

Malheur Education Service District Region 14  
Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the 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, March 18th, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the Plaza Inn Restaurant, Ontario, OR.

Preliminary:

Board Chair Don Hodge called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Board members in attendance and comprising a quorum were Greg Alexander, Newell Cleaver, Jill Conant, and Rebecca Martinez (arrived after the Consent Agenda vote). Amy McGourty and Les Linegar were not present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mark Redmond, Business Manager Matt Mejia, Curriculum Director Angie Arriola, Special Education Director Teresa Jones, Assistant Director of Early Learning Rod Belknap, and Executive Administrative Assistant Jodi Westerberg.

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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, board meeting.
- B. Approve the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Executive Session
- C. Approve budget questions for March 2025.
  - a. ELCM - new laptop & monitors for Angie Arriola and monitor and docking station for Teresa Jones' office
  - b. NACAT- North American Conference of Automotive Teachers - CTE conference registrations for Drew Barnes and Wade Johnson
- D. Approve payment of March 2025 bills and monthly financial statements.

Business Items:

- A. Business Report: Business Manager Matt Mejia let the Board know that State School Fund accounting is done and the new estimates are out, quarter 3 drawdowns will begin after spring break and he will be going over budgets with department heads getting ready for next year's budget. The Board can expect a supplemental budget next meeting.
- B. Update on Legislation and Funding: Superintendent Redmond gave the board an update on the Governor's final budget numbers and what they might expect to see with regards to some areas of spending. He said that the outcome for some of our small allocations has definitely improved over the last three weeks.
  - 1) CTE, HB 3499, Early Literacy, SSA Reduction, Accountability - Superintendent Redmond went over each of these bills with the board and discussed where each

currently stands and how he believes they will progress throughout the legislative session.

- C. Board Elections - March 20<sup>th</sup> , Last Day to file.
- D. Update on Architecture Plans: Superintendent Redmond discussed with the Board the progress of the plans and the next steps in the process.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Newell Cleaver to approve Business Item E. Rebecca Martinez seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- E. Approve 2025-2026 Board Calendar

Personnel Items:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jill Conant to approve Personnel Item A - F as discussed with the Title change on Item C letter d from Network Analyst to System Administrator. Newell Cleaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- A. Approve 2025-2026 Staff Calendars
- B. Approve 2025-2026 salary schedules and \$25 per month insurance increase.
  - a. 2025-2026 Classified Salary Schedule
  - b. 2025-2026 Certified Salary Schedule
  - c. 2025-2026 Administrative Salary Schedule
- C. Approve Job Postings:
  - a. Nyssa Preschool Teacher
  - b. Nyssa Preschool Instructional Assistants (2)
  - c. Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant
  - d. Network Analyst (changed to System Administrator) - Internal Only, 7/1 start date
  - e. Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)
- D. Approve Job Descriptions:
  - a. Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant
  - b. Network Analyst ( changed to System Administrator)
- E. Approve Hires:
  - a. Kat Seals - Temporary REN Administrative Assistant
- F. Approve Resignations:
  - a. Kathy Tuckness Retirement

Other:

- A. OAESD Sun River, May 7-9<sup>th</sup>: Superintendent Redmond will keep this on the agenda as a reminder
- B. Director of Curriculum Update: Angie Arriola informed the Board that she has been attending lot of meetings and working on finishing up teacher observations and evaluations. She said that Early Lit is going very well and they pretty much have their program up and running.

- C. Director of Special Education Update: Teresa Jones let the Board know that RTAC Funding is going forward. She does have a back up plan until more SLPs can be hired. There is an online company that provides services and she will keep using them until we can hire our own. She stated that Jenn Susuki is receiving a lot of praise for her successful use of BSAT Teams in our area. They have successfully navigated some very complex situations recently and Kevin Purnell's program was praised as well. Some local High Schools in the area are also implementing Drug and Alcohol treatment programs at Lifeways. Jenn Susuki also supervises the YTP team and is doing a lot to help them successfully use and navigate their new billing system.
- D. Director of Early Learning Update: Rod Belknap talked to the Board about the contributions being made by Tammie Dockter as Home Visiting Systems Coordinator. She and Rod are working with Ford Family Foundation in bringing local agencies together. She is even implementing Professional Development opportunities for home visitors.
- E. Superintendent Update: Superintendent Redmond encouraged Board members to make an effort to attend upcoming events listed below.
  - a. County PD Day April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - b. CTE Certification Ceremony: This will be at Four Rivers on May 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.

Adjournment:

A MOTION WAS MADE by Greg Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Jill Conant seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

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BOARD CHAIR

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BOARD SECRETARY

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_