

Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

Leadership Assembly Meeting

November 19, 2024, 6 p.m. Zoom

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Members Attending: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Anber Nelson, Will Cahill, Risteen Follett, Amy Charette, Kris Lachenmier, Ed Dressel, Josalyn Jones, Karen Patton

Guests: Lori Sattenspiel, Dawn Watson, Efran Zamundio

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

I. Welcome

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

II. Approval of the Agenda

Amy Charette made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Will Cahill seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

III. Approval of Minutes

Will Cahill made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of October 15, 2024

Anber Nelson seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

IV. November 5, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 5, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were not presented.

V. Old Business

A. Financial Report

The corrected 2024-2025 financial budget was presented to the assembly. A total of \$25,000 was the starting balance not \$20,000.00. The current actual balance is \$22,671.43. This does not include the scholarships that were awarded for the conference attendance.

Risteen Follett made a motion to approve the corrected Rural Caucus financial report
Ed Dressel seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

B. 2024-2025 Budget

The Leadership Assembly discussed ways to spend the corrected budget .

1. Marketing materials such as badges, shirts, etc will have budget up to \$2,300. Ed Dressel volunteered to be the head of the committee to purchase more marketing materials. Kris Lachenmier and Mary Anne Crandall volunteered to be on the marketing committee.

2. Scholarships for board training will now be increased to 8 @ \$1,500 each. We now have 16 applicants for scholarships

Risteen Follett made a motion to reallocate funds for marketing of \$2,300 and 8 @ \$1,500 each scholarships for training

Anber Nelson seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous

C. Membership Update

Nichole Schott stated we now have 77 registered members. The Rural Caucus added 16 new members from the annual convention.

D. 2024-2025 Board Training Scholarships, including criteria for selection

The Rural Caucus voted to increase the total number of board training scholarships to 8 @\$1,500 each. There are currently 16 applicants. They will be chosen by random drawing.

E. November 8, 2024, Business Meeting Update

The Rural Caucus business meeting was held at 7AM – 8AM on November 8, 2024, at the annual convention. There were many more participants than expected and it was a huge success.

F. Annual Convention Workshop Update

The Rural Caucus held a workshop in the afternoon of November 8, 2024, at the annual convention. The workshops were a resounding success with lots of participation. The members noted that we will need a larger room next time and maybe more time allotted for discussion. A form for participants to tell their stories and maybe a video or pictures would be a good addition.

VI. New Business

A. Report to the OSBA Board and our Legislative Specialists

All notes from the workshops were turned in to Tim Fain who is putting together a summary of all comments during the workshop discussions for presentation to the legislative specialists

B. Rural Caucus – Telling Our Story

The summary of our discussions will include why we are different than large schools; why our needs are different than large schools, and how we explain that difference to legislative representatives from Portland or other large school districts

C. Facilities , Funding, Legislation

How rural schools are impacted by facilities, funding and legislation. Rural schools need billions of dollars to fix facilities – what is the legislature going to do to help? Rural Caucus needs to focus on how to build support for addressing rural schools issues that are different from large schools. Statewide assessments that are going on now will help to highlight the needs in rural school districts. Rural schools are the hub of the community that they serve.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Meeting Adjourns at 7:00 PM