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. January 12, 2026.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Staff Members in Attendance

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

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

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.

Student Report- Jr. High Students - Timber J. - Sierra J. & Aubree H. Shared updates on winter sports. Grades and Achievements. Afterschool programs. Shared what the leadership at the Jr. High's duties and responsibilities are. Four students are on the leadership team.

3. Luke Augsburger thanked the Sweet Home School District for his 18 years of service as a teacher and administrator. He raised questions regarding the travel budget, noting a significant increase from $2,500 in 2021 to $46,000 and asked for clarification on the reason for the increase.Business Manager Kevin Strong indicated he would look into the matter and follow up with Mr. Augsburger.

4. Agenda approval/changes
   Chairman called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

***Motion No. 26-1*: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the agenda as amended. 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments
   A. Certified & Classified Representatives - Steve Thorpe provided a wrestling report and thanked Luke Augsburger for his years of service to the district as a teacher and administrator. He also expressed support for designating the first day back from Christmas break as a teacher workday without students.

B. C. Superintendent's Report
   1. Enrollment/Attendance Update: Hawthorne won again this month. Enrollment stayed about the same as last month.
   2. Strategic Plan Progress

A. *Pillar 1 - Safe & Engaging Schools - Bully Report- Superintendent Martin went over the bullying report from December*
B. *Pillar 2 - Thriving Students & Prepared Citizens - Tomas Rosa, HS Leadership-Shared who participated from the 2024-25 school year in the Lecture Series and the 2025-26 that have signed up so far. All of these volunteers share how they started volunteering and then turn that into a profession. Connecting with the community. There are 40 students total.*
C. *Pillar 3 - Academic Success for All - Update increase connectivity as below*
D. *Pillar 4 - New Phone system installed - Gave an update and thanked the Technology team for what they have done.*

6. Consent Agenda
   A. Approved minutes from the December 15, 2025 School Board Meeting
   B. Accept Resignation from Luke Augsburger, High School Asst. Principal effective February 4, 2026

***Motion No. 26-2*: 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

7. Information/Discussion
   A. Budget Update-Kevin Strong gave the budget report- year to date spending - explained that the bulk of our budget happens at the end of the school year. Mary Speck asked if we could get a report on travel expenses Mr. Augsburger asked about it in Public Comment.
   B. Proposed Calendar for 2026-2027- Information only, has gone to both unions. This calendar mirrors last year and includes all the guidelines. Steve Thorpe had mentioned the day after Christmas break.

8. Action Items
   A. RESOLUTION 2526-2- Approve the 2026-2027 LBL ESD Local Service Plan

Superintendent Martin gave information on the Local Service Plan

***Motion No. 26-3*: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the 2026-2027 SIA LBL ESD Local Service Plan Board Member Mary Speck 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

B. Approve Contract with Questivity to purchase equipment for a complete network hardware refresh

Sam Nothiger gave information to the board regarding this purchase. We have financially planned for this.

***Motion No. 26-4*: Board Member Dale Kenne moved to approve Contract with Questivity to purchase equipment for a complete network hardware refresh Board Member Mary Speck 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

C. Approve Contract with FatBeam Fiber to provide internet service to Foster, Hawthorne, Holley, and Oak Heights Elementary Schools

Sam Nothiger gave information to the board regarding this purchase. We have financially planned for this.

***Motion No. 26-5*: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the Contract with FatBeam Fiber to provide internet service to Foster, Hawthorne, Holley, and Oak Heights Elementary Schools 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

D. Approve Bond Measure Objectives

Superintendent Kevin Strong reviewed the bond measure objectives. He explained that the board will first need to approve the bond measures, followed by approval of a resolution to proceed at the next meeting. Mary Speck requested clarification regarding the purpose of the bond. Mr. Strong provided additional information on the proposed upgrades, noting that the projects would enhance safety, support other facility improvements, and promote a positive learning environment.

***Motion No. 26-6*: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the Bond Measure Objectives 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

E. Appoint Jason Redick to the Budget Committee Position #7 At Large

<u>Motion No. 26-7</u>: Board Member Dale Keene moved to appoint Jason Redick to the Budget Committee Position #7 at Large. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1

Robert Webster- yes
Chris Hiaasen -yes
Rachel Maynard- yes
Amanda Carter- yes
Mike Adams- yes
Dale Keene - yes
Jenna Northern- yes
Mary Speck - no
Dustin Nichol -yes

9. Board Comments: Board Member Mary Speck shared that she was disappointed with the board's decision to vote down the flag policy. Board Member Rachel Maynard noted that the issue had been discussed previously and stated that teachers are already addressing this matter.

Moved to executive session at 7:44 pm

10. Executive Session
    A. ORS 192.660-(2) (i) - Superintendent Evaluation

Returned to Regular Session at 9:38 pm

12. Late Items

13. Future Agenda Items
    A. January 19, 2026 - No School MLK Day
    B. January 30, 2026 - Grading day
    C. February 2, 2026 - Board Officers Meeting - 3:30 in the Superintendents Office
    D. February 9, 2026 - Board Meeting, 6:30 in the Board Room

14. Adjournment at 9:39 pm

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