

# Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

## Leadership Assembly Meeting

May 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; Ali Lanenga, Dale Keene, Ed Dressel. Pat Morinaka, Greg Kintz

Guests: Stacy Michaelson, Lori Sattenspiel, Chris Cronin

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. April 15, 2025, Leadership Meeting**

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

Will Cahill seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **IV. March 4, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the May 1, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. OSBA Lobby Day**

Chris Cronin said the event was well organized and attended by OSBA and there were 40-50 board members in attendance. All participants were set up with appointments with representatives and had a good dialog. The representatives appreciated hearing from the board members.

#### **B. Legislative Update**

##### **a. HB2084 Public Contracting Bill**

Requires 15% of contractor work be done by apprentices. This is problematic for rural areas as there is not enough apprentices to meet the quota.

b. HB 2514 ESD Bonding Bill

Could allow ESD to bond in a region

c. HB 3652 Class Size

Sitting in rules

d. HB3365 Climate Change Bill

Still in progress There are hidden costs in this bill such as staff development of 3 days and \$60,000 to train teachers to teach the subject

e. SB916

There will be a work session to address workplace standards and strike information – They are considering payment of unemployment benefits while on strike. The cost would be prohibitive for small districts to implement

f. Others

Health care costs are going up and we need to look at how this impacts budgets. SB849 PERS rates will decrease this year.

g. Revenue Forecast

A special session may be needed to address changes. There may be \$800 million less than was thought. We need to advocate for keeping schools at \$11.4 billion. May need to tap reserves (\$195 million) to prevent cuts.

SPED needs \$150 million to move from 11% to 12% cap

Educational Choice provides tax credits for people that make donations for choice – it could mean \$5 billion in lost revenue

There was a call for members to email Cliff Benz representative to support his efforts for rural schools

### **C. 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; the executive committee will select the recipients of the scholarships

Marketing for the conference begins May 20, 2025

**VI. New Business**

**A. 2025-2026 Budget**

The 2025-2026 budget of \$25,000 was reviewed. No changes were proposed

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented

Dale Keene seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous

**VII. Next Meeting/Last until Fall Meeting**

All caucus meeting at Summer Conference August 9,2025

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2025

**VIII. Good of the Order**

None

**IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:21PM**