

# Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus

## Leadership Assembly Meeting

April 16, 2024, 6 p.m. Zoom

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Members: Nichole Schott, Condon, President; Tracy Adevai, Glide, Vice President; Mary Anne Crandall, Pinehurst, Secretary/Treasurer; Kris Lachenmeier, Tillamook; Anber Nelson, Scio; MacKenzie Rodgers, Enterprise

Guests: Chris Cronin, Lori Sattenspiel, Merle Stulzman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Nichole Schott, President welcomed all participants to the meeting

### **Approval of the Agenda**

MacKenzie Rodgers made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly agenda

Anber Nelson seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **Approval of Minutes**

Kris Lachenmeier made a motion to approve the Leadership Assembly minutes of March 19, 2024

Tracy Adevai seconded the motion

Vote: Unanimous approval

### **April 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the April 2, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes was presented by Nichole Schott to the leadership assembly

### **Old Business**

- ***Update on Membership List***

There are 44 members on the membership list.

- ***Update on Rural Caucus Swag***

Kris Lachenmeier got prices for buttons, pens, etc. and is making progress on the other items. We are currently waiting for options to make choices from.

- **Update on Board Development Scholarships**

MacKenzie Rodgers submitted a draft of the application process and Lori Sattenspiel proofed it. It is very simple and has been approved by legal – Haley Percell. It will be posted on the website by La’Nell next week.

## **Funding**

Lori Sattenspiel spoke about the framework for funding. The funding committee members include Chris Cronin, President-elect and board members. It also includes 40 additional member representatives from all over the state. Nichole Schott and Tracy Adevai will be representing the Rural Caucus. Some of the needs that will be discussed at the LPC meeting include cuts/strikes in big districts, the need for more funding, districts can’t afford training, a look at the funding formula, behavior health and dialog with legislators about what is happening

Chris Cronin spoke to the membership about this being an opportunity for the Rural Caucus to advocate for the children of rural schools and to articulate what rural Oregon is really like. She stated that many don’t understand the challenges of rural schools and they must hear what those challenges are.

### **Assembly Members – Rural Caucus Member Impact Summary**

Rural Caucus leadership assembly members shared their concerns for their districts which all were very similar including no funding for crucial programs, underfunded or unfunded mandated programs, staffing challenges and administrative challenges.

## **Accountability**

Lori Sattenspiel spoke about what accountability means at all levels including the legislative level. It mainly centers around reporting and outcomes. This is all tied to funding of program reporting.

### **Assembly Members – Rural Caucus Member Impact Summary**

There was a general consensus that there were too many required reports, and some were redundant and the reports take way too much time. Grants are another area where it is hard to navigate all the information that needs to be gathered to apply for and accept grants. One member wondered where all this reporting data is going and where is the accountability for ODE?

Although these are not the only concerns of the Rural Caucus, these two issue are the ones that the caucus will be initially concerned about. With both of these two issues, it will encompass many of the other issues of the Rural Caucus.

The LPC meeting is April 19-20, 2024

**Summarize Key Concepts/Messages from Rural Caucus Leadership Assembly for April 19, 2024, LPC Meeting.**

The summarized key concepts include more funding for rural schools and more time for staff to meet the accountability piece of reporting and outcomes.

The leadership assembly members highlighted some positive things in their districts including a strong FFA program, good community involvement, creative funding, ESD involvement and help, and development of strategic plans to focus on crucial areas including community input

Additionally, Nichole reported that at the National School Board Conference Oregon sent two students and they did very well – Emily Smith presided.

**Announcements:**

The next executive committee meeting was set for May 7, 2024, at 5PM on Zoom

The May Leadership Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024 @ 6 PM on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.