

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. March 9, 2026.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Kevin Strong, Darel Bidwell, Ralph Brown, Josh Dargis, Shelley Nurrey, Mark Looney, Nate Tyler Certified: Jarid Adams, Shelley Strong; Classified; Brandy Duncan, Michelle Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

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, 1051 1st Ave, Sweet Home, addressed the Board regarding travel spending (Agenda Item 7A). He shared that he had contacted other similarly sized districts for comparison data and noted difficulty receiving a response from the Superintendent. He also referenced DLP staff reimbursements. Public comment time exceeded the five-minute limit.
4. Agenda approval/changes
Chairman called for changes and/or approval of the agenda

Motion No. 26-14: 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 -Brandy Duncan (Classified): Reported minimal updates; noted schools are recovering from recent illness and looking forward to spring break. Jarid Adams (Certified): Reported that negotiations are progressing well; union voting expected by Thursday. Winter sports season has concluded. Superintendent Martin recognized the success of district athletic teams.

- B. Student Report - None
- C. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment/Attendance Update: HHawthorne Elementary reported the highest attendance for the month at 91%..

Motion No. 26-15: Board Member Mary Speck moved to get a breakdown of reasons for enrollment decline for the next meeting. Board Member Rachel Maynard seconded the motion. The motion did not pass

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

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 - Josh Dargis, Principal at Holley - 3rd grade students came and shared their school paper*
- C. *Pillar 3 - Academic Success for All - Mental Health Counselors- Josalyn Lawrence, Brooklyn Giles shared with the board their duties and what services they offer to kids and families at the Jr. High and High School. Shared some highlights and ways they have helped students with resources. They reach out to our district helpers who provide for the needs of students. Make sure students have a safe place. Help lead students to other staff members who can help partner with their success at school. They are able to remove barriers that come up. Mary Speck asked about parent approval. Work as a team with parents. Do not meet with kids without parents' approval.*
- D. *Pillar 4 -Connected School Community- Robyn Lindsey from the High School- Pre Employment Transition Services at the High School. Handed out a flyer that gives information on the program. Shared the Key components of pre-ets; how it is successfully implemented; 37 currently enrolled. 4 working with VR and 3 applications processing. Volunteer at several locations throughout town.*

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved minutes from the February 9, 2026 School Board Meeting
- B. Accepted resignation from Hailey Schilling, Kindergarten Teacher at Hawthorne effective at the end of the 2025/2026 school year
- C. Accepted resignation from Kristin Adams, High School Success Coordinator at the High School effective March 31, 2026
- D. Accepted Donation from Janice Horner: 1 Noble B Flat Clarinet, LeBlanc Sax, Evette Schaefer Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Set of Piano Tuning Tools and \$1,000 dollars
- E. Accepted Resignation from Kaley Schneider, 4th grade teacher at Foster Elementary effective June 13, 2026
- F. Accepted Resignation from Hailey Miller, 2nd grade teacher at Foster Elementary effective June 12, 2026

Motion No. 26-16: 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 8 months into this budget shared the year to date general fund spending compared to the adopted budget and year to date spending last year. Mr. Strong shared lines that have increased.

Travel and Professional Development Spending by Oregon School Districts. At the February Board meeting, the Board requested information comparing Sweet Home School Districts travel and professional development expenditures with those of other Oregon Districts. Based on per-student, 135 school districts reported higher travel and pd development expenditures per student than Sweet Home, while 56 districts reported lower expenditures. Albany / Lebanon Facilities Superintendent Martin reminded the board of all of the processes in place. We have been with Pauley Rogers for over 30 years. 5 years ago there was covid and no travel or expenditures.

- B. Board Policies - 2nd reading

JFCEB-AR - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - DELETE this version

JFCEB-AR - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - NEW version

Motion No. 26-17: Board Member Dale Kenne moved to approve policy JFCEB-AR and the Deleted version. 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol -yes

- C. Board Policies - 1st reading

JFCIA - Student Drug testing- Extracurricular Activity Participants

JFCIA-AR(1) - Student Drug Testing Authorization Form

JFCIA- AR(2) - Student Drug Testing

BCB - Board Officers

Dustin Nichol had a question regarding testing and Ralph Brown, Principal of the High explained the system they are currently using. We have a company who now runs the program for us. This policy will be updated for next board meeting.

Motion No. 26-18: Board Member Rachel Maynard moved to have Superintendent Martin look into policy JFCIA - Student Drug Testing wording. Board Member Jenna Northern seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Rachel Maynard - yes
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

8. Action Items - none

9. Board Comments: Mary Speck emphasized the importance of respecting public comment participants and noted concern regarding time limits and responses during public comment.

Adjourned regular session and moved to executive session at 7:57 pm

10. Executive Session

- A. ORS 192.660 (2)(e) - Negotiate Real Property Transactions
- B. ORS 192.660 (2) (d)- Licensed Bargaining
- C. ORS 192.660 (2) (a) - Contract Personnel Renewal Recommendations

Returned to Regular Session at 9:02 pm

12. Action

- A. Approve Licensed Bargaining

Motion No. 26-19: Board Member Mary Speck moved to Contract Personnel Renewal Recommendation. Board Member Rachel Maynard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously Mike Adams abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

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

Motion No. 26-20: Board Member Dale Keene moved to approve the purchase of the property 35 feet identified as tax lot 13S01E31-AD-10100 tax lot number 246906 for \$37,500. 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

13. Late Items

14. Future Agenda Items

- A. March 23 - 27, 2026 - SPRING BREAK
- B. April 6, 2026 - Board Officers Meeting - 3:30 in the Superintendents Office
- C. April 13, 2026 - Board Meeting, 6:30 in the Board Room

15. Adjournment at 9:04 pm

Signature, Board Chairman

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