

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

February 24, 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 Lachenmeier, Anber Nelson, Dayna Wynn-Elledge, Tim Fain, Dale Keene, Greg Kintz, Karen Patton

Guests: 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

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

a. January 21, 2025 Leadership Meeting

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of January 21, 2025

Will Cahill seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. February 5, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 5, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

V. Old Business

A. Membership Update

There are now 79 members in the Rural Caucus

VI. New Business

A. Position 6 Resignation – Risteen Follett

The appointment of a new leadership assembly member is needed for this region. Dale Keene (Sweet Home) volunteered to fill the position

Anber Nelson made a motion to accept Dale Keene as the Position 6 representative

Kris Lachenmier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

B. Legislative Update

Stacy Michaelson provided a thorough update of the bills that are of interest.

Lori Sattenspiel could not attend the meeting, so Stacy is taking over.

Two bills were discussed:

HB 3205 Student Transportation

A lively discussion ensued about the regulations for Type 20 vehicles and Type 10 vehicles. Type 10 vehicles are allowed for all special events but are not allowed for general transport of students – Type 20 buses are for home to school due to restrictions and safety concerns and require a commercial driver's license (CDL) Type 10 is the short bus and a CDL is not required.

The assembly discussed the impact on Rural districts; Stacy said she would take the input to the legislature meeting.

HB3360 – Facility Bill

This bill would allow districts to do bonding for facilities and not have to get taxpayer approval. The corporate kicker might be a suggestion for funding projects in addition to other funds. There is a cap of \$500,000 per grant.

A suggestion was made that marketing dollars could be used for facilities. Facility funding is not the same in other states.

VII. March Meeting – March 18, 2025

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, 2025

VIII. Good of the Order

Members engaged in a short discussion regarding school choice and federal funding and its impact on rural schools. Stacy said there is not enough information at this point to draw any conclusions, but the ODE is staying current.

Members expressed appreciation for the rural caucus and all that has been done so far.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:03PM