

**LAKE COUNTY ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Taylor Hileman, Board Secretary
Sara Sarensen, Business Manager
Margie Colas, IG Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board Chair Stefani Roseberry at the Lake County ESD.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

An amended agenda was presented to the board at the time of the meeting. The amendments include information item: 4.3 Suicide Speaker Kevin Hines and action item: 5.2 Suicide Speaker Kevin Hines. Director Hall made a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented, Director Sharp seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no correction to the August 25, 2026 regular board meeting minutes, Director Hiatt made a motion to approve the August 25, 2026 board meeting minutes. Director Cahill seconded the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD REPORT

Director Hiatt reported that Adel school has started.

Director Roseberry reported that Interim Superintendent, Jen Shulze, spoke at the Soroptimist meeting to introduce herself and what her driving beliefs are for education. Director Cahill mentioned that he and Ms. Shulze had lunch together.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Sarensen mentioned that her monthly report is not included because it won't be accurate until after the September payroll has been run. Provided to the board is the check register. Ms. Sarensen informed the board the audit team will be at the ESD on Thursday, September 24, 2026. Ms. Sarensen also gave the board an update on the PBAM movement stating that Lake ESD will be an early adopter of the new PBAM but not necessarily an early implementor.

Director Chiono asked questions regarding the \$0.00 checks. Ms. Sarensen explained that when the report is generated, blanket POs are made for the 12 month year and that the box to exclude those in the report was left unchecked.

IG REPORT (MARGIE COLAS)

Ms. Colas gave a quick report on her assistance to the districts on their performance growth targets that were due by August 31st. Ms. Colas reported that ODE will be making a visit to our county the first of October. Margie has been busy with assisting the districts with implementing interim assessments through the Star

Renaissance program. The next county wide equity meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- Mr. Stratton reported on a few things that were not included in his board report.
- Staff recognitions for Taylor Hileman and Wendy Collman on their help of printing the rodeo day sheets for the round up association. Sara Sarensen for her additional help with Paisley School District. Amy Fortune with her help with professional development with Paisley School District. Wendy Collman for her professional attention to detail in the copy shop. Jeanette Grant with her assistance to a family on getting registered for school, which took four home visits and arranging transportation.
- With help from Margie, Lane has started a monthly problem of practice with the administrative team in the county.
- Lane gave a quick overview of student enrollment numbers for the county.
- Lane reviewed the work that Mark Witty, former John Day principal, is doing with the National Forest Counties and School Coalition to advocate for the Secure Rural Schools Program (SRS). Lake County received \$540,000 from the SRS program. Mark Witty is asking participating ESDs to help fund his coalition with 0.005% of the funds we receive which equates to \$2,700.

INFORMATION ITEMS

OAESD STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Stratton gave a quick overview of the OAESD strategic plan.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Alina Bradbury, Special Education Teacher, made a formal request for additional financial assistance for tuition reimbursement above the tuition guidelines. Ms. Bradbury is asking for Lake County ESD to provide the approved \$600 assistance with all 64 credits that she will need to obtain her masters degree. The current guidelines allow for 12 credits per year. Ms. Bradbury's master's program will take three years. Her request is for an additional 28 credits for a total of \$16,800 above the current standard tuition assistance allowance. Ms. Sarensen provided a summary of what the ESD has allowed in the past, prior to the new guidelines. The board questioned different scenarios and the equity if they were to approve the request.

SUICIDE SPEAKER – KEVIN HINES

Lane informed the board that he contracted with suicide speaker Kevin Hines. Mr. Stratton has mentioned his interest on getting Mr. Hines to speak in Lakeview in previous board reports. With the work of Behavior Specialist, Kylie Hickey, they were able to secure a date for Kevin to come to Lake County. Kevin will present in North Lake for a morning session, Lakeview High School for an afternoon session, and then open for the public at the Alger Theater for an evening session all on October 13, 2026. Provided to the board is the contract that Lane signed. The revenue brought in from the Medicaid Administrative Claiming are funding his presentations. Lane will also seek out donations from community partners.

BOARD POLICIES – 1ST READING

BDDG – Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings

The ESD did not have a previous version of policy BDDG. There were no questions or concerns.

BHD – Board Member Stipends and Reimbursements

Unfortunately, this policy did not make it into the board packet. This policy will be emailed to the board for their review and it will be presented as a 2nd reading at the next board meeting.

CBA – Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent

The board decided to move forward with the OSBA proposed CBA policy as there were several major differences between it and the current ESD version.

CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent

There were no further questions or concerns for this policy update.

DFD – Providing Space, Other Facilities and Services
OSBA recommends to delete policy DFD.

DFD(AR) – Services for Public and Private Entities
OSBA recommends to delete DFD-AR.

EBB – Integrated Pest Management
There were no further questions or concerns with this policy update.

EBBA – Student Health Services
The ESD does not have a current EBBA policy. Lane recommended to the board to not adopt this policy because the ESD does not serve or house students.

ECCA – Access to Buildings
The ESD does not have a current ECCA policy. Lane recommended to the board to not adopt this policy.

GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity
There were no further questions or concerns with this policy update.

GBA(AR) – Veteran and State Servicemember Preference
The board conversed regarding language in this AR. The board asked Lane to see if other ESDs have this AR in place.

ACTION ITEMS

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Director Hiatt made a motion to approve the tuition reimbursement to Alina Bradbury for all 64 credits for her masters degree at \$600 per credit. Director Cahill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SUICIDE SPEAKER CONTRACT – KEVIN HINES

Director Hall made a motion to approve the contract with Kevin Hines, suicide speaker for \$21,000. Director Sharp seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, Director Chiono made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Hall seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Lane Stratton, Superintendent

Stefani Roseberry, Board Chair