

# Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

## Leadership Assembly Meeting

March 19, 2026, 6 PM

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Members Attending: Tracy Adevai, Glide, President; Kris Lachenmeier, VP; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Dale Keene, Tom Posegate, Clyde Rood, Pat Morinaka

Guests: Karen Patton

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm

### **I. Welcome**

Tracy Adevai, President, welcomed all participants to the meeting

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

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

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

#### **a. February 19, 2025, Leadership Meeting**

Kris Lachenmeier made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of February 19, 2025

Mary Anne Crandall seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **IV. Executive Leadership Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the March 5, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting were presented. We had a vacancy in Region 2 that needed to be filled. The executive committee nominated Dale Keene for the position.

Mary Anne Crandall made a motion to approve Dale Keene as the Region 2 leadership assembly representative

Kris Lachenmeier seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous

**V. Action Plan**

Survey Poll Results were answered by 27 members. The two most pressing issues were unfunded mandates and building facilities funding.

**VI. Attendance Ideas**

We discussed holding caucus meetings quarterly but decided that, at this time, they need to be monthly.

**VII. Budget Request for 2026-2027 \$25,000**

The budget request for 2026-2027 will be based on the Poll results. The Rural Caucus budget needs to be submitted to LaNell by May 2026, so we need to discuss what that will look like.

**a. Scholarships and Purpose – what it covers \$1500**

The members discussed inclusive funding for AC conferences, including registration, lodging, meals, and transportation

**b. Fall Scholarships \$1500**

These include OSBA training scholarships. The leadership also discussed sending a representative to the National Conference and Salem advocacy, covering all costs as needed.

**c. Summer Conferences**

We need to find out what the cost is generally for other conferences and what the summer conference cost will be

Maybe put a mileage distance for staying overnight at conferences, especially for summer regional conferences

This will be available after March 30, 2026, and it will be discussed at the next leadership meeting.

**VIII. Stacy Updates**

Stacy was not able to attend the meeting – no updates

**IX. Greater Good**

A question was asked about how the caucus can advocate for legislative platforms and focus on those needs – a discussion of how we are planning to meet that issue by sending caucus members to Salem on a regular basis when appropriate. Also, the caucus has discussed hosting a legislative meeting. The discussion will continue on how to be most effective with legislative outreach.

Other topics included curriculum involvement and climate mandates that affect members.

Tom Posegate wants to discuss funding for facilities and the matching funds aspect

**X. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

