

SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of May 12, 2025, School Board Meeting

Regular Session – 6:45 p.m.

District Office Boardroom and Zoom

“Cultivating passionate lifelong learners for an ever-changing world”

Board members present: Phil Lager, Branda Jurasek, Alex Tardif, Gwynn Klobes, Christine Sprenger, Summer Stutsman-Hoag, and Pat Kessi.

Others present: Tim Porter, Superintendent; Jerimy Kelley, Principal; Marjie Lordos, Student Information and Assessment Specialist; Alison Jones, Student Information and Assessment Specialist; Natalie Egan, Student Representative to the Board; and Julie Hinkle, Executive Assistant.

		Responsible Person
Item		
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	Phil Lager, Chair
1.1	Pledge of Allegiance	

Lager called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0	APPROVE AGENDA
2.1	Additions to the agenda and motion for approval (Motion needed)

Jurasek moved that the Sauvie Island Student Report be added to the agenda just after 7.2 National Honor Society report. Alex moved to approve the motion and the agenda. Stutsman-Hoag seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Phil Lager, Branda Jurasek, Alex Tardif, Gwynn Klobes, Christine Sprenger, Summer Stutsman-Hoag, and Pat Kessi voted in favor.

3.0	VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN RECOGNITION	Tim Porter/Jerimy Kelley
3.1	Valedictorians	
3.1.1	Molly Heimbuck	

Valedictorian Molly Heimbuck is recognized for her exceptional academic accomplishments. Molly completed an extensive list of rigorous and dual credit courses at Scappoose High School, earning an A in every class. With a GPA of 4.34—the highest in Scappoose’s history—she earned 38.25 high school credits and 42 college credits. Molly will attend the Honors College at the University of Mississippi to study Biomedical Engineering. She will continue her passion for music by performing in the Pride of the South Marching Band and other ensembles. She is also a state champion saxophonist for the Scappoose Indians. The board congratulated Molly on her remarkable achievements.

3.2	Salutarian
3.2.1	Maverick Heimbuck

Principal Kelley recognized Salutarian Maverick Heimbuck for his outstanding academic and athletic achievements. Maverick has completed a wide range of rigorous courses at Scappoose High School, including advanced math, science, writing, and social studies, earning an A in each. He holds a GPA of 4.29, with 30.25 high school credits and 33 college credits earned. Maverick plans to attend Trinity College to study Electrical Engineering and continue his wrestling career. He is a four-time league champion and two-time state champion wrestler for the Scappoose Indians. The board congratulated Maverick on his impressive accomplishments.

3.2.2 Taj Forney

Principal Kelley recognized Salutatorian Taj Forney, who could not attend the meeting due to a commitment to a potential scholarship award. Taj has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, completing numerous rigorous and dual credit courses at Scappoose High School, including advanced math, science, writing, and economics. He earned straight A's in these courses, maintaining a 4.29 GPA while accumulating 31.5 high school credits and 33 college credits. Taj will attend Penn State University, where he plans to major in Mechanical Engineering and compete on the bowling team. He led his team to a third-place finish at the state tournament and was named All-State and one of Oregon's top bowlers. The board extended congratulations to Taj on his outstanding accomplishments.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Board has agreed to implement a consent agenda. Implementation of the consent agenda means that all items marked with an asterisk () are adopted by a single motion, unless a member of the Board or Superintendent requests that such item be removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately. Generally, consent agenda items are routine in nature and enable the Board to focus on other matters on the agenda. (Motion needed)*

4.1 *Approval of Minutes

4.1.1 Regular 4-14-25

4.2 *Personnel

4.2.1 Approve HR Personnel Report

4.2.2 Approve Hire:

4.2.2.1 Erin Akin, Counselor, Scappoose High School (25-26)

4.2.2.2 Danielle Smith, Special Education Teacher, Otto Petersen Elementary (25-26)

4.2.2.3 Stephanie Liner, Special Education Teacher, Scappoose High School (25-26)

4.2.2.4 Branden Bailey, ESY Teacher, Scappoose High School

4.2.2.5 Poppy Elshaug, ESY Teacher, Otto Petersen Elementary

4.2.2.6 Lauren LaBonte, ESY Teacher, Otto Petersen Elementary

4.2.2.7 Cody Sabin, ESY Teacher, Scappoose High School

4.3 *Policies

4.3.1 IGBAF - Special Education - Individualized Education Program (IEP)

4.3.2 IGBAG - Special Education - Procedural Safeguards

4.3.3 JBAA - Section 504 - Students

4.3.4 JGAB - Use of Restraint or Seclusion

Klobes moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jurasek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Phil Lager, Branda Jurasek, Alex Tardif, Gwynn Klobes, Christine Sprenger, Summer Stutsman-Hoag, and Pat Kessi voted in favor.

