

# Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

## Leadership Assembly Meeting

December 16, 2025, 6 PM ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84654252312>; Meeting ID: 84654252312

Members Attending: Tracy Adevai, Glide, President; Kris Lachenmeier, VP; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Charette, Tomæ Posegate, Carol Hacherl, Korinn Hockett, Poly Farrimond, Will Cahill, Leah Fredricks

Guests: Stacy Michaelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

### **I. Welcome**

Tracy Adevai, President, welcomed all participants to the meeting

### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

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

#### **a. November 7, 2025, Leadership Meeting**

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of November 7, 2025

Kris lachenmeier seconded the motion

Discussion: Clyde Root noted a change – he volunteered for At-Large Position 2. It was noted and will be changed. Motion was restated with correction

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **IV. November 26, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the November 26, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

### **V. Leadership Recap**

**President:** Tracy Adevai- Glide

**Vice President:** Kris Lachenmeier - Tillamook

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Mary Anne Crandall - Pinehurst

**Region 1:** Amy Charette-John Day

**Region 2:** Julie Huntington - Baker

**Region 4:** Will Cahill- Lake County ESD

**Region 6:** Tom Posegate - Siuslaw

**Region 9:** Tracy Adevai - Glide

**Region 14:** Kris Lachenmeier - Tillamook

**At-Large #1:** Mary Anne Crandall - Pinehurst

**At-Large #2:** Clyde Rood - Lebanon

**At-Large #3:** Anber Nelson - Scio

#### **VI. Annual Conference**

- a. Feedback** – we need a larger room for our annual meeting; the small session had good participation, and the hot topics generated a lot of interest and were full each time
- b. Membership** – stands at 107 – we gained seven from the annual conference

#### **VII. Board Development Scholarships Recipients**

Eight \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to various school boards for the 2025-2026 school year. Recipients include Sheridan SD, Corbett SD, Siuslaw SD, Dufur SD, Scio SD, Dayville SD, Central Linn SD, and Port Orford/Langlois SD. Dayville and Central Linn SD were new to the Rural Caucus.

All districts have been notified, and OSBA is working with the districts to initiate training.

#### **VIII. Legislative Updates**

Stacy Michealson presented a legislative update, which included an update on attendance, district notification of ICE activities, a preemptive prohibition on vouchers, an ethics bill on public meetings, and the homeless students statute.

The primary focus has been on the budget, which is better now with \$300 million more than anticipated. We will be OK for 2026, but districts will need to look at cuts in the 20207- 2029 plan.

The transportation package will likely be referred to the ballot in November 2026. Secure Rural Schools passed, and money will be coming through 2027, with retro for past years, but it will be a one-time infusion.

#### **IX. FFA**

FFA is a staple in many districts, and more funding needs to be secured to continue this valuable program- approximately \$1.6 million is allotted for the biennium.

**X. Calendar**

Proposed Date Change to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to accommodate conflicting schedules.

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Rural Caucus meeting dates to the 1<sup>st</sup> (Executive Meeting) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Leadership Meeting) Thursday of each month at 6 pm on Zoom.

Amy Charette seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Our meeting in August is not required – do we want to have a meeting in August as the OSBA shifts away from the Salem Summer Conference?

We need to discuss the opening and closing dates of all scholarships offered by the Rural Caucus.

We will pause both discussions about the August meeting and the scholarship dates until the January meeting.

**XI. Approval of Budget for 2026-2027**

Approval of the budget for 2026-2027 must be submitted to OSBA by May 2026

**XII. Written Caucus Update/Report for OSBA**

The written rural caucus update and report needs to be submitted to the OSBA Board of Directors by January 9, 2026. A verbal update may be presented if desired.

**XIII. Conferences of the Rural Caucus Membership Interest**

There are several conferences that the Rural Caucus membership may be interested in, including NSBA Advocacy and Equity Institute, NSBA Annual Conference, NSBA CUBE Conference, OSBA Summer Board Conference, OSBS Annual Conference Convention, and any other appropriate venues.

**XIV. For the Greater Good**

To stimulate membership, please reach out to members and school districts in your region to explore topics of interest.

It was suggested to add something to the OR ED News highlighting small communities and school districts.

**XV. Next Leadership Assembly Meeting January 15, 2025, on Zoom, 6 pm**

**XVI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm**