

SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

Sweet Home, Oregon

Board Chairman Dale Keene called the Special Board Meeting of the board of Directors of Sweet Home School District No. 55 to order at 6:30 p.m August 10, 2026.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Staff Members in Attendance

Superintendent: Terry Martin, Barbi Riggs, Brian Brands, Josh Darwood, Kevin Strong; Classified; Michelle Bidwell, Lisa Gourley; Board Recording Secretary: Julie Emmert

Other Attendance: Brandon Saveskie, New Era, Luke Augsburg, Chelsey Augsburg

1. Call the meeting to order

2. Agenda Approval/Changes

Motion No. 26-50: Board Member Mary Speck moved to approve the board meeting 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

3. Public Comment: None

4. Information/Discussion

Personnel Reports/Comments

A. Superintendent's Report

- Josh Darwood delivered a presentation explaining the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) delivery model, which the board is scheduled to consider for approval next month. Key benefits of the CM/GC approach discussed include:
 - Early contractor involvement during selection
 - Enhanced design alignment and input
 - Collaborative team approach
 - Proactive risk reduction
 - Transparent price negotiation
 - Seamless project execution and completion

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved Regular Board and Worksession Minutes from the July 13, 2026
- B. Approved hire of Kaley Siewert, 4th grade teacher at Oak Heights effective 8/31/26
- C. Approved hire of Scott Boyer, science teacher at the High School effective 8/31/26

- D. Accepted Resignation of Maricel Rendado, Special Ed. Opportunity Teacher at Foster effective August 6, 2026
- E. Approved hire of Ema Gardner, Social Studies Teacher at the High School effective August 31, 2026
- F. Summer School Teachers: Approved hire Summer Anderson (HW), Liz Konstantin (OH), Pam Hayes (FO), Isabelle Cherrington (HO). Foster's dates are August 10-20, 2026. Hawthorne, Holley, Oak Heights- August 17-27, 2026.

Motion No. 26-51: Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

6. Information/Discussion

A. Budget Report- Kevin Strong gave an updated budget report.

B. Auditor Letter Regarding Upcoming Audit. There is a questionnaire that board members can fill out and hand in or send directly to the auditor.

C. Board Policies - Second Reading

Chairman Dale Keene shared some changes - Board Committees BCE, GBN/JBA - AR is crossed out and so we added policy back in. Mary had asked question a few question and

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

Motion No. 26-53: *Board Member Mary Speck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

- D. Board Policy - First Reading
KNA- Immigration Enforcement on District Property

Kevin Strong shared information regarding these resolutions presented

7. Action Items

- A. Resolution #1-2627 - Authorize the District to issue and sell up to \$40 million in voter-approved general obligation bonds to fund student safety improvements, career and technical education facilities, and the replacement of aging high school buildings. The resolution also authorizes the Superintendent or Business Manager to finalize the bond structure and sale, appoint the necessary financing professionals, and complete the required tax, disclosure, and post-issuance compliance activities.

Motion No. 26-54: *Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve Resolution #1 as presented. 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

- B. Resolution #2-2627 - Authorize the Superintendent or Business Manager to execute and deliver the OSCIM grant agreement on behalf of the District, along with any related documents necessary to secure the grant funding.

Motion No. 26-55: *Board Member Jenna Northern moved to approve the Resolution #2-2627 as presented. 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

8. Board Comments: None

9. Late items: None

10. Future Agenda Items

A. New Teacher Luncheon - August 25, 2026 at 11:30- Boardroom at District Office

B. All Staff Inservice - September 1, 2026 - more details to come

C. Next Board Officers Meeting - Monday, August 31, 2026 at 3:30

D. Next Board Meeting TBD - Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30

11. Adjourned at 6:55pm

Signature, Board Chairman

Julie Emmert, Board Recording Secretary