

Malheur Education Service District Region 14
Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 3:30 PM at Plaza Inn Restaurant, in Ontario, OR

Malheur ESD Board Meeting:

Pursuant to notices sent to newspapers of general circulation, the Board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the Plaza Inn Restaurant, Ontario, OR.

Preliminary:

ESD Board Chair Les Linegar called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Board members in attendance and comprising a quorum were Vice-Chair Greg Alexander, Newell Cleaver, Topper Schlupe, Jill Conant, and Rebecca Martinez. Amy McGourty was not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mark Redmond, Director of Finance Matt Mejia, Director of Curriculum Angie Arriola, Director of Special Education Teresa Jones, Assistant Director of Early Learning Rod Belknap, and Executive Administrative Assistant Jodi Westerberg. Jason Echeverria was in attendance as a guest.

Matt Mejia answered the budget questions he received:

- a. OR School Personnel Association - For HR Managers
- b. Riverside Cognitive Testing - Material for TAG testing administered to all 2nd graders.

Consent Agenda:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to approve Consent Agenda Items A-C.

Topper Schlupe seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

- A. Approve the Minutes of the October 21st, 2025, board meeting.
- B. Approve budget questions for November 2025
- C. Approve payment of November 2025 bills and monthly financial statements.

Business Items:

- A. Business Report/Audit progress: The Audit has been submitted and should be done on time. All grants for Early Learning are in, REN Grant agreements have been distributed but not yet signed.
- B. State Funding Update -
 - 1) Letter from ODE and DELC
 - 2) Handout on 2.5% and 5.0% potential reductions.
 - 3) November 17th, 18th Presentations to Legislators
 - 4) November 19th, State Revenue ForecastSuperintendent Redmond discussed each of these with the Board Members. Looking like STEM, CTE, and REN would be facing cuts if it comes to it, but there is pushback. We will know more tomorrow when the forecast comes out.

- C. ESD Building Update: Exterior walls are up, and the roof is mostly on. Mark is still working on some of the grant prospects and will keep the Board posted.
- D. Draft 2026-2027 Local Service Plan for Review -Superintendent Redmond put Service Plan Handout in Board packets to look over and see what has been accomplished and what is still being worked on.
 - Newell Cleaver asked for a moment to speak and asked Mark to thank the Superintendents at the next meeting for all they did in their districts to recognize Veteran's Day.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to approve Business Item E. Newell Cleaver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

- E. Approve Stephanie Navarrete Credit Card, \$5,000.00 Limit.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Newell Cleaver to approve Business Item F. Rebecca Martinez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

- F. Approve OSBA Legislative Policy Committee Nominee
 - a. Bruce Kevan

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to approve Business Item G. Topper Schlupe seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

- G. OAESD Officer Nomination - Jill Conant as OAESD Chair Elect

Personnel Items:

- A. Approve Job Postings
 - a. None
- B. Approve Job Descriptions
 - a. None
- C. Approve Resignations:
 - a. None
- D. Approve Hires:
 - a. None

Other:

- A. December 19th, Staff In-Service, 8:30am, FRCC. - All Board members invited to attend.
- B. Director of Curriculum update - Angie Arriola - Requested Social Studies curriculum samples have all come in. Integrated Guidance reporting is in for all districts and was completed on time. Synergy and Early Literacy are both going well.
- C. Director of Special Education Update - Teresa Jones: EI/ECSE currently has 135 qualified students with 20 in the referral process, Preschools are running well, Student Wellness and C3 programs are also going well, ODE special education representative will be coming Dec. 1-3rd to help show districts how to submit information as all small districts are in monitoring this year.

- D. Director of Early Learning Update - Rod Belknap: Rod gave the Board a summary handout with data and information he felt the Board would be interested in. He also let the Board know that Early Learning received a \$25K grant for Pyramid Training which can help with stipends for teachers who might not otherwise be able to attend, The DELC visit last month went well and a lot of good relationships were formed as they toured 15 different programs in the region.
- E. Superintendent Update - Mark Redmond: Superintendent Redmond let the Board know that Sam Brier, the new Director of OAESD came to visit the region and it was very positive, he also let the Board know that things are going well in Huntington. Attendance is up and instruction is improving. Attendance results, along with other state reported data will be coming out on the 20th and then can be shared publicly. Superintendent Redmond; plans to share this information with the County Court Commissioners in January.

Adjournment:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca Martinez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.

BOARD CHAIR

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE APPROVED: _____