5.0 COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

The Board welcomes visitors to our meetings and values comments from district patrons that improve the quality of education for students. The Board, at their discretion, will recognize email comments sent in before noon on the day of the board meeting. The public comment opportunity is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between the speaker and the Board. It is a citizen's opportunity to express opinions on issues of School Board business. We must require that complaints be directed through the administration for resolution. Comments made during this session must be free of abusive language, personal attacks on district personnel, and not directed towards any department which, due to its low staffing, would amount to an attack by affect naming district personnel. We also ask that presentations be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total for public comments. (Please state your name and if you're a resident of the district)

No comments were submitted for the public comments portion of the board meeting.

6.0 RECOGNITION

6.1 Rotary Student - Max Nowlin

Tim Porter

The board recognized Max Nowlin as the Rotary Student of the Month. Max maintains a 4.12 weighted GPA while excelling as a two-sport athlete in football and baseball. He is known for his leadership, dedication, and kindness toward peers. Max also volunteers for the Food for Kids Backpack program, helping to provide meals to students and families in need. He plans to attend Linfield College to study Forensics and play football, with aspirations of joining the FBI. His coach praised Max as a selfless leader who uplifts his teammates. The board congratulated Max on this well-deserved honor.

6.2 Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9, 2025

Tim Porter

The board recognized Teacher Appreciation Week by expressing deep gratitude to the dedicated educators of the Scappoose School District. Teachers were honored for their passion, hard work, and the lasting impact they make on students, schools, and the community. The board acknowledged their role in inspiring learning, supporting personal growth, and fostering a positive environment for all students. On behalf of the district, the board extended heartfelt thanks to all teachers for their invaluable contributions.

6.3 National School Nurse Day - May 7, 2025

Tim Porter

The board recognized and celebrated the vital contributions of the district's school nurses. These dedicated professionals were honored for their essential role in supporting the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff. In addition to providing medical care, school nurses serve as caregivers, educators, and advocates, promoting wellness and offering compassionate support. On behalf of the Scappoose School District, the board expressed deep appreciation for their expertise and commitment, acknowledging the positive impact they make throughout the school community.

7.0 GENERAL REPORTS

7.1 SHS Leadership Report

~~Odessa Abeles~~ **Charlie Leader**

Charlie Leader presented the year's final Scappoose High School Leadership Report, filling in for Odessa. He shared that ASB recently completed elections, congratulating incoming ASB President Kenna Hoag and cabinet members Violette Nelson, Jack Hagen, and Madison Youngren. Leadership is now preparing for MJ Term and end-of-year events, including planning a field day. Seniors are focused on graduation preparations, including leadership stoles, checklists, and organizing Senior Sunset. Juniors wrapped up prom, distributed feedback surveys, and are now planning the senior breakfast. Sophomores continue leadership lessons at OPE and are working on a luncheon with middle school students to support leadership development and weekly social media spotlights. Freshmen recently held a successful lemonade social and plan a "Kiss a Grad" activity. The spirit team maintains social media updates, uses the Trivary app to share announcements, plans assemblies, creates training videos, and coordinates club outreach for the school newsletter. The board thanked Charlie for his leadership and contributions.

7.2 National Honor Society

Aimie Beutler

Aimie, president of the Scappoose High School National Honor Society, reported on recent chapter activities. The club held its senior celebration and new member induction last Tuesday, with 30 seniors graduating, 25 juniors advancing, and 28 new members inducted—four incoming seniors and 24 juniors. Membership continues to grow each year, reflecting increased student interest in community service. The year's final study tables will be held in the library tomorrow to support students ahead of finals. NHS also received results from its fall and spring blood drives, which collected 98 units of blood—potentially saving up to 280 lives—with increasing participation from students and the community. The club will hold its last meeting of the year and 2025–2026 officer elections on June 4. Board members praised the students' initiative and growth in community impact.

