

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

January 21, 2025, 6 p.m. Zoom

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Members Attending: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Will Cahill, Amy Charette, Kris Lachenmier, Ed Dressel, Pat Morinaka. Merle Stutzman, Ali, Lanenga, Greg Kintz

Guests: Lori Sattenspiel, Erin Lair, Stacy Michaelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

I. Welcome

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

II. Approval of the Agenda

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Will Cahill seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

a. November 8, 2024 Business Meeting

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of November 8, 2024

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

b. November 19, 2024, Leadership Meeting

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of November 19, 2024

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. November 5, 2024, December 3, 2024, January 9, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from November 5, 2024, December 3, 2024, January 9, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were presented

V. Old Business

A. Membership Update

There are now 78 members in the Rural Caucus. We gained 15 new members from the annual convention

Board training scholarships had 22 applicants. Eight districts were chosen to receive the \$1,500 board training money

- Mitchell School District (Region 1)
- Nyssa School District (Region 1)
- Ukiah School District (Region 2)
- Rogue River School District (Region 5)
- Lowell School District (Region 6)
- Fern Ridge School District (Region 6)
- North Bend School District (Region 9)
- Silver Falls School District (Regions 11/12)

RURAL – Who we are and Why we are different was discussed by the members and it was decided that

R = Resourceful

U = Under resourced

R = Resilient

A = Alliance of

L = Local government

A discussion ensued pertaining to the vibrancy of the regions and the diversity of the districts across Oregon, generational wealth and poverty, extended travel for services, close-knit communities, no unanimity connected to the community, know histories and stories of area and people living there

Rural Caucus report to the OSBA Board

The report was shared with the members and can be shared with all Oregon school boards. The Rural Caucus board president, Nichole Schott, will present at the LPC OSBA board meeting.

A google form to solicit more stories has been created by Nichole Schott and sent out the membership to help plan for the future. The form was well-formatted, and it is hoped that people share their stories. The Assembly generally approved of the form. Nichole Schott will share the form with the OSBA board as well as at the LPC meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Legislative Update

Lori Sattenspiel provided a thorough update of the bills that are of interest. The Bill Tracker is started but is not complete at this time. The tracker will help the Rural Caucus identify bills that will impact rural schools so that we can discuss them

Stacy Michaelson, OSBA representative, discussed accountability – how will that look? Generally more dollars means more work

There will be more to come from Lori and Stacy, particularly how the federal and state changes coming from the new administration will impact schools. Lori will follow up on the facilities piece.

B. Marketing Update

Will Cahill provided an update on the marketing for the Rural Caucus. The committee decided that the focus on marketing should be the stories that people share and possibly making videos. There will be more to share next month in marketing.

VII. February Meeting Timing

The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 17, 2025. The president has a conflict and needs to move the meeting date. Options discussed included February 20, 2025 or an evening the week of February 24, 2025. The February 20, 2025 date seemed to work for everyone.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Meeting Adjourns at 7:02PM