

February 10, 2024

Ballard School Board Meeting Summary

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January Meeting Minutes	Regular Meeting
Next Meeting	3/10/2025 - 6PM

KEY ACTIONS

2025 - 2026 School Calendar - Public Hearing

Crystal Reinertson provided an overview of the work conducted by the School Calendar staff committees in developing the proposed school calendar. Using survey feedback from all buildings, the team crafted a calendar closely aligned with the one used for the 2024-2025 school year. The school day will continue to end at 3:15 p.m., maintaining the same schedule as this year.

K-5 Literacy Report

Hannah Groathouse, Alicia Ortner and Tiffany Ott and Katie Claeys presented an overview of the new K-5 literacy curriculum (CKLA) that was implemented this year. The team overview the knowledge based literacy and phonics instruction.

Ballard Agricultural Education

Principal Deason and Katie Claeys presented an overview of the Agricultural Education program. The program has seen impressive growth since it was started, both in student participation and educational offerings for the students.

Middle School Roof Replacement

The Board approved a bid from For Sure Roofing to replace the middle school roof to address low spots that are causing draining issues. The work will begin in June and will be completed over the summer

Ballard East & West Elementary HVAC Project

Chad Hudson from Story Construction gave a brief update on the status of the project including a current budgeted cost vs projected cost. The board was pleased to see that the project is coming in right at budget and ahead of schedule.

Spring 2026 