

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

April 15, 2025, 6 p.m. Zoom

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Members Attending: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, VP; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Charette, Dale Keene, Ed Dressel

Guests: Stacy Michaelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

I. Welcome

Nichole Schott, President, welcomed all participants to the meeting

II. Approval of the Agenda

Dale Keene made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Tracy Adevai seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

a. February 24, 2025 Leadership Meeting

Dale Keene made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of February 24, 2025

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. March 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

V. Old Business

A. Membership Update

There are now 79 members in the Rural Caucus

B. Legislative Update

a. Capital Construction Bills

- i. HB 5505 Bill for districts that can't pass bonds is going to Ways and Means

b. Accountability

- i. Still moving forward, challenges to lessen the burden on school districts for reporting of math and language arts, discussing assessments 3X per year
- c. Summer Learning
 - i. Passed both houses and is now on the Governor's desk for signature – ODE will release requirements after signed – it will still require local partnerships and focus on literacy
- d. Early Literacy
 - i. No discussion
- e. Others

The transportation bill is moving forward to have all-electric buses by 2030. Rural Caucus members voiced many concerns over this bill, including limited charging stations, electric buses perform poorly in very cold weather and buses sometimes drive a hundred miles or more per day – how to keep them charged for everyday and field trips, support for repairing electric buses in small towns and how does it help with education for kids?

SB541 Science Bill moved to Ways and Means -cost may prohibit this bill from advancing

HB2587 Special Education Bill is still on the docket in Ways and Means

HB3265 Climate Change Curriculum - need to define core subjects – bill is not clear, professional development and training needed for staff – cost factor and staff availability, need outreach to Senate side, which is not scheduled yet – maybe 3-4 weeks

SB843 Unfunded liability PERS based on 1367% reduction in PERS rate OLIS

HB3014 Establishes the school district facility equity fund

HB3360 – Requires the tax kicker fund to be used for school construction and maintenance – would need voter approval

OSBA Lobby Day

Hoping for a good turnout

VI. New Business

A. Summer Conference

May is the last Rural Caucus meeting before summer break

Summer Conference is scheduled for August 8-10, 2025

There will be an all-caucus meeting on Saturday, August 9, at 7:45 AM and a Hot Topics meeting from 9-10 AM

There will be two scholarships available for the event

Marketing for the conference begins May 20, 2025

VII. Next Meeting/Last until Fall Meeting

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 20, 2025

VIII. Good of the Order

None

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:04PM