SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Mike Adams called the **Regular meeting** of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:28 p.m. July 13, 2026.

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

Staff Members in Attendance
Superintendent: Terry Martin; Administrators/Supervisors: Kevin Strong, Darel Bidwell; Classified; Michelle Bidwell; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Brandon Saveskie, New Era, Luke Augsburger, Chelsey Augsburger, Michelle Knight, Susan Coleman

1. Called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Elect Board Officers for 2026-2027 ORS 332.040, 332.005(2) BC/BCA M. Adams Action
   Board Chair: Dale Keene
   Vice-Chair 1: Mike Adams
   Vice-Chair 2: Jenna Northern

Board Chair Mike Adams read the organizational information as to how the elect Board Chair Mike Adams explained the organizational meeting procedures and outlined the election process for Board officers.

Board Chair Nominations:
Rachel Maynard by Mary Speck -2
Dale Keene by Jenna Northern - 6
Chris Hiaasen by Rachel Maynard
1 did not count

Board Vice Chair 1 Nominations:
Rachel Maynard by Mary Speck – 2
Mike Adams by Jenna Northern - 7

Board Vice Chair 2 Nominations:
Rachel Maynard by Mary Speck - 3
Jenna Northern by Mike Adams - 6

3. Public Comment: Luke Augsburger addressed the Board regarding items on the July Board agenda. He expressed concerns about proposed revisions to Board Policy **BCB – Board Officers**, specifically the language stating: *"If public comment is a part of the meeting, the Board chair may regulate the order and length of appearances and limit appearances to presentations of relevant points."* Mr. Augsburger stated that he was concerned this language could allow a Board Chair to limit or silence public comment based on whether comments are deemed relevant.

Mr. Augsburger agrees with the updates to board policy BDDG- Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings but requested that microphones be provided for each Board member to improve audibility during meetings. In addition, he thanked the Board for reducing the Superintendent's travel.

4. Agenda approval/changes

***Motion No. 26-40*: Board Member Mary Speck moved to approve the agenda as amended. Board Member Mike Adams 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. Personnel Reports/Comments
    A. Superintendent's Report
    B. Sweet Home Early Literacy Program (Sweet HELP) - Susan Coleman shared the background of the program, How the Reading Buddy Program Works, first year outcomes, and Building for the Future

6. Consent Agenda
    A. Approved minutes from the June 8, 2025 School Board Meeting, June 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting
    B. Designated the Local Government Investment Pool and Key Bank as depositories for the District for 2026-2027 ORS 328.441 DG
    C. Designated Superintendent as Chief Administrative Officer, District Clerk and Hearings Officer for 2026-2027 ORS 332-515
    D. Designated Pauly Rogers as auditors of record for 2026-2027
    E. Designated The Hungerford Law Firm as attorney of record for 2026-2027 DJCA
    F. Authorized cooperative purchasing agreements with other local education agencies, county, state, and federal agencies for 2026-2027
    G. Designated the Business Manager as the Deputy Clerk, custodian of funds and Budget Officer for 2026-2027 ORS 328.441, 328.445, ORS 294.331
    H. Designated Superintendent as the signature authority on all state and federal grants for 2026-2027 ORS 332.525
    I. Designated Brown & Brown as our Insurance Agent of Record for 2025- 2026
    J. Authorized Business Manager & Superintendent to handle District funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year
    K. Authorized Sweet Home School Board as the Local Public Contract Review Board ORS 279A.060
    L. Approved to extend the award for Food Products and Non-Food Supplies to Sysco for the 2026-2027 school year
    M. Accepted resignation from Amanda Hill, HR & Benefits Specialist effective July 10, 2026
    N. Approved transfer of Lisa Martin to HR & Benefits Specialist position in the Business office effective July 1, 2026
    O. Approved hire of Ryan Adams, Principal at Oak Heights effective August 6, 2026
    P. Accepted resignation from Elias Stuckart, Science Teacher at the High School effective immediately
    Q. Approved hire of Cathy Brands-Hawken, .4 Learning Consultant- Special Ed effective 8/31/2026 on a Post Retirement Agreement
    R. Approved hire of Grainne Tinnelly teacher at Oak Heights Elementary effective 8/31/2026

S. Approved resignation from Laurel Adams, 4th Grade Teacher at Oak Heights elementary effective 6/12/2026

<u>Motion No. 26-41</u>: Board Member Rachel Manyard moved to approve pull consent items O and Q out for discussion. 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

<u>Motion No. 26-42</u>: Board Member Mike Adams moved to approve the consent agenda without O and Q. 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

Rachel Maynard - Questions regarding hiring spouses, policies and how do we make sure this is being followed.

<u>Motion No. 26-43</u>: Board Member Mike Adams moved to approve O and Q. 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

7. Information/Discussion
   A. Board Policies - First Read
      BBAA – Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities, Delete
      BBAA – Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities, New
      BBE – Vacancies on the Board, (Version 1), Delete
      BBE – Vacancies on the Board,New
      BBE-AR – Board Member Vacancy Application, New
      BCB – Board Officers
      BCE – Board Committees, Delete
      BCE – Board Committees, New

BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board, Delete
BD – Board Meetings, Notices and Communications, New
BD/BDA – Board Meetings, Optional, Delete
BDD – Board Meeting Procedures,, Delete
BDD – Board Meeting Procedures, Optional, New
BDDC – Board Meeting Agenda, Optional, Delete
BDDC – Board Meeting Agenda, New
BDDG – Minutes of Board Meetings, Delete
BDDG – Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings, New
CBA – Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent
CEA - Educational Equity Advisory Committee
EBB – Integrated Pest Management
ECAA – Access to Buildings
GAA – Personnel Definitions
GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity
GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment
JBA/GBN – Sexual Harassment

B. UPDATED: Bond Update - K. Strong/J. Darwood showed a slide show of the High School draft remodel

8. Action Items
   A. Designate the day, time and location for the official school board meetings for the 2026-2027 school year ORS-322-045BD/BDA

***Motion No. 26-44*: Board Member Mary Speck moved to continue with the same day, time and location for the official school board meetings 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 - yes
Dustin Nichol - yes

   B. Approve the authorization for the Superintendent, Business Manager and Facilities Director to enter into negotiations with GLAS Architects for architectural, engineering, and related professional services associated with the upcoming bond project

***Motion No. 26-45*: Board Member Rachel Maynard moved to approve authorization for the Superintendent, Business Manager and Facilities Director to enter into negotiations with GLAS Architects for architectural, engineering, and related professional services associated with the upcoming bond project. Board Member Mike Adams 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

9. Board Comments: Mary Speck congratulated the new board officers. Commented that our work session was really good.

10. Late Items

11. Future Agenda Items
    A. Summer Conference- July 16th -9:00-3:30 - Lane Community College, Eugene
    B. Next Board Officers Meeting TBD
    C. Next Board Meeting TBD
    D. New Teacher Luncheon - August 25, 2026 at 11:30- Boardroom at District Office
    E. All Staff Inservice - September 1, 2026 - more details to come

12. Adjournment at 7:40 pm

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Signature, Board Chairman
Minutes completed by Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary