

Malheur Education Service District Region 14
Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 5:00 PM at ESD Office, in Vale, OR

Malheur ESD Board Meeting:

Pursuant to notices sent to newspapers of general circulation, the Board meeting was held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the ESD Office, Vale, OR.

Preliminary:

Board Chair Don Hodge called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Board members in attendance and comprising a quorum were Jill Conant, Greg Alexander, and Newell Cleaver. Les Linegar, Amy McGourty, and Rebecca Martinez were not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mark Redmond, Business Manager Matt Mejia, and Executive Administrative Assistant Jodi Westerberg. Board Chair Don Hodge welcomed Topper Schlupe as a guest.

Matt Mejia discussed the budget questions that were brought to him before the meeting.

- a. Joseph Methodist Church - REN Conference being held at this location.
- b. GASB - These are special revenue funds that are then allocated to specific areas such as Special Education. These allocations are reflected in the audit.
- c. Harney Supporting Students - Another REN program providing support to districts in Harney County.
- d. Mentor Payouts- Mentor Teachers receive a certain allotment based on the number of teacher mentees they have during the year, which is why some stipends are different.

Consent Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to approve Consent Agenda Items A-D.

Jill Conant seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- A. Approve the minutes of the May 20th, 2025, board meeting.
- B. Approve the minutes of the May 20th, 2025, budget board meeting.
- C. Approve budget questions for June 2025.
- D. Approve payment of June 2025 bills and monthly financial statements.

Business Items:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jill Conant to open the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing. Greg Alexander seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

- A. Budget 2024-2025 Hearing Opened 5:05 pm. Business Manager Matt Mejia briefly explained key Budget items and let the Board know there had been no changes since the last Board meeting. There was no public comment.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to close the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing. Newell Cleaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

B. Supplemental Budget 2025-2026 Hearing closed at 5:07 pm

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to approve Business Item C. Jill Conant seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

C. Approve Board Resolution to Adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Making appropriations and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to approve Business Item D. Greg Alexander seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

D. Approve GASB 54

E. Business Report: Matt Mejia let the Board know that all spending is stopping this week. There will be a couple of payments that will have to be made about 2 weeks after the end of the fiscal year. He anticipates the audit will be ready by October.

F. Update on Legislation and Funding. Superintendent Redmond provided the board with an update on the following legislation.

1) Revenue Forecast: House Bill 5515 was approved today. New bill cutting STEM by 11%, CTE Perkins and Pathways by 11%, Preschool Promise by 10%, and RENs by 14%.

2) CTE (HB3552) Did not pass but made it to Ways and Means and will be back, HB 3499, Early Literacy (HB3040), SSA Reduction, Accountability all came out about as expected.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to Approve Business Item G. Newell Cleaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

G. Approve Opening Bid Process July 1, 2025: This will open bids for construction work on the new Vale office.

Personnel Items:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to approve Personnel Item D. Newell Cleaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

A. Approve Job Postings

a. None

B. Approve Job Descriptions

a. None

C. Approve Hires

a. Iran Michelle Arroyo Garnica - Preschool IA Nyssa

D. Approve Resignations

a. None

Other:

A. July 9th Board Retreat, 11-2:00 pm, Fiesta Guadalajara, Ontario

B. Superintendent Update:

- 1) Superintendent Redmond shared that Theresa Martinez had received a grant from the Ford Family Foundation in the amount of \$37,800. This grant will help provide Business Accelerator Support to childcare facilities within the region.
- 2) Harper Business Manager is leaving so the ESD will cover their office short term until a replacement can be found.
- 3) July 21st Staff Retreat.
- 4) August 4th Malheur County Executive Summit
- 5) Superintendent Redmond acknowledged Don Hodge and thanked him for his many years of service on the Board and on behalf of the students in our region. Board members joined in a round of applause to show their appreciation as well.

Adjournment:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Newell Cleaver to adjourn the meeting. Don Hodge seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

BOARD CHAIR

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE APPROVED: _____