



# SCIO SCHOOL DISTRICT 95-C

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## SCIO SCHOOL DISTRICT 95C SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Scio Middle School Library  
38875 NW FIRST AVE., SCIO, OREGON 97374-9502  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
5:30 P.M.  
In Person/Via Zoom Meeting

The link to view the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94410360023?pwd=cEg1Ylk2YncyMkkoQTlrM3BFZ1V4Zz09>

Opening 5:30 p.m.

Public Budget Hearing

### 1) CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Chair, Nicole Buganski, at 5:30 P.M.; other board members present were Anber Nelson, Ed DeWilde, Mike Ennis, and Derryl James. Also, present were Superintendent – Kim Roth, Payroll/Board Secretary- Chelle Mask, and Business Manager – Tracy Porter. Principals Jacob Alburn and Kyle Braa were present. Lindsay Alsup arrived at 5:54 p.m. Student Representatives, Kelties James was present. McKenzie Gilkison arrived at 5:50 p.m. Addison Traeger was absent. Also present were members of the audience (See list attached).

- 1.1 Salute
- 1.2 Audience Introductions
- 1.3 Open Public Budget Hearing on 2025-26 Budget
- 1.4 Closed Public Budget Hearing on 2025-26 Budget
- 1.5 Resolution 2425-02: Adopt the Budget & Make Appropriations for FY 25-26

Mike Ennis made a motion to approve Resolution 2425-02: Adopt the Budget & Make Appropriations for FY 25-65. Derryl James seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes    Ennis – Yes    Buganski – Yes    DeWilde – Yes    Nelson – Yes

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1.6 Resolution 2425-03: Imposing the Tax Rate & Categorizing Taxes for FY 25-26

Derryl James made a motion to approve Resolution 2425-03: Imposing the Tax Rate & Categorizing Taxes for FY 25-26. Anber Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes    Ennis – Yes    Buganski – Yes    DeWilde – Yes    Nelson – Yes

Closing at 5:57 p.m.

Public Budget Hearing

Adjournment of Budget Hearing by Nicole Buganski at 5:57 p.m.

**Opening 6:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Chair, Nicole Buganski, at 6:00 P.M.; other board members present were Anber Nelson, Mike Ennis, Ed DeWilde, and Derryl James. Also, present were Superintendent – Kim Roth, Payroll/Board Secretary- Chelle Mask, and Business Manager – Tracy Porter. Principals Lindsay Alsup, Jacob Alburn, and Kyle Braa were present. Student Representatives Keltes James and McKenzie Gilkison were present. Addison Traeger was absent. Also present were members of the audience (See list attached).

**1.1 The flag salute was led by Nicole Buganski.**

**1.2 Audience Introduction/Request (See List Attached)**

**2) Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mike Ennis made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Derryl James seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes    Ennis – Yes    Buganski – Yes    DeWilde – Yes    Nelson – Yes

**3) Adjustments to Agenda/Adopt Agenda**

Mrs. Kim Roth added 5.10, Resolution 2425-06 Resolution to Transfer Appropriations and 5.11, Out of State Travel.

Mike Ennis made a motion to accept the agenda with adjustment. Anber Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes    Ennis – Yes    Buganski – Yes    DeWilde – Yes    Nelson – Yes

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#### **4) Delegation/Visitors**

**4.1** Spotlight on Education-N/A

**4.2** Visitor/Patron Comments:

Beth Blumenstein commented on the Scio Middle School Student Handbook. Scio Middle School might want to concern more language on the usage of cell phones.

#### **5) Items Requiring Board Action**

##### **5.1 Staff changes: Hires and Retirements:**

Derryl James made a motion to hire the following list:

Emily Finnell-Office Manager-Centennial Elementary School  
Holli Eby-Office Assistant-Centennial Elementary School

Anber Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

##### **5.2 Approval of the Superintendent Contract:**

Anber Nelson made a motion to approve the superintendent contract. Derryl James seconded the motion. Motion passed

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

##### **5.3 Extension of Gary Tempel's Contract:**

Kim Roth, Superintendent recommended to the Board that they extend Gary Tempel's contract until 10/31/2025, as she would like more transition time with Gary Tempel's job duties.

