



Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting
February 20, 2024, 5 p.m. Zoom

Members: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Will Cahill, Lake County; Risteen Follett, Alsea; Kris Lachenmeir, Tillamook; Ed Dressel, Dallas; Amber Nelson, Scio

Absent: MacKenzie Rodgers

Guests: Lori Sattenspiel, Chris Cronin, Emily Smith

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

Review of Vision and Goals of the Rural Caucus

Nichole Schott reviewed the mission and goals of the rural caucus citing Article 2 of the Bylaws to elevate the voices of rural schools, build and maintain collaboration, to develop and promote legislation for rural schools, and support boards in rural communities.

Approval of the Agenda

Risteen Follett made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Amber Nelson seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

Tracy Adevai made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of January 2, 2024

Risteen Follett seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

Expectations of Meetings/Cadence

Nichole Schott's goal is to schedule the Leadership Assembly Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month through May 2024 with a meeting duration of 1 hour beginning at 6PM. Nichole asked the Assembly to let her know if that was acceptable to all.

The executive committee will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of every month to set the agenda for the regular meeting

The caucus will sponsor Rural Caucus meetings at the summer and fall OSBA association meetings

Other meetings can be scheduled as needed

We want to explore the big issues at the various schools and see what we can do to bring them for discussion.

Introductions

Nichole Schott asked that all Members introduce themselves and the school district they represent and why they wanted to be part of the Rural Caucus.

Demand for More of a Rural Voice

Chris Cronin and Emily Smith spoke about the journey to establish the rural caucus and the demand for rural voices at OSBA and at the state level. Both Chris and Emily remain very supportive of the rural caucus and want to help the caucus grow.

Legislative Policy and Rural Caucus

Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Advisor, looks forward to working with all of us in the rural caucus. Lori will keep us up on pertinent amendments that directly affect rural schools as well as what is legislatively before OSBA and the legislature.

Nichole and Tracy are slated to attend the OSBA legislative meeting April 19-20, 2024

Membership List:

The bylaws require the caucus to create and maintain a membership list. Nichole Schott created a form for gathering membership requests. The Leadership Assembly reviewed the membership registration form, and it will be emailed to all school board members, posted on the OSBA website and posted in the OSBA newsletter.

Appeals Process and Committee:

The appeals process is outlined in the bylaws. We need five members to serve on the appeals committee to review any applications to see if they qualify for membership. An appeals committee will be headed by Tracy Adevai, Vice President. Members on the committee include Risteen Follett, Kris Lachenmeir, Amber Nelson, and Will Cahill.

Brainstorming:

Members were asked to put their top three issues in the chat. There were many duplicates. We will be discussing these issues at the upcoming meetings.

Rachel Myer is the ODE support for the Rural Caucus

Some of the topics for the next meeting include the budget, board development, sending people to the summer and fall conferences.

Financial

The current allotted budget is \$20,000 per year for the caucus. We have spent \$10,000 on start up costs and marketing. We have the remaining \$10,000 that must be spent by the end of June 2024.

Announcements:

The next executive committee meeting was set for March 5, 2024, at 5 PM on Zoom

The March leadership assembly meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024 @ 6 PM on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM