

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Cahill
Dale Chiono
Jim Hiatt
Stefani Roseberry
Samantha Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager
Margie Colas, IG Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Board Chair Will Cahill at the Lake County ESD.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supt. Stratton read aloud the letter from the Tax Assessor, which notified the Board of a correction to the assessed value of Idaho Power resulting in the reduction of tax revenue the ESD can expect to receive. Mrs. Sarensen noted that this reduction in local taxes would not have an impact on overall ESD revenue as the State School Fund would backfill any loss to keep the ESD funding level whole.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Roseberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Hall seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no changes or correction to the June 25, 2025 regular board meeting minutes, Director Roseberry made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no changes or correction to the July 7, 2025 organizational meeting minutes, Director Hall made a motion to approve the minutes. Director Roseberry seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD REPORT

None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Sarensen reported that the audit fieldwork has been completed for both the ESD and Adel School. All went smoothly and she expects to receive the audit doc in late November or early December. There is no financial report at this time as it is too early in the year to provide accurate projections.

IG REPORT (MARGIE COLAS)

Margie Colas introduced herself to the Board and commented on how helpful Mark Louie has been in getting her up to speed in her new role. Ms. Colas reported that the 4th quarter IG reporting is due on September 30th and she has been working with the district superintendents to get it done on time. Ms. Colas also reviewed the other grants, their timelines, and where each district stands on them. She also stated that the Equity Committee is in place and will start meeting in October.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- Inservice went really well this year and wrapped up with a staff barbeque.
- Legal counsel was sought for a situation that involved a subpoena for a couple of ESD employees to testify in a court custody case. Garrett Hemann Robertson was retained on an as-needed basis and will

bill for any time spent fulfilling ESD requests.

- Special ed reviews are happening in Plush and Adel; Lane will work to support them throughout the process.
- Attended the Tall Cop presentation regarding synthetic drugs and was blown away by what he heard.
- Reported on the mileage on each ESD car, noting that the newest vehicle bought in January already has 15,000 miles on it. The oldest vehicle is currently undrivable and may not be repairable.
- Attended the monthly Zoom with the other Frontier ESDs. This is a great group of admin and a valuable resource. Karen Patton asked if our Board would like her to attend a meeting.
- Amy may be doing teacher mentoring at District #7 at the request of Mr. Carter.
- Michael Linblad, the Integrated Programs lead from ODE, visited all five districts in August.
- There have been several new hires at the ESD this fall – Margie Colas as the IG Liaison, Luci Carter as the YMP Coordinator, and Ezy Rodriguez as the EI/ECSE assistant.
- State funding is currently in a precarious position with a large deficit in the State budget, reduced SIA funds, and the potential for loss of federal funds.
- Other items were reported on and can be found in the printed Superintendent's Report in the board packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

OSBA LEGISLATIVE ROADSHOW

A reminder to the Board that the OSBA Legislative Roadshow is Thursday, October 30th at the Paisley Community Center. Board training will be held at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board was asked to RSVP with Taylor.

OSBA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Board was told that registration is open for OSBA's Annual Convention, held on November 6th – 8th.

MOU UPDATE

Mr. Stratton reported that all district superintendents have their MOUs. He attended and presented MOUs at the Plush and Adel board meetings and both districts approved the them as presented. Lane is planning to present the MOUs to the other three districts at their October meetings.

2025-26 ESD SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Supt. Stratton provided his goals for the 2025-26 school year to the Board, noting that they are very much the same as last year's goals. Lane continues to focus on four main areas this year, each with strategies listed to aid in achieving the goal:

1. Increase knowledge and skills in managing state and federal grants.
2. Increase and improve public school districts' knowledge and perception of the ESD and its services.
Standard #3 - Communication and Community Relations
3. Leadership through empowering others, visioning, help shape ESD culture and climate and understanding differences in our various districts.
Standard #1 - Leadership
Standard #5 - Human Resources Management
4. Increase knowledge of special education.
Standard #7 - Special Education

OAESD GOVERNANCE COUNCIL ELECT

The board is being asked to elect an OAESD governance council elect. Historically, Director Hiatt has held this position, but he commented that he wouldn't mind if someone else did it. He added that Samantha Hall would be a good fit for that role.

SURPLUS LIST

A list of items to surplus was presented to the Board, in accordance with Board Policy 1740 Property Inventory. This list includes several filing cabinets and a couple tables. The Board is being asked to remove these items from the ESD's inventory so that they can be sold or donated to other entities or people.

BOARD POLICIES 1ST READING

Supt. Stratton read the Summary message from OSBA regarding board member and staff meals.

BBFA – BOARD MEMBER ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

Lane reviewed this policy in detail with the Board. There are no changes.

G CBD/GDBD (P) – SICK LEAVE – PERSONAL ILLNESS AND INJURY LEAVE

The ESDs last updated policy is from 2010. Included in the packet is the ESD's current version and the updated policy from OSBA. Supt. Stratton recommends updating the ESD's policy rather than adopting the new OSBA policy, but explained that our current policy does not match our current staff handbook, so some cleanup will be needed before the second reading. Directors Hall and Roseberry noted that the legal references on the current policy will also need to be updated to match OSBA's newest version.

GCBDE/GDBDE (P) – MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Supt. Stratton recommended not adopting this policy. Our current policy states that we will follow the law in regard to Military Leaves of Absence.

IGBAB/JO (AR) – EDUCATION RECORDS/RECORDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

This policy is required. Mr. Stratton reviewed the changes to the policy with the Board.

IKF (P) – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Not included in the packet. The ESD does not operate a school, thus this policy is not required.

JO/IGBAB (AR) – EDUCATION RECORDS/RECORDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

ESD does not have a current JO/IGBAB- AR and this policy is required.

JOA (P) – DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Included in the packet is the ESD's latest version from 2018 along with OSBA's suggested policy update.

ACTION ITEMS

SWEAR IN RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

I, (Samantha Hall), do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States of America, and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and will faithfully and honorably demean myself in the office of ESD Zone 3 to which I have been elected, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

APPROVE ESD HIRE – MARGARET COLAS, IG LIAISON

Director Hall made a motion to approve the hire of Margaret Colas as the new Integrated Guidance Liaison. Director Roseberry seconded the motion and it carried.

SURPLUS LIST

Director Hall moved to surplus the items as listed on the surplus list. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL ELECT

Director Hiatt made a motion to designate Samantha Hall as the OAESD Governance Council Elect. Director Chiono seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, Director Roseberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Chiono seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.