

# **ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**April 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **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 6:21 p.m. by Jim Hiatt at Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

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## **AGENDA**

Aja O’Keeffe made a motion to approve the April 2026 agenda. Peter Osborne seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Aja O’Keeffe made a motion to approve the March 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Peter Osborne seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Peter Osborne made a motion to approve the April 6, 2026 special meeting minutes. Aja O’Keeffe seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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## **REPORTS**

### **6.1 Teacher Report – Stacey Martin**

#### **Renaissance Learning Screeners**

Ms. Martin reported that the school has begun using new Renaissance Learning screeners that provide more in-depth assessments in early literacy and dyslexia. The screeners align well with the current program, and she is looking forward to using them for diagnostics.

#### **REN Professional Development Day**

All teachers attended REN Professional Development in Ontario. Yolanda modeled instruction using K–1, 3rd–5th, and 9th-grade classes to demonstrate teaching strategies being learned during training. Staff reported that seeing the strategies in action was very beneficial and helped improve instruction.

#### **Rural Remote Math Collaboration**

Ms. Martin reported that teachers will use summer professional development planning time to align math lessons so all participating schools teach the same standards simultaneously. This will allow teachers to rotate teaching math lessons through Zoom.

The collaboration benefits rural schools that may only have one student per grade level by allowing students to interact with peers in their grade. Approximately 70 students will participate in the rural math Zooms next school year, including 15 sixth-grade students and 12 kindergarten students, which are the largest groups.

Schools are sharing curriculum resources and using the Big Ideas Math curriculum. Fluency standards are already being addressed through the rural collaborative. Students have become familiar with one another through Zoom activities and opera events, which will help build comfort and participation

during math instruction. Teachers will also collaborate on lessons and assessments for kindergarten and sixth grade.

## **Testing**

The district is preparing for district benchmark and state testing.

## **Field Trip – Cement Plant**

A field trip for grades 3–8 is scheduled for April 27 to visit a cement plant and learn about pneumatic systems.

## **STEM Invitation**

On April 23, students will participate in a STEM event with Silvie School that includes lunch and bridge testing activities. Students will use STEM Lab software to design and build bridges while working within a budget.

## **Regional Challenges – Math and Writing**

Ms. Martin reported that results have not yet been received.

## **Cattlemen's Speeches**

All three sixth-grade Adel students participated and performed well. Each student delivered a speech reflecting personal life experiences. One of our Adel students won the competition.

## **EOREN IXL Math Leaderboard**

Rural schools are participating in an IXL math competition, and Adel School is currently leading. If Adel wins, students will receive a celebration party.

## **Spring Field Trip**

Plans are underway for a spring field trip to the Interpretive Center, Buffalo Farm in Enterprise, Innaha School, and Joseph. Students will stay at Eagle Cap Lodge, which includes kitchen facilities.

## **End-of-Year Schedule**

Ms. Martin reviewed the schedule for the remainder of the school year.

## **Preschool Update**

The district will not offer preschool for three-year-olds next year. Instead, monthly Scholastic News materials and monthly activities will be provided.

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## **6.2 Maintenance Report**

Travis attended Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training. Ms. Martin reported that closet doors continue to come off their tracks, and she requested repairs. The clerk also requested repairs to the sink in the boys' bathroom at the hall, which is pulling away from the wall.

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## **6.3 Principal Report – Lane Stratton**

None.

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## **6.4 Clerk Report – Tonya Stratton**

The clerk reported that she will be taking the district's eighth-grade student on a college field trip.

Transportation options are being explored for next year due to the anticipated length of the bus route and transportation needs for the district's high school student.

Sandy Taylor will be moving into the teacher housing. The district bus driver also informed the clerk that the county trimmed trees near Lane's bus stop, though the improvement was minimal.

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## **6.5 Board Report**

None.

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## **6.6 Financial Report**

The clerk reported that financial reports will begin being scanned and emailed to board members who are unable to attend meetings in person.

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# **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **7.1 2026–2027 Calendar Discussion**

Mr. Stratton reported that creating the calendar has been challenging for districts because Labor Day falls late this year.

The clerk noted that no-school days traditionally occur at the end of each quarter. Those days have been removed to allow teachers additional travel time during REN Professional Development events. Teachers will have Thursday and Friday off during those events to attend classes if desired.

The field trip was removed from the calendar until dates are finalized. The approved calendar includes 165 instructional days and 935 instructional hours.

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## **7.2 Parent Group Chat**

Mr. Stratton reported that during the previous meeting's public comment period, Aja O'Keeffe raised concerns regarding religious topics being discussed in the parent group chat.

Superintendent Stratton stated that he reviewed the matter and determined that because the content was being shared by a parent rather than the school, it did not violate church and state guidelines.

After further discussion regarding the variety of topics being discussed in the group chat, Mr. Stratton decided to explore alternative communication methods for teachers and the bus driver.

Ms. Martin also noted that the group chat had not been functioning well because Bill's Android phone was repeatedly being removed from the chat.

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## **7.3 Social Studies Curriculum**

Ms. Martin presented information regarding the Teacher Curriculum Institute social studies curriculum she would like the district to purchase. She noted that many rural schools are planning to adopt the same curriculum.

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# **ACTION ITEMS**

## **8.1 Approve March Bills**

Aja O'Keeffe made a motion to approve the March 2026 bills. Peter Osborne seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **8.2 Approve Givan Irrigation Project**

Peter Osborne made a motion to approve the Givan Irrigation Project. Aja O'Keeffe seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **8.3 Calendar Approval**

Aja O’Keeffe made a motion to approve the 2026–2027 school calendar. Peter Osborne seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Peter Osborne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Aja O’Keeffe seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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**Peter Osborne, Board Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lane Stratton, Principal** \_\_\_\_\_