

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

January 15, 2026, 6 PM

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Members Attending: Tracy Adevai, Glide, President; Kris Lachenmeier, VP; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Amy Charette, Tom Posegate, Will Cahill, Clyde Rood

Guests: Stacy Michaelson, Dawn Watson and Ed

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 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

Clyde Rood seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

a. December 16, 2025, Leadership Meeting

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of December 15, 2025

Will Cahill seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. Executive Leadership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 2, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting were presented

V. Written Caucus Update/Report for OSBA BOD January 2026 Meeting

Tracy Adevai submitted the Rural Caucus report, which included a list of all scholarships. Tracy will also provide a 5-minute update on the Rural Caucus's progress.

VI. Caucus Executive Leadership Meeting with LaNell on January 16, 2026, at 12 pm

The Rural Caucus Executive Leadership - Tracy Adevai, Kris Lachenmeier, and Mary Anne Crandall will attend the Zoom meeting to address the OSBA Operations Manual draft and the Caucus Schedule and Compliance draft to provide input. We need an action plan finalized by November, and we need to discuss timing and what is included.

We are an infant caucus and need time to work on the internal organization and set goals.

VII. Recommendations and Structure and Purpose of Scholarships

The purpose of scholarships is to get more folks to conferences and to make better board decisions. There was some discussion about sending someone to the National Conference since the summer conference schedule is changing. At the February 2026 meeting, we need to vote on scholarships.

VIII. Format and Structure of Caucus Action Plan

The Assembly needs to finalize the action plan in February or March 2026. We need feedback from participants at the annual conference and the November 2025 meeting. We need to discuss and agree on a workplan calendar and set goals for future actions.

IX. Legislative Updates

Stacy Michealson introduced herself and presented a legislative update, including the budget revenue forecast, attendance, district notification of ICE activities, a preemptive prohibition on vouchers, and the timeline for the list of bills in February 2026.

The primary focus has been on the budget

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.

A planned shared Lobby Day is scheduled for February 17, 2026. LaNell sent information to board secretaries for advocacy.

X. Greater Good

Mary Anne Crandall stated that the November 2025 correction to the minutes was completed and posted.

The next Rural Caucus Leadership Assembly meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, at 6 pm

XI. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm