Skamania School District #2
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes
July 15, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Superintendent's Office
Google Meet joining link: https://meet.google.com/vxj-vadj-rmw

In attendance
Board Members: *Donald Collins, Lisa Young, Jeremy Silver*
Online: *Wendi Brenner*
Absent: *Martin "Rowdy" LaFevers*
Staff: *Katie Chavarria - Superintendent, Amber Warren- Office Manager*

Call to Order
Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

Donald acknowledged Rowdy LaFevers' absence as an excused absence.

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Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the June 17th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills and Payroll

  General Funds check numbers 30964 through 30981, totaling $48,086.92

  Payroll and Benefits check numbers 30982 through 30992, totaling $140,183.64

  Capital Project Funds check number 228, totaling $8,292.90

Lisa Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Donald seconded, and the motion passed with no further discussion.

Unfinished Business

- Playground Update

The existing playground has been fully removed, and new playground equipment has been ordered with delivery expected during the week of August 15. The District remains optimistic that Park and Play will complete installation by the start of the school year; however, if there is a delay, installation is expected to be completed shortly thereafter.

The shelter project application has been submitted to the Gorge Commission for review. The required $2,000 permit review fee will be charged to the project grant. The District is awaiting feedback from the Commission regarding any additional information or revisions that may be required.

After reviewing the cost of replacing the basketball hoops, the Superintendent decided not to purchase new equipment due to unexpectedly high shipping costs. Instead, the existing hoops will be refurbished with fresh paint and new nets.

- Policy 5254 - Staff Expression
    - 2nd Reading and Adoption

Lisa made a motion to adopt policy #5254 as written. Jeremy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

New Business

- 2026-27 Staff Contracts
    - George Scott
    - Jessieca Hopkins

Jeremy Silver made a motion to approve the contracts as written. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Policy 3225 - School-Based Threat Assessment
    - 1st Reading

The Board had a brief discussion and recommended a couple of minor edits to be made before presenting the policy for 2nd reading and adoption.

- Policy 3411 - Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy
    - 1st Reading

The Board briefly discussed the policy and made no changes at this time.

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- Policy 6700 - Nutrition
    - 1st Reading

The policy was reviewed by the Board, and no edits or revisions were requested.

- Policy 6702 - Wellness
    - 1st Reading

Following a brief discussion, Donald recommended removing the bullet point referencing “active transportation”, noting that it was not applicable to the school’s location. The Board concurred.

- 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates Discussion

The Board agreed to continue holding its regular meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Reports

- Superintendent’s Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie Chavarria shared updates on preparations for the upcoming school year. Current enrollment is 110 students, with additional enrollments anticipated in August. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is at capacity.

Katie announced the hiring of Pearl Brown as the District's new school counselor, who will serve two days per week.

Katie also reported that summer maintenance projects are underway, including painting and general facility improvements. In addition, all curriculum materials for the upcoming school year have been received, and teachers have access to classroom supply budgets with a process for requesting additional resources as needed.

- Budget Status Report - Donald Collins

Donald provided an update on the budget status. The General Fund has an ending fund balance of $590,683.02. The Capital Projects budgeted balance was $404,291 , with a present balance of $6,113.07. The Associated Student Body Fund has an ending fund balance of $3,521.33. The Transportation Vehicle Fund has an ending fund balance of $184,117.85. Overall, the district remains in a stable financial position.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Lisa expressed gratitude for the Spring Newsletters that were mailed out, noting that it was an excellent read and really well-presented.

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

- Discussion of Potential Litigation

Donald announced that the Board will enter an executive session at 6:33 PM for ten minutes returning at 6:43 PM.

The Board returned to open session at 6:42 PM.

Upcoming Dates

Regular Board Meeting/Board Training
- August 20, 2026

Adjournment

Donald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. Jeremy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Board Chair, _________________________ Board Secretary, ______________________