

Minutes in Brief

SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

Call to Order

A budget hearing of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the SOESD's administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Attendance**Board members in attendance:**

Member Mannenbach
Member Middleton
Member Moore
Member Valtierra-Sanchez
Member Wright

Board members absent:

Member Converse
Member Hecocta
Member Morell
Member Powell

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:

Mark Angle-Hobson
Mary Barton
Scott Beveridge
Ariel Bloomer
Brian Clark
Stephanie Cossey

Kylee Harrison
Liz Littleton
Ryan Swearingen
Amy Szeliga
Jeanetta Woodside

**Update on
Approved
Budget**

District Controller Jeanetta Woodside requested the Board adopt the budget with minor revisions from the May approved version, reflecting a net increase of \$116,954. The adjustments were based on component district requests, including expanded Student Behavioral Health and Wellness services and additional students in the STEPS classroom, requiring increased staffing and general fund updates.

**Comments from
The Public**

Mary Barton inquired about which schools experienced increased enrollment and services. Kylee Harrison, Student Services Director, noted that Medford School District and Grants Pass School District had requested additional Behavioral Health & Wellness services.

Ms. Barton also asked if the increased spending was taken from apportionment funds and what apportionment is typically used for. Superintendent Beveridge explained that, by statute, 90% of state funding must be directed to districts, either through services or direct cash in lieu of services. The funds referenced represent apportionment dollars not used for services, which are returned to districts as cash. The current budget shifts some of that cash into staffing costs to deliver services instead.

Adjournment

Chair Wright adjourned the budget hearing at 6:11 PM.

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SOUTHERN OREGON EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Southern Oregon Education Service District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the SOESD's administration office in Medford, Oregon. Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Attendance

Board members in attendance:

Member Mannenbach
Member Middleton
Member Moore
Member Valtierra-Sanchez
Member Wright

Board members absent:

Member Converse
Member Hecocta
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Member Powell

SOESD staff members and guests in attendance:

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| Mark Angle-Hobson | Kylee Harrison |
| Mary Barton | Liz Littleton |
| Scott Beveridge | Ryan Swearingen |
| Ariel Bloomer | Amy Szeliga |
| Brian Clark | Jeanetta Woodside |
| Stephanie Cossey | |

Recognition of Board Members and Superintendent

Superintendent Beveridge expressed appreciation to all SOESD Board members for their support of staff, students, and the community. He acknowledged that three members, Jessie Hecocta (serving since October 2020), Ana Mannenbach (since July 2019 and current Vice Chair), and Robert "Bob" Moore (since July 2019), will continue into the new year. He welcomed incoming members Mary Barton, Brian Clark, and Ariel Bloomer who were in attendance and will officially begin their service in July. Mr. Beveridge recognized the six departing members: Rosie Converse (Zone 5, serving since 2017 and former Chair); Mary Middleton (Zone 1, since 2018 and former Vice Chair); Corbin Morell (Zone 6, since 2021); Maud Powell (Zone 7, since 2017 and member of the OAESD Legislative Committee); Annie Valtierra-Sanchez (since 2017, former Chair, and member of the OAESD Governance Committee); and Justin Wright (Zone 2, since 2019 and current Chair). Mr. Beveridge reflected on each retiring member's contributions and presented commemorative plaques and tokens of appreciation. He offered special thanks to Chair Wright for his leadership during the recent superintendent search and shared his personal gratitude for the board's commitment to student success.

Chair Wright expressed appreciation for Superintendent Scott Beveridge's contributions and leadership for over 30 years of service to Southern Oregon ESD, beginning as a Staff Development Technology Specialist and culminating in nearly a decade as Superintendent—making him one of Oregon's longest-serving in that role. Chair Wright shared reflections gathered from past and present colleagues, highlighting Superintendent Beveridge's leadership during

organizational restructuring in the mid-2010s, which preserved dozens of jobs, and his instrumental role in strengthening the LSP to better serve regional districts. He was commended for his presence across the region, especially in remote areas like the Klamath Basin, and for his leadership during major challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the Alameda Fire. Under his guidance, the Phoenix campus rebuild is now underway. His legacy includes a strong foundation for SOESD's future through strategic planning and a deep commitment to students and families. Chair Wright expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of the Board and community.

**Comments from
Representatives of the
Associations**

Licensed Association President Amy Szeliga thanked outgoing Board members and offered well wishes to Superintendent Beveridge. She reported a collaborative June 5th bargaining session, with appreciation to Vice Chair Mannenbach for attending, and noted upcoming sessions on July 10th and 17th. Ms. Szeliga emphasized the need for competitive compensation and working conditions. She closed by recognizing Pride Month and expressing continued support for students, families, educators, and allies.

**Requests to Address
Agenda Items**

There were no requests to address agenda items

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - May 14, 2025 Budget Committee Meeting
 - May 16, 2025 Special Board Meeting
 - May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Financial Report

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO: Approve the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0

Communications

Superintendent's Report

Bargaining Superintendent Beveridge reported on his final sessions with the licensed association, which included a review of health care costs and a formal bargaining session. He expressed appreciation to Vice Chair Mannenbach for attending and also noted continued efforts related to compensation proposals and job description reviews for the classified association. Additional bargaining sessions are scheduled with both associations in July.

