

Harney Education Service District

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Monthly Board Meeting March 18, 2026 Harney ESD Board of Directors

Present: Scott Davies, Director
Thomas Doman, Director
Sandy Volle, Director, Vice Chair
Kurt Van Batavia, Director
Mileah SkunkCap, Director
Shannon Criss, Secretary to the Board, Superintendent
Donna Schnitker, EI/ECSE Director
Corissa Wright, Business Manager
Janet Caldwell, HESD Program Director
Katie Hill, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk

Absent Excused: Doug Stott, Director, Chair; Charles Dunten, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, Sandy Volle, called the March 18, 2026 meeting to order at 1:30PM at the Harney ESD Regional Services Center located at 25 Fairview Heights Loop. This meeting was also available to attend virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair, Sandy Volle.

VISITORS

Crystal Hussey came in mid-meeting.

Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2) - adjourned at 1:33PM to executive session.

Adjourned from executive session, and reconvened for regular meeting at 2:00 PM

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 18, 2026 minutes
- Approval of February 25, 2026 Special Board meeting minutes

After review of the Consent Agenda Scott Davies made a motion to approve as presented. Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cori explained the salary schedule to the board and the increase of 2.5%, \$1550 per month, and the ESD will continue to pay PERS.

Scott Davies made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 HESD and ECC Salary Schedule as presented. Kurt Van Batavia & Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

unanimously.

- Cori recommended a 3% increase for all other staff that are not on the salary schedule.

Kurt Van Batavia made a motion to approve the 3% increase for 2026-2027 COLA. Scott Davies seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

- Shannon explained the current situation with the ECC director position, and asked for the board to approve hiring Kaydee Wall as the ECC Director, pending Head Start's approval. They will then post for the manager position.

Tom Doman made a motion to approve hiring Kaydee Wall as the ECC Director, pending Head Start's approval. Kurt Van Batavia seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

- Cori went over and explained the few changes to the proposed 2026-2027 Harney ESD and ECC Calendars. Scott & Tom

Scott Davies made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 HESD and ECC calendars as presented. Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

- Cori went over the proposed HESD budget calendar, meeting date, and budget board members that have been on our board in the past. Kurt, Tom

Kurt Van Batavia made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget calendar as presented. Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

- Shannon presented at the Harney County School District #3 board meeting to explain what it would look like if they were to rejoin the ESD beginning in the 2026-207 school year.

Scott Davies made a motion to approve Harney County School District #3 to join HESD in the 2026-2027 year. Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

- First Reading - Policy GBN/JBA-Sexual Harassment has a change to administration on the policy.

Scott Davies made a motion to approve the the administrative changes to policy GBN/JBA-Sexual Harassment. Kurt Van Batavia seconded. No discussion. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- The board reviewed the applications that were received for the HESD superintendent position, and the board would like to schedule an interview with Cheyenne Fowler on March 31st @ 9:00 a.m.. Letters will be sent out to the other applicants.

After reviewing the applications that have been received for the HESD Superintendent Position, Kurt Van Batavia made a motion to interview Cheyenne Fowler. Tom Doman seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Financials

Business Manager, Cori Wright, presented the financial narrative, disbursements, general fund balances, and significant expenditures. Cori went over the larger disbursements that were on the report, and the current fund balance at the end of the month.

Tom Doman made a motion to approve the expenditures/disbursements as presented. Scott Davies seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Donna Schnitker

- Shannon spoke on behalf of Donna on the current happenings down at ECC. There have been a few issues at the red Fillmore building, and a contractor came out and gave bids to repair things in phases, and it is going to be very expensive to address the issues. We will continue keeping the board informed. There is also a report attached.

Superintendent Report

Shannon Criss shared the following:

- Shannon went over current staffing, and Holly York will be taking the full-time administrative assistant position.
- Shannon gave an update on the SB 141 bill.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MEETING CLOSURE

With no further business, Vice-Chair Sandy Volle adjourned the meeting at 2:54PM.



Sandy Volle, Board Vice-Chair