

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Executive Committee Meeting

February 5, 2025, 6 p.m. Zoom

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Attendees: Nichole Schott, President, Tracy Adevai, Vice President, Mary Anne Crandall, Secretary/Treasurer

Guests:, Lori Sattenspiel. Stacy Michaelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

I. Welcome

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants.

II. Discuss Potential Vacancy for Leadership Position

Risteen Follett (Alsea) [Lane Co and Region] tendered her resignation in writing. Her term is active until November 2025. The Rural Caucus will need to appoint someone in Region 6 or a neighboring region (if no one is available) to fill the position. There are two possible members in that region. The plan is to (1) reach out to those two members to see if either one is interested in taking the position; (2) open the vacancy up to members in the neighboring districts; (3) send out an email to all members regarding the vacancy. The bylaws 6.5 and 6.6 were referenced in the discussion.

III. Stories so far

The form was sent out to the members to capture their stories. We have received three so far mostly OSBA board members – on the subjects of transportation, special ed and general funding

IV. Legislative Session

There was discussion on a bill 520 regarding the activity bussing. This bill will come before the legislature before the next Rural Caucus meeting and may need to be addressed before the next meeting. It is unclear what this bill entails at present and will require more research.

SB 541 is a bill that would require computer science curriculum in elementary grades and require high schools to offer 2 classes in computer science – it is unclear if this would be elective or required at the high school level. The bill is designed to prepare students for the future workforce. We all agreed it is an important bill but are unsure how this will get implemented and at what cost. There was discussion that districts

could partner with colleges to meet the requirements, but this is problematic for rural schools that do not have any college options near, and cost is a factor. Lori Sattenspiel is asking for feedback on this issue.

There was another bill dealing with telehealth. Since there is a shortage of healthcare providers in the schools, an outside entity has offered telehealth to meet the needs. It was affirmed that telehealth is a valuable tool to meet the needs but perhaps we should invest in local providers instead of contracting an out of state provider. Lore Sattenspiel is looking for Rural Caucus input on this subject as well.

Other bill were discussed and will be presented to the leadership assembly for input at the next meeting. Stacy Michaelson and Lori Sattenspiel will keep us up to date on bills that could affect the Rural Caucus members.

V. OSBA Lobby Day in April

Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2025. The Rural Caucus has not been involved in this before and needs to consult with assembly members to explore what may need to be done and how to move forward.

VI. Review/Update Agenda for February 25, 2025, Leadership Assembly Meeting

The agenda was discussed for the February 25, 2025, Leadership Assembly meeting citing legislative priorities and OSBA priorities and how they affect the Rural Caucus and what the executive committee had discussed as well

The replacement of Risteen Follett's position will be added to the agenda and the marketing update will be moved to the March meeting.

VII. Good of the Order

The February meeting is scheduled for Monday February 24, 2025 at 6 PM on zoom

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.