Legislative Process Information has been provided on the legislative process throughout the legislative session, further outcomes will be discussed later in the meeting.

LSP Processes – End of Year Meetings with local districts regarding 2025–26 service selections have concluded. Final confirmation by superintendents is expected next week, setting the foundation for the leadership transition to Mark Angle-Hobson who will attend the final superintendents' meeting for transition planning.

End of Year Fiscal Processes June is the busiest time of the year for the business office. They have been working to finalize expenditures and calculating actual expenses to true up the Local Service Plan process and Cash in Lieu of Service funding for districts. Tremendous gratitude was extended to Controller Woodside, the business office team, as well as the administrative assistants and administrative staff for all their work during this time.

Staff and Students Year-end celebrations were held across the various counties and included the annual Graduation Sensation in Klamath Falls. Planning is underway for the opening of a Career Center and Recovery High School. Teacher and Principal Job descriptions were included in the Board of Directors packet; additional context will be shared by Director Harrison later in the agenda.

Legislative Update The budget was built on an anticipated \$11.4 billion dollar State School Fund with unknowns around certain grants including Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education and our Regional Inclusive Services programs. The ODE grant-in-aid budget bill, [Senate Bill 5515](#), passed out of the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee. It appears the 17% cut to ESD technical assistance grants has been mostly restored. Some programs may face significant reductions or eliminations, including Grow Your Own that funds two positions at SOESD. More will be known once the final figures are available at the close of the legislative session.

Administration

A. Appointment of Acting Chief Financial Officer

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA- SANCHEZ TO APPOINT JEANETTA WOODSIDE AS ACTING CFO, SECONDED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON.

MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0

B. Appointment of Deputy Clerk

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO APPOINT JEANETTA WOODSIDE AS DEPUTY CLERK, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ.

MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0

C. Recovery High School

Director Kylee Harrison reported that Southern Oregon ESD's application for a state-funded recovery school was the sole approval in this cycle. Program Manager Sandy Stack and community partners were credited for their strong collaboration and commitment to supporting students in recovery from substance use disorders. The school is scheduled to open in January 2026, with hiring underway for a principal. Superintendent Beveridge was thanked for his consistent support and trust in the vision. Additionally, funding has been secured to pilot brief intervention treatment services on component district campuses for the 2025–26 school year.

D. Job Descriptions

i. Principal

ii. Teacher

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

- E. Contract for Services with YouScience
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO ENTER INTO AND AGREEMENT WITH YOUSCIENCE NOT TO EXCEED \$141,000, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ
MOTION PASSED 5 – 0
- F. Contract for Services with Belong Partners
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BELONG PARTNERS NOT TO EXCEED \$195,000, SECONDED BY MEMBER MANNENBACH
MOTION PASSED 5 – 0
- G. Legislative Update
 Superintendent Beveridge shared updates from the legislative session. Assumptions in forming SOESD's 2025-26 budget appeared correct that the State School Fund would be approximately \$11.4 Billion. Depending on federal funding, SB 5515 appeared to provide mostly level state funding for EI/ECSE and RIS, and the prior forecasted approximately 17% cut for SSA technical assistance grants to ESDs appeared to be mostly restored.

 Member Valtierra-Sanchez noted she had heard from the Racial Justice Council that funding for Student Success Plans and Grow Your Own had been cut roughly in half. Director Angle-Hobson indicated he learned today at the COSA conference that Student Success Plan funding that previously supported SOESD's BAASS plan grant and SOESD's current LGBTQ2SIA+ plan grant were expected to be reduced. Mr. Beveridge noted a recently published document showed funding for individual plans being zeroed out, and Director Angle-Hobson indicated recent news was that the individual allocations were now combined into one funding stream and reduced 50%, with unknown redistribution among the various Student Success Plans.

Business Services

- A. Line of Credit with First Interstate Bank
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO SET UP A LINE OF CREDIT WITH FIRST INTERSTATE BANK NOT TO EXCEED \$1.0 MILLION, SECONDED BY MEMBER MOORE
MOTION PASSED 5 – 0
- B. Resolution 10 – Adopt, appropriate, and set tax rate
IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER MIDDLETON TO APPROVE 2025-2026 SOESD RESOLUTION #10, SECONDED BY MEMBER VALTIERRA-SANCHEZ
MOTION PASSED 5 – 0
- C. SOESD Phoenix Campus Reconstruction Update
 Director Angle-Hobson reported the project remained on schedule and on budget, continuing to show positive progress month after month. The detailed report from HMK was included in the board packet. Director Angle-Hobson also noted that non-returning board members would receive invitations to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Their contributions, along with the support of Superintendent Beveridge and former CFO Dan

Weaver, has been instrumental, and he looks forward to celebrating the opening of the new facility with all who helped make it possible.

Miscellaneous

- A. SOESD Board of Directors Organizational Meeting: July 16, 2025, 6:00 PM, SOESD Administration Office, 101 North Grape Street, Medford, Oregon
- B. OSBA Summer Board Conference, August 8-10, 2025, Salem Convention Center

Adjournment

Chair Wright adjourned the meeting of the Southern Oregon ESD Board of Directors at 7:14 PM.