on board and superintendent goals. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Robert Webster- yes  
Chris Hiaasen -yes  
Rachel Maynard- yes  
Amanda Carter- yes  
Mike Adams- yes  
Dale Keene - yes  
Jenna Northern- yes  
Mary Speck - AB  
Dustin Nichol -yes

***Motion No. 25-98: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to invite Jennifer Nelson from OSBA to facilitate a work session next year focused on a survey and board goals for the 2026–2027 school year. Board Member Rachel Maynard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Robert Webster- yes  
Chris Hiaasen -yes  
Rachel Maynard- yes  
Amanda Carter- yes  
Mike Adams- yes  
Dale Keene - yes  
Jenna Northern- yes  
Mary Speck - AB  
Dustin Nichol -yes

9. Board Comment- No Comment

Moved to executive session at 7:17pm

10. Executive Session

- A. ORS 192.660 (2)(e) - Negotiate Real Property Transactions
- B. ORS 192.660-(2) (i) - Superintendent Evaluation

Returned to Regular Session at 7:58 pm

11. Action Items

- A. RESOLUTION #2526-1- Potential Property Purchase

**Motion No. 25-99: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of certain real property Tax Lot 13S01E31-AD-10001 for \$90,000 Dollars. Board Member Dale Keene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

Robert Webster- yes  
Chris Hiaasen -yes  
Rachel Maynard- yes  
Amanda Carter- yes  
Mike Adams- yes  
Dale Keene - yes  
Jenna Northern- yes  
Mary Speck - AB  
Dustin Nichol -yes

12. Late Items

13. Future Agenda Items

- A. Christmas Break - December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026
- B. January 5, 2026 - Board Officers Meeting - 3:30 in the Superintendents Office
- C. January 12, 2026 - Board Meeting
- D. January 26, 2026- 5:00 worksession

14. Adjournment at 7:59 pm

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*Signature, Board Chairman*

*Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary (This meeting was also recorded and saved supt/board/audio)*