

Regular Meeting

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Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

August 19, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Jeffrey Culp

James Lewis

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Jeffrey Culp

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, and members of the general public.

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

- A. Kyle Spinks, Activities Director
 - a. Indroduction
 - b. Switch from Dragonfly to Arbitor
 - c. Games start next week
- B. Michael Wilson, Principal
 - a. Back to school
 - b. PLC days planned
 - c. Cell phone policy going well
 - d. Good turn out for new student orientation
 - e. Back to School orientations
 - f. Back to School Night successful
 - g. Commons remodel
- C. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Commons remodel
- D. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager
 - a. SY2025 Trustee Financial Statements

Board Report

- A. Board Evaluation

New Business

A. Consideration of Exception for Admittance of Out-of-District Student for SY2026

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the admittance of the out-of-district student for SY2026.

The board entered a discussion of why there was a deadline of out of district students to apply for admission and whether or not it was necessary. The administration explained that the deadline is to help in the recruiting process, as well as budget planning. By instilling a cutoff date for enrollment provides admin an as accurate as possible student count for each grade and ensures that proper staffing is in place for the ensuing school year. It also ensures the budget can accommodate the additional staffing, if needed, as well as allows the district to budget for out of district students. The deadline was previously moved from June 15th to May 15th to better meet these needs.

Passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Resolution to Update Citizens Alliance Signature Updates

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Jeff Culp to approve the signature updates for the Citizens Alliance Bank accounts.

Passed unanimously.

C. Resolution to Decommission Obsolete Property

James Lewis moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the resolution to decommission obsolete property.

A 2010 Thomas bus and the F350 Econoline Badger van will be decommissioned and sold.

Passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of Designation of NCLRC Board Representative

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Jeff Culp to appoint Levi Collins at the NCLRC Advisory Board representative.

Passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2026 Bus Driver, Rachel Cronin

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by James Lewis to approve the recommendation to hire Rachel Cronin as bus driver for SY2026, pending background check.

Transportation director, Wiley Aker, stated that by hiring this route driver may allow for a route to be split.

Passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2026 Coaches and Advisors

Jeff Culp moved, seconded by James Lewis to approve the recommendation to hire the coaches and advisors as listed for SY2026, pending background checks.

Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of Recommendation for New Policies

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Jeff Culp to approve and adopt the new policies as presented.
Ruth Mortag moved to table all policies with the exception of 5252. Seconded by Rick Cummings.
A policy meeting will be scheduled to discuss the remaining policies.
Passed unanimously.

H. Consideration of Recommendation for Policy Updates

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by James Lewis to approve and adopt the policy updates as presented.
Mrs. Mortag asked for several policy clarifications.
Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of Request for Out-of-State Travel

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the request for out of state travel.
Mrs. Floerchinger is requesting to attend ASBO International Conference in Fort Worth, TX in October.
Passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of Recommendation to Reschedule October 2025 Board Meeting

James Lewis moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to reschedule the October Board meeting to October 14th.
Passed unanimously.

K. Consideration of Adoption of FY2026 Elementary Budget

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve and adopt the Elementary Budget for FY2026.
Mrs. Floerchinger presented the proposed budget for SY2026.
Passed unanimously.

L. Consideration of Adoption of FY2026 High School Budget

James Lewis moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve and adopt the High School Budget for FY2026.
Passed unanimously.

M. Consent Agenda (Appendix E)

- a. Minutes of Regular & Organizational Board Meeting, July 15, 2025
- b. Business Claims
- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins.

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting - September 16, 2025
- B. Upcoming Trainings

Adjournment (A)

At 7:13 pm Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Jeff Culp to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

John Rumney, Board Chair

ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed _____

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