7.3 Sauvie Island Student Report

Scarlett Christopher

Scarlett Christopher, an eighth-grade ambassador from Sauvie Island School, updated on recent and upcoming events. Track season has concluded, with qualifying students heading to the state meet on Friday. Eighth-grade graduation is approaching and includes a night of achievements with student speeches, teacher stories, a slideshow, and a celebratory parade around the island, typically followed by a party at Topaz Farms. Eighth-grade students have also worked on year-long community service projects, such as fundraisers and environmental efforts. Scarlett's project involves collecting diapers and baby wipes for Legacy Health to support mothers in need. Additionally, the school's annual auction—an important fundraiser for supplies like iPads, books, and art materials—is coming up, though ticket sales have closed. Board members praised the event and Scarlett's thoughtful contributions.

7.4 InRoads Credit Union - Awarding of Team Up for Schools

Nathan Cox, President/CEO, Aimee

Thompson, Community Development Coordinator, and Cassidy Woodall, Branch Manager

Amy Thompson, Community Development Coordinator for InRoads Credit Union, and Cassidy Woodall, Scappoose Branch Supervisor, presented the school district with a donation of \$45,600 as part of the Team Up for Schools program. This initiative, launched in 2018, donates 5 cents to local high schools every time a themed debit card is used. This year, InRoads contributed over \$116,000 to schools in Columbia County, including Scappoose, St. Helens, and Rainier. The board expressed appreciation for the ongoing partnership and generous support.

Jessie Padilla, the new Principal of Early Learning for Columbia County, introduced herself and shared her role with the community. She works for the Northwest Regional ESD, providing special education services to children ages birth to five across all five school districts in the county. Jessie emphasized the importance of the "Better Together" program, which aims to be inclusive by including typical peers in preschool settings and providing models for children with developmental differences. She invited the community to consider enrolling children as peers in the program, with a small fee of \$35 a month. Jessie also expressed her goal of raising awareness about early childhood support and fostering community engagement for families with young children. She is eager to collaborate with local organizations and schools to enhance early intervention services and strengthen community connections.

7.6 Superintendent Report

Tim Porter

The enrollment update for May shows a total of 2,018 students, up from 1,929 at the same time last year. Senior Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The honoring ceremony for Scappoose High School graduates with Native heritage is scheduled for Monday, June 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard and library. Finally, graduation will occur on June 7th at 1:00 p.m. at McNabb Field.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approve FBLA Request to travel to Anaheim, California, June 27 - July 3, 2025 **(Motion needed)**

Ryan Poster

Mr. Poster presented the request for FBLA to travel to Anaheim, California, from June 27 to July 3, 2025. Ten students, out of 22 who qualified, will attend the national competition, which will be held near Disneyland. The total cost per student is approximately \$1,500, but they only pay \$550, with the remainder being funded through fundraising efforts. To date, they have raised nearly \$5,000 of the \$9,500 needed. The students will participate in various events, including public speaking, job interviews, graphic design, and knowledge tests on topics like marketing and accounting. The competition will host over 15,000 students. Mr. Foster highlighted the achievement of these students, noting the hard work and dedication involved. The board was asked to approve the travel request for FBLA. Stutsman-Hoag moved that the Board approve FBLA travel to Anaheim, California. Sprenger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Phil Lager, Branda Jurasek, Alex Tardif, Gwynn Klobes, Christine Sprenger, Summer Stutsman-Hoag, and Pat Kessi voted in favor.

8.2 Approve endorsement of Michelle Graham for the NWRESD Board Director Zone 4 position **(Motion needed)**

Phil Lager

Klobes moved that the Board endorse Michelle Graham for the NWRESD Zone 4 position. Tardif seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Phil Lager, Branda Jurasek, Alex Tardif, Gwynn Klobes, Christine Sprenger, Summer Stutsman-Hoag, and Pat Kessi voted in favor.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 School Board Executive Session
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
District Office Boardroom

9.2 Work Session/Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025,
Work Session at 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m.
District Office Boardroom and Zoom

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Phil Lager, Chair

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.