

ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING-ADEL SCHOOL
January 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Jim Hiatt (via phone)
- Aja O’Keeffe (via phone)
- Peter Osborne
- Jason Jaeger
- Terry Cahill

STAFF PRESENT

- Lane Stratton, Superintendent
- Stacey Martin, Teacher
- Tonya Stratton, Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

- None
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OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board Chair Peter Osborne at Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

AGENDA

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the January 2026 agenda. Aja O’Keeffe seconded the motion, and it carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Terry Cahill made a motion to approve the November 16, 2025 meeting minutes. Jason Jaeger seconded the motion, and it carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Stratton thanked the board for their support of the school, employees, and ESD staff in recognition of Board Appreciation Month.

REPORTS

6.1 Teacher Report – Stacey Martin

- **Ballet Field Trip:** Ms. Martin reported that the ballet field trip was a great use of grant funds. Students stayed overnight, enjoyed a nice dinner, and were hosted for breakfast by the Jaeger family. Students performed *The Nutcracker* for the Christmas program. Students who did not attend the ballet read a folktale and completed a compare-and-contrast activity with the Christmas play.
- **Christmas Program Reflection:** Food was excellent, though there were limited leftovers for the following days. The creation of the play involved significant STEM learning, with students handling most of the lighting. Lake County Mentors and Les Schwab provided gifts. Staff discussed gratitude for the donations while also acknowledging that other students may have greater needs. Thank-you notes are being written.
- **End of Quarter:** January 16, 2026 will be a no-school day.
- **District Benchmark Testing:** Testing will take place at the end of January. December progress monitoring showed students are on track. Amy and Margy assisted with compiling and analyzing data to help guide instruction.
- **Immunizations Report (LCPH):** No issues or follow-up calls.
- **PNSN Seismic Monitoring Station Repairs:** Updates are needed due to recent seismic activity in the area.
- **All Rural Zoom Meeting:** Scheduled for January 22, 2026. Board members are welcome to attend. The rural team has worked hard to organize the meeting, with a focus on collaboration and math.
- **Pre-K Update:** The new curriculum is being used. Robin and Bill are meeting weekly.
- **ELA:** The *Refugee* unit for grades 5–8 has concluded, with final reflections underway. Upcoming units include Chief Joseph, the Nez Perce, and a novel study. Younger students are transitioning to an ocean study.

- **Math:** Instruction is supported by Amy and Margy. Students are on track or ahead, though illness has made consistency challenging.
 - **Parent Leaders:**
 - **Building Repairs:** Planning is underway for repairs on the east side of the building with Travis.
 - **Electrical Updates:** Joe installed a new outlet for the freezer and additional outlets in the electrical box for generator use.
 - **Social Studies Adoption:** A curriculum recommendation will be needed this spring.
 - **Spring Field Trip:** Proposed trip to Wolf Creek, California, led by a ranger. The trip would require providing food and cooking. An alternative option discussed was Eastern Oregon with a focus on Nez Perce studies.
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6.2 Maintenance Report

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6.3 Principal Report – Lane Stratton

- **Maintenance of Effort (IDEA):** The state reviews special education spending to ensure consistency year over year. Mr. Stratton reported the state may issue a finding.
 - **ESD Budget/MOU:** Upcoming meetings noted.
 - **Preschool Update:** The district may move to a four-year-old preschool model. Next year, there will not be any four-year-old's enrolled. Engagement opportunities may be offered for younger children a few times per month.
 - **Custodian Hire:** Sandy Taylor has been hired as custodian. As she will be eligible for benefits, a resolution and fund transfer will be required.
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6.4 Clerk Report – Tonya Stratton

The clerk reported on the new preschool curriculum. Training is planned with District #7 in spring 2026, with costs split between districts. Board members were reminded to complete the audit survey.

6.5 Board Report

- None
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6.6 Financial Report

Jason Jaeger asked why some line items exceeded 100%. Discussion followed.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Audit Presentation

Ash from Umpqua Valley Financial presented the audit report. Adel School District received a clean audit and is headed in the right direction. The report was reviewed, and board members had no questions.

7.2 STEM Room Survey

Mr. Stratton reported that a letter with seven questions was sent to parents regarding Silvies students participating in STEM activities at Adel. Parent responses and a letter on the topic were included in the board packet. Mr. Stratton reviewed the responses with the board.

7.3–7.9 Instructional Materials Policies

The following policies and administrative regulations were reviewed:

- IIA – Instructional Materials (Highly Recommended)
 - IIA-AR(1) – Instructional Materials (Optional)
 - IIA-AR(2) – Reconsideration of Core Instructional Materials
 - IIA-AR(3) – Reconsideration of Supplemental Instructional Materials
 - IIA-AR(4) – Reconsideration of Library Materials
 - IIA-AR(5) – Request for Reconsideration Form
 - IIA-AR(6) – Independent Adoption of Core Instructional Materials
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ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of November/December 2025 Bills

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the November/December 2025 bills. Terry Cahill seconded the motion, and it carried.

8.2 Approval of Audit

Terry Cahill made a motion to approve the 2024–2025 audit. Jason Jaeger seconded the motion, and it carried.

8.3 STEM Room Usage

Jim Hiatt made a motion for Silvies students to attend once per week with a \$5,000 stipend. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Jason Jaeger made a motion for Silvies students to attend every other week for a trial period. Jim Hiatt seconded. Discussion included expectations regarding student behavior, noting participation is a privilege and may be revoked. Silvies students will follow Adel Elementary rules.

Amended Motion:

Jason Jaeger made a motion for Silvies students to visit every other week with a \$2,500 stipend, with the understanding that students who do not follow rules will not be allowed to continue, and the agreement may be terminated at any time. Jim Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Aja O’Keeffe abstained.

8.4–8.10 Instructional Materials Approvals

The board approved the following policies and administrative regulations with recommended changes:

- IIA – Instructional Materials
- IIA-AR(1)
- IIA-AR(2)
- IIA-AR(3)
- IIA-AR(4)
- IIA-AR(5)
- IIA-AR(6)

All motions were made by Jason Jaeger, seconded by Terry Cahill, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Cahill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Jason Jaeger seconded the motion, and it carried.

Peter Osborne, Board Chair _____

Lane Stratton, Principal _____