Mike Ennis made a motion to accept the 4-month extension of Gary Tempel's contract. Anber Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

**Going to skip over to 5.5 so we can wait for our presenter to return to the Board meeting.**

## 5.4 Co-Op Discussion:

Ben and Jill Baker came to the Board to discuss and ask the Board to do a Co-op in soccer in Lebanon High School. There was much discussion on this subject between the Board and Ben and Jill Baker and Kyle Braa, principal of Scio High School and audience members. Kyle Braa listed key concerns below:

**1. Title IX Compliance** The most significant concern surrounding co-ops is maintaining compliance with Title IX, which requires gender equity in school athletic programs. If a co-op were established for a boys' sport, we would be required to **immediately** provide an equivalent opportunity for girls—either by offering a new girls' sport or finding a comparable co-op. Failure to maintain this balance exposes the district to serious legal and financial risks. Given our small size, balancing participation numbers and resources across gender lines becomes increasingly difficult if co-ops are introduced.

**2. Equity and Access** Transportation, scheduling, and financial burdens create inequitable barriers for some families. While some students and families might be able to manage the demands of traveling to another school for practices and games, others may not have the same access or flexibility. Establishing a policy that places the burden solely on families creates an uneven playing field—an issue that might not appear immediately but could emerge unexpectedly and impact students differently from year to year.

**3. Precedent and Sustainability** Approving one co-op creates a precedent that is difficult to walk back. Once a single co-op is in place, future requests will be harder to deny without appearing inconsistent or unfair. We already receive annual inquiries about various sports, and allowing one opens the door to more, placing the district in a position where it may eventually be forced to expand offerings beyond what our student body and resources can support. This could erode our current programs over time—starting with JV levels and eventually weakening varsity participation.

**4. Stability and Risk** Co-ops are not guaranteed long-term solutions. Sponsoring schools can end the agreement at any time, which could leave Scio students without a team to play for, jeopardize our compliance with Title IX, and require sudden shifts in resources or program offerings. In a small district, such disruptions are difficult to absorb without negative ripple effects on students and staff.

An audience member spoke that there are other sport programs out there for students to be apart of.

The concern for the Board is Title IX, equity with transportation and the extra workload on our staff.

The board asked Kyle Braa if he could poll the student body to see if there are enough numbers for soccer.



The Board stands behind Kyle Braa and Jim Mask decision on not to have a Co-op.

## **5.5 Scio Booster Club:**

Amber Loverjoy presented to the Board the Scio Booster Club. They have 4 Board members. They have taken over some responsibility from Jim Mask, like the sponsorship banners for the sports at the high school. They are focusing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Casey Childress Golf tournament. They are excited to use some of the funds for scholarships at high school. The next Booster Club meeting is on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at The Volt.

## **5.6 Scio Youth Club Contract:**

Kim Roth presented to the Board the Scio Youth Club contract with a new 2-year contract.

Anber Nelson made a motion to approve the new 2-year contract with the Scio Youth Club. Ed DeWilde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

## **5.7 Scio Middle School Student Handbook:**

Jacob Alburn presented to the Board the Middle School Student Handbook.

Ed DeWilde made a motion to approve the Middle School Student Handbook. Derryl James seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

## **5.8 Resolution 2425-04: Organizational:**

Tracy Porter, Business Manager, presented to the Board Resolution No. 2425-04, Organizational Resolution. The only item that has changed on this resolution is the Superintendent and number 12, switching from the Democrat Hearld to the Canyon Weekly for our newspaper of record, and auditors have changed to Clear Trail CPAS. P.C.

Mike Ennis made a motion to accept the Resolution 2425-04: Organizational Resolution. Ed DeWilde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes**

## 5.9 Resolution 2425-05: GASB 54 Fund Balances:

Tracy Porter, Business Manager, presented to the Board Resolution No. 2425-05, GASB 54 Fund Balance.

Derryl James made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2425-05, GASB 54 Fund Balance. Mike Ennis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes

## 5.10 Resolution 2425-06: Resolution to Transfer Appropriations:

Tracy Porter, Business Manager, presented to the Board Resolution No. 2425-06, Resolution to Transfer Appropriations.

