

POWERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 31
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025
Powers High School Library

ORDER

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

Visiting delegates were Peggy Stallard and Lisa Hendon.

MEETING BUSINESS

Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item A. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Allred made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting on August 25, 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. Division 22 Standard Assurance: The Division 22 Standard Assurance is a yearly report. The report will be reviewed at the next board meeting.
 2. Emergency Procedures: Emergency procedures have been developed for when there is a group of students traveling. It was shared in the packets.
 3. Weight Room Update: Bids have been received for the mini splits that will be installed in the weight room. They will be installed before the walls are painted.
 4. Title Funds and State Budget Update: There will be cuts to the SIA, High School Success and Early Literacy funds. The budget amounts have been reviewed and compared to what the district will receive.
 5. Wood chips: The wood chips for the elementary playground have arrived. Jeff Allred and John Bushnell helped spread them. JoAnne Shorb also had members of the National Honor Society assist. Ryan Pace will tidy them up weekly.
 6. PACE: A report regarding the PACE facilities evaluation was included in the packets. There are chemicals that need to be disposed of. Housekeeping is needed in the shop room. An eye wash station has been ordered for the shop. A guardrail has been added to the bleachers on the football field. A mirror has been removed from the weight room. A new window will be installed in the ticket booth. There is dry rot in a wall in the shop. PACE will come back to evaluate the elementary in the future.
 7. Flagpole: Concrete has been purchased for the elementary flagpole. It needs to stand for two weeks. A plaque will be added. Everything is ready to go in thanks to many volunteers.
 8. Football stadium: The football stadium has been painted with the help of volunteers, donated paint, and donated equipment.
 9. District equity committee status: The new name of the District equity committee is Rooted Locally and Growing Together. KamBria Swenson and Kasee Hunter are on the committee. Powers School District is the most diverse district in Coos county.

10. SCESD-Payroll and Counselor: Mr. Bjorkquist has reached out to get additional assistance. The services requested included helping with Accounts Payable, mentoring Marissa, assisting with reporting, and the audit process. Serviced credits will be used.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Sam Stevens reported on gave the Dean of Students report. He discussed the number of detentions due to discipline, tardies, and cell phone usage. Phones have not been an issue. Attendance is at 70% currently. They are working on increasing this percentage. It has been a positive atmosphere in the district so far this year.

ATHLETICS

Gabe Shorb gave an update on athletics.

There was ejection of a football player at the Days Creek football game. The head official was contacted, and the ejection was overturned.

The OSAA is looking at realigning the different classes. They are reviewing several proposals.

Gabe is going to talk to the Athletic Directors in the league about developing a lockdown procedure.

Random drug test will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

There is an opening for the junior high boys basketball position.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Eric Anderson made a motion to accept Megan Allen's resignation as junior high boys basketball coach. Jeff Allred seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was discussion held about the future postings for the Superintendent and Office Manager positions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 27, 2025.

Board Chairman

Clerk