

POWERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 31
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 30, 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, Dean of Students Sam Stevens, and Athletic Director Gabe Shorb. Visiting delegations were Fred Fry and Peggy Stallard.

MEETING BUSINESS

Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Fry, the mayor of Powers, introduced himself to the school board. He mentioned that the Planning Commission could use some help. He also discussed that Orchard Park has been cleaned up. He asked if the shop class could make a sign for the campground.

Gabe Shorb discussed the Close Up trip to Washington DC. He shared the schedule for the week. There are 13 students and two adults going on the trip.

Peggy Stallard discussed the possibility of the classified staff sharing their sick leave. It was determined that it will need to be added to the contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting on February 23, 2026 the board review of bills paid by the district, and the financial update. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent Bjorkquist reported on the following:

1. Oregon Honors Diploma: Information about the Oregon Honors Diploma was shared in the packet. Graduates earning this honor will have a small gold seal on their diploma.
2. Calendar Items: The proposed calendar for the 2026-2027 was discussed. It matches the OSAA calendar.
3. Other: Lauren Sparks from the ESD was in the district to support students after a recent tragedy in the community.
Angie Halvorson from the ESD will be training staff on how to work with student with behavior issues. She will also observe elementary classrooms and make suggestions for improvement.
Marissa will send out letters to the budget committee.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Mr. Stevens gave a Dean of Students report:

There was more detentions in the 3rd quarter. He discussed using an example of a discipline from Marshfield to create one for Powers School District. The cell phone policy has gone well. There has been few offenses.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Gabe Shorb gave the Athletic Director report:

Spring sports have started.

The softball schedule changes often.

They have added track meets to the track schedule.

Gabe has been working on the sports schedules for the 2026-2027 season.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- B. Eric Aleskus made a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- C. Eric Anderson made a motion to hire Cory Ellis as the Superintendent starting in the 2026-2027 school year. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- D. Eric Anderson made a motion to hire Angelina Shorb as the junior high track coach. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Jeff Allred abstained.
- E. Eric Anderson made a motion to hire Micky Bushnell as a softball coach. Eric Aleskus seconded the motion; it passed 3-0. Ramsey Bushnell and Jeff Allred abstained.
Jeff Alred made a motion to hire KamBria Swenson as a softball coach. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
Eric Anderson made a motion to hire Will Jones as a softball coach. Cheryl Dombrose seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Eric Anderson said the Raeshelle Meyer is making a draft for the Office Manager position. It will be posted soon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Clerk