Mike Ennis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2425-06, Resolution to Transfer Appropriations. Anber Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes

## 5.11 Out of State Travel:

Kim Roth is asking for approval of out-of-state travel the 6 students and 1 teacher to be able to attend the FFA National Convention in October 2025.

Anber Nelson made a motion to approve the out of state travel to the FFA National Convention in October 2025. Ed DeWilde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James – Yes   Ennis – Yes   Buganski – Yes   DeWilde – Yes   Nelson – Yes

## 6) Board Reports

### 6.1 Superintendent's Report - Kim Roth

1. Scio School District has applied for the **2025 State Summer Learning Grant** to fund *Adventure Awaits: Literacy Explorers Camp* at Centennial Elementary. This three-week program will serve approximately 50 incoming 2nd–5th grade students with the support of 10 staff members, running July 21 through August 8 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily. Students will receive 90 hours of engaging, literacy-focused instruction and hands-on learning experiences designed to boost academic skills and excitement for the new school year. The \$290,000 grant can also help support summer programming at Willamette Connection Academy.

2. **Summer Food Service Program – Supporting Our Community:** Scio School District is proud to continue its commitment to community well-being through the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. This year, meals will be available in a convenient grab-and-go format, Monday through Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 AM, with weekend meals distributed on Thursdays. This service ensures children have access to nutritious food throughout the summer, regardless of income or school enrollment.

Anissa Zelenka and Carla Porter have been working collaboratively to design a meal program that meets grant requirements while truly serving the needs of our local families. Additionally, Angela Cail has generously offered to contribute her culinary skills and help manage the daily operations of the program. We are grateful for their leadership and dedication to making this initiative successful and impactful for our community

3. **ELD Systems Improvement Grant Update:** Scio School District has been awarded \$175,000 annually for the next four years through ODE's ELD Systems Improvement Grant, aimed at strengthening supports and improving outcomes for our English Learner (EL) students. We have completed a comprehensive needs assessment and a thorough root cause analysis to better understand our current systems. Based on this work, we have selected our systemic intervention categories and are now moving into the action planning phase. We have attended the Logic Model webinar, reviewed ODE's guidance materials, and are currently completing our district-specific logic model, which is due by June 30th. We are fully up to date with all state requirements and timelines. This continued work will guide sustainable improvements for our EL students and their educational experience in Scio.

4. **WREN Mentorship Grant:** At the end-of-year mentoring celebration, we had the opportunity to recognize the incredible growth and collaboration fostered through Scio's teacher mentorship program. We are excited to share that our WREN Mentorship Grant has been renewed, securing \$10,700 for both the 2025–26 and 2026–27 school years. This continued support will allow us to build on the strong foundation we've created, providing new teachers with the guidance, encouragement, and professional community they need to thrive in Scio.

5. **Legislative Updates**  
Are Daily..... things are changing all the time.

#### **State School Fund (SSF)**

- Current Service Level (CSL) updated to \$11.36 Billion – a \$5000M increase over the old model.
- Senate Bill 5516 (State School Fund Budget) is nearing final legislative approval.

#### **Oregon Department of Education Budget (SB 5515)**

- Overall, ODE budget was reduced by \$200 million (3.6%), due to lower corporate activity tax revenue and reserve needs.
- Despite the tight budget, key grant programs received strong advocacy support with many critical programs preserved.

## **Program-Specific Changes**

- Student Investment Account: Reduced by \$28M to \$1.109 Billion.
- High School Success Fund: Reduced by \$23.8M, but per-student funding is up 11.4% from the previous biennium.
- Educator Advancement Council PD Grants: Reduced by \$6.3M.
- Summer Learning Grants: \$9M program discontinued; replaced by a new \$35M summer learning grant program.
- Student Success Plans: Reduced by \$27.6M – remaining \$20M consolidated into one grant stream.
- Increases in Targeted Programs:
  - \$1.6M increase for Juvenile and Youth Corrections Education.
  - \$15.8M increase for long-term care and treatment education.
  - \$13M additional funding for literacy efforts.

## **Public Employment Retirement System (PERS)**

- Legislature approved \$167 million to buy down PERS rates by 1.68 percentage points for 2025-27.

While the budget includes some reductions, legislative priorities largely protected direct-to-classroom funding. The overall outcome is considered favorable given earlier economic concerns.

### **6. Building Projects Update:**

- New District Office
- Seismic Middle School Project
- Summer Projects
  - We are delaying the breezeway roof until the Centennial seismic. We will do a patch until then.
  - We are replacing the windows in the gym
  - We received an additional bid for sealing the parking lots at the high school and elementary school came in at a lower price.
  - Kim Roth is asking if the Board is ok with replacing 3 heat pumps at the middle school.



## 6.2 Building Reports

### 6.2.1 Centennial Elementary School

#### EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- End of Year SOARR Award assembly -
  - Super Hawk - For displaying exemplary dedication to upholding all of the SOARR traits
  - Star Student - For going above and beyond to show determination and genuine commitment to growth — both academically and personally.
  - Musical Creations Performance
- Finished State Testing 3-5th, final i-Ready Diagnostic, & Dibbles
- 3rd grade - Science, Engineering, & Art Day -Corvallis Knights baseball game
- Kinder - Police visit and walk to Fire Department field trip & AC Gilbert House
- Caesar - No Drama Llama visit
- 1st Grade - Disney Day
- Kindergarten & 5th Grade Promotion
- 4/5 Field Trip to Silver Falls - 5th to Oregon Gardens
- 2nd Grade to Oregon Zoo
- Field Day
- Kindergarten JumpStart June 16-18th

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- End of Year Mentor meeting and celebration
- Early Literacy Professional Learning Collaboration- Michelle & Lindsay: 2 meetings down, on our way with a plan to support

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 19 Summer Retreat
- August 22 - Literacy Leadership Summit
- July 21-Aug 8 - Literacy Explorers Camp

### 6.2.2 Scio Middle School

#### Education Highlights

- **Student Leadership**
  - Student Leadership ran a great assembly this month!!
  - Our Field Event Party on 06/03 was well attended (100+ students)
- **Students of the Month:** Awarded to students who exhibit strong academic and behavior in the classroom and extracurricular. The Bucket Award goes to a student who we recognize is displaying effort and improvement.
  - 6th Grade: Tabitha Wilson
  - 7th Grade: Weston Garton & Avanlee Oberson
  - 8th Grade: Celina Brotherton & Halle Montoya
  - Bucket - Oliver Cawrse
- **Promotion** - 06/09

#### Athletic Update

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- Ramping up for the Fall!

### 6.2.3 Scio High School

#### School Highlights

- The Awards Night took place on June 4th and was well attended by students, families, and staff.
- Students have completed their final exams for the year.
- Congratulations to the Sophomore class for winning this year's Spirit Competition!
- The Leadership class successfully wrapped up a school-wide shoe drive—thank you to all who contributed.
- Yearbooks, along with the spring insert, were distributed on the final day of school.
- Revisions to the High School Handbook are awaiting further clarification regarding potential executive orders from the Governor.
- The next Logger Collective meeting is scheduled for June 10th. We'll be laying the groundwork for the new *Real World 101* course for seniors launching next year taught by Mr. Hargis.

#### Athletic Update

- **Softball State Championship game 6/6/25 at 12:00pm**
  - Softball won the state championship game

#### Student Representatives:

- Extra-Curricular Reports
  - Student council elections happen don't know the results yet

### 7) Board Comments/Information/Discussion Items

#### 7.1 Board Comments:

Kim Roth wanted to thank Ed DeWilde for his service to the Board. She wanted to say thank you for all Ed has done for our community and schools. Really putting kids first. I am thankful as a parent and a superintendent.

Derryl James wanted to thank Ed for mentoring Derryl over the year. Derryl looks forward to leaning on Ed when Derryl needs some advice.

Mike Ennis appreciates the time they had together on the Board.

Anber Nelson seconded everything that has been said. Ed shows up at all the events when he doesn't have kids in the school anymore. She values Ed honesty.

Nicole Buganski echoes everything that has been said. Nicole likes Ed's participation in the Board. They will all miss Ed.

## **8) Announcements/Date of Importance**

- 8.1 Next Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Centennial Elementary Library

## **9) Adjournment**

Nicole Buganski adjourned the regular meeting at 7:57 P.M.



Presiding Chair



Date Board Approved



Board Secretary