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. February 9, 2026.

Board Members in Attendance

Mike Adams, Dale Keene, Jenna Northern, Amanda Carter 6:44pm, 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, Mark Looney, Nate Tyler, Certified: Steve Thorpe; Classified; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert (ZOOM)

Other Attendance: Scott Swanson, New Era, ESPY parents and Grandparents, Luke & 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.

3. Public Comment- Luke Augsburger- public comment about item 7c of the Feb. board agenda, the board requested spending report. Concerned about the over budgeting in the travel area.

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

***Motion No. 26-8*: 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 - AB
Dustin Nichol -yes

5. Student & Personnel Reports/Comments
   A. Certified & Classified Representatives - Steve Thorpe gave a report
   B. Student Report - Klump-Blood Drive, Community Night March 6, 2026 other events. Shared what is coming up with different groups at the High School.
   C. Superintendent's Report
      1. Enrollment/Attendance Update: Hawthorne won attendance again this month.

      Nancy Griffith - Shared information about the ESD.

      2. Strategic Plan Progress

A. *Pillar 1 - Safe & Engaging Schools - Bully Report- Superintendent Martin went over the bullying report from January*
B. *Pillar 2 - Thriving Students & Prepared Citizens - Nate Tyler, Principal at the Jr. High*
C. *Pillar 3 - Academic Success for All - Family Nights, Elementary students writing letters to veterans*
D. *Pillar 4 - None*

6. Consent Agenda
   A. Approved minutes from the January 12, 2026 School Board Meeting
   B. Accepted Retirement from Brian Brands, Director of Student Services Director effective February 27, 2026 contingent on being rehired back March 1, 2026 under a post retirement agreement
   C. Accepted resignation of Marissa Russell, 5th Grade Teacher at Foster Elementary effective at the conclusion of the 2025/26 academic year
   D. Approved temporary hire of Lisa Leatham, Assistant Principal at the High School for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year

***Motion No. 26-9*: 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. Audit ReportK. Strong/Brian Thompson Pauley Rogers- Clean Audit, no exceptions or other issues. 103, 104 and sick leave- things that are coming up. Best practices - fidelity insurance, access cash and 403B compliance- 3rd party.
      Questions - how do you come to the conclusions, Interemin audit and final. Sampling, compliance with grants.
      Budget - can you transfer with the budget. With board approval. Kevin Strong explained the audit process and what they do when they are in our district.
   B. Budget Update- Kevin Strong gave a current budget report YTD
   C. Board Requested Spending Report- Kevin Strong- shared the travel budget that had been requested. Compared to other districts- Kevin will look into this.
   D. Board Requested PERS Rate Update - Kevin Strong
   E. Board Policies - 1st reading
      JFCEB-AR - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - DELETE this version
      JFCEB-AR - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - NEW version

8. Action Items
   A. Approve Proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar

***Motion No. 26-10*: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. 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

B. Resolution #2526-3 - May 2026 Bond Elections

Motion No. 26-11*: Board Member Dale Kenne moved to approve Resolution #2526-3 - May 2026 Bond Elections. 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

9. Board Comments: None

Adjourned regular session and moved to executive session at 8:07 pm

10. Executive Session
    A. ORS 192.660-(2) (i) - Superintendent Evaluation
    B. ORS 192.660 (2) (d)- Licensed Bargaining

Returned to Regular Session at 9:27 pm

12. Action
    A. Approve Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion No. 26-12*: Board Member Dale Kenne moved to approve the Superintendents Evaluation. 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

Motion No. 26-13*: Board Member Dale Keene moved to add the third year to Superintendent Terry Martin's contract. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

13. Late Items

14. Future Agenda Items
    A. February 16, 2026- No School Presidents Day
    B. March 2, 2026 - Board Officers Meeting - 3:30 in the Superintendents Office
    C. March 9, 2026 - Board Worksession - 3:00 - 6:00pm
    D. Board Meeting, 6:30 in the Board Room

14. Adjournment at 9:32 pm

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Signature, Board Chairman

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