ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2026 @ 6pm Adel School

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Jim Hiatt-Via phone
- Aja O'Keeffe
- Pete Osborne-Via phone

STAFF PRESENT

- Lane Stratton, Superintendent/Principal
- Stacy Martin, Teacher
- Tonya Stratton, Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

- None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm Aja O'Keeffe.

An amendment to the agenda was requested to add Item 7.8 — Surplus Bus under Action Items.

Moved by: Jim Hiatt
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve the April 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stacey Martin shared a thank-you card received from Mrs. Wolf's class at Paisley School District after loaning instructional materials for their ELA program and study of the book *Refugee*. The class expressed appreciation for the materials and projects that accompanied the unit.

Discussion followed regarding growing countywide interest in ELA collaboration opportunities among districts.

REPORTS

Teacher Report — Stacey Martin

Teacher Appreciation

Ms. Martin thanked Tonya Stratton for organizing a teacher appreciation meal and supervising students so staff could enjoy time together.

State Testing

State assessment testing has been completed. Preliminary results indicate strong performance in mathematics, with approximately half of testing students scoring at Levels 3 and 4, meaning students met or exceeded grade-level standards.

Ms. Martin noted that combining sixth, seventh, and eighth grade mathematics instruction appeared to increase student confidence, vocabulary development, and comfort with higher-level math discussions.

ELA and science assessment results varied among students, but overall results were positive.

Technology & Chromebook Management

Ms. Martin reported ongoing work with Google administrative updates and Chromebook licensing management. She explained that Chromebook licenses remain tied to individual devices and cannot be transferred when devices fail.

Work continues with OETC and district staff to purchase and manage additional Chromebook licenses for summer school use and student device protection.

Professional Development

Staff are preparing for mid-July professional development and training sessions, which will include modeled instructional lessons and collaborative planning opportunities.

Renaissance Learning & Vocabulary Growth

Ms. Martin reported continued collaboration with Margie through Renaissance Learning. The district has seen measurable student vocabulary growth and improved instructional use of the Renaissance platform.

Curriculum Updates

Ms. Martin reported positively on the proposed social studies curriculum, particularly its strong Oregon history content for fourth grade students.

IXL & Rural Remote Collaboration

The district expects to continue participation in the IXL program using grant funds through REN program. Plans are underway for collaborative “Group Jam” academic competitions with other Eastern Oregon rural schools.

Field Trip Report

Ms. Martin shared highlights from the recent field trip to Joseph, Wallowa, and Imnaha, including:

- Visits with students from neighboring rural schools
- Nez Perce cultural and historical learning opportunities
- Museum and historical site visits
- Agricultural and antique tractor experiences
- Student interactions and relationship-building with peers from other districts

AI & Library Resources

Ms. Martin discussed increasing student exposure to artificial intelligence tools and the need for staff guidance regarding appropriate educational use.

The district librarian also contacted staff regarding library needs and possible instructional support related to AI literacy and resources.

Discussion also included the importance of continuing to build age-appropriate library collections, particularly for boys upper elementary and middle school students.

ODE & District Visitors

Ms. Martin reported that Oregon Department of Education representatives visited the district and observed classroom activities, STEM programming, and school culture.

Maintenance Report

- Sprinkler repairs and maintenance were completed.
- A new pedestal sink will be installed in the restroom due to mounting issues with the current sink.
- Additional summer facility projects were discussed, including:
    - East wall water intrusion repairs
    - Flooring replacement
    - Generator planning
    - Exterior siding and painting
    - Possible vehicle and bus cover structure

Superintendent/Principal Report — Lane Stratton

Oregon Department of Education Visit

Mr. Stratton reported positively on the recent ODE visit. Representatives observed district operations, STEM instruction, and rural education programming.

Mr. Stratton shared concerns with ODE regarding:

- Rural school funding inequities
- Mental health service limitations
- Staffing and operational demands in rural districts

Revenue Forecast

The district received a positive state revenue forecast, with no additional projected cuts for the upcoming biennium.

Summer School & Preschool Outreach

Plans are underway for:

- Hybrid summer book study programs
- Preschool family educational support packs
- Monthly preschool play and engagement nights

The preschool support program will include:

- Scholastic News subscriptions
- Monthly books
- Fine motor and early learning activities
- Parent engagement resources

Surplus Bus

Mr. Stratton reported that an individual has offered to remove the district's surplus short bus at no cost to the district, pending board approval to surplus the vehicle.

Clerk Report

No report.

Board Reports

No board reports were presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board reviewed:

- Monthly expenditure reports
- Updated beginning fund balance reports
- Current projected cash carryover figures

Discussion included fuel costs and budget projections for future enrollment adjustments. No questions from the board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of April Bills

Motion: Approve the April bills as presented.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

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2. Resolution 2526-2 — Budget Adjustments

The board reviewed Resolution 2526-2 regarding:

- Additional federal forest fee revenue
- Updated beginning fund balance adjustments
- STEM Smart Lab expenditures
- Budget category transfers and expenditure adjustments

Motion: Approve Resolution 2526-2 as presented.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

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3. Principal Contract Approval

The board reviewed the contract between Adel School District and Lake County ESD for principal services for the 2026–2027 school year.

Motion: Approve the Principal Services Contract with Lake County ESD.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

4. Clerk Services Contract Approval

The board reviewed the clerk and fiscal services agreement with Lake County ESD for the 2026–2027 school year.

Motion: Approve the Clerk Services Contract with Lake County ESD.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

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5. Audit Contract Approval

The board reviewed the proposed audit services agreement with Umpqua Valley Financial.

Motion: Approve Umpqua Valley Financial as the district's audit services provider.

Moved by: Peter
Seconded by: Jim

Vote: Carried unanimously.

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6. Social Studies Curriculum Approval

The board reviewed the proposed social studies curriculum recommendation.

Motion: Approve the proposed social studies curriculum.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

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7. Staff Compensation Adjustments

A. COLA & Insurance Cap

The board reviewed the proposed:

- 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
- $50 increase to the insurance cap

Motion: Approve the 3% COLA and $50 insurance cap increase.

Moved by: Peter
Seconded by: Jim

Vote: Carried unanimously.

B. Head Teacher Stipend

The board reviewed the proposed increase of the Head Teacher stipend to $6,000 annually.

Board member Jim Hiatt abstained from discussion and voting.

Motion: Approve the Head Teacher stipend increase to $6,000 for the 2026–2027 school year.

Moved by: Peter
Seconded by: Aja

Vote: Approved.
Abstain: Jim Hiatt

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8. Surplus Bus Approval

The board reviewed the request to surplus the district's head start bus.

Motion: Approve the surplus of the district short bus.

Moved by: Jim
Seconded by: Peter

Vote: Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Peter
Seconded by: Jim

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Peter Osborne, Board Chair_____

Lane Stratton, Principal_____