

POWERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 31
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026
Powers High School Library

ORDER

Chairman Ramsey Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jeff Allred, Eric Aleskus, Cheryl Dombrose, and Eric Anderson. Others present Superintendent Boyd Bjorkquist, Business Manager Marissa Zoubek and Dean of Students Sam Stevens.

MEETING BUSINESS

Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item E to approve an RFP for a new auditor and Action Item F to approve the LSP from the ESD. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The senior class was present. Johnathan Berr-Brohnson gave a presentation. He discussed the plans for the senior trip and requested that the district pay for fuel. It was approved by the school board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting on December 18, 2025 the board review of bills paid by the district, and the financial update. Eric Anderson seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent Bjorkquist reported on the following:

1. Lock Out Drill: The district will have a Lock Out drill on Thursday. A lockout means that the exterior doors will be locked. The high school students will meet in the gym to discuss what a lockout means and what some possible situations would be like that require a lockout. A lockdown drill will be held at a later time. Materials are available to sent home with K-2 students to explain what a lockout means.
2. Legislative Meeting: Mr. Bjorkquist thanked the school board member for attending the Legislative Meeting. The consensus at the recent Superintendent's meeting was that the Legislative Meeting was impactful.
3. Maintenance of Effort Report: Marissa shared the most recent Maintenance of Effort Report. The district is in compliance.
4. Integrated Programs Annual Report/SIA Agreement: Marissa presented the Annual Report for the Integrated Programs. This included the SIA grant agreement. Open discussion was held.
5. Other: Mr. Bjorkquist discussed offering a regular Oregon diploma with honors. Students with a 3.5 GPA that have met all graduation requirements and have taken 6-10 AP or college courses would be eligible. It would recognize that those students have gone the extra mile. He is putting a plan together that he will present to the school board.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Mr. Stevens gave a Dean of Students report:

The first semester has ended. The first half of the year went great. There was a total of eight disciplinary detentions in the 2nd quarter and eight tardy detentions. There are currently 10 students taking college courses. He also discussed the required policies from OSBA that are part of the action items.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Bjorkquist gave the Athletic Director report on behalf of Gabe Shorb. The NFHS camera on the football field needs fixed. They will recalibrate it, but it needs lines on the field to do so.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. The second reading of proposed policies IGBAB/JO-AR, IKF, JFCEB, JO/IGBAB-AR, JOA, and LBEA was held. Eric Anderson made a motion to adopt the policies. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- B. Eric Anderson made a motion to adopt Budget Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- C. Eric Aleskus declared a potential conflict of interest and to avoid any appearance of and impropriety he is recusing himself from participating in discussion on the action item. Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the Probationary Teachers Extension. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Eric Aleskus abstained.
- D. Eric Aleskus made a motion to approve Contract Teachers Extension. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- E. Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the Audit RFP. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- F. Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the Local Service Plan with the ESD for the 2026-2027 school year. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Eric Anderson inquired about the Office Manager position. Raeshelle Meyer (COSA) is putting together a job description. The next Superintendent and a committee will be involved in the hiring process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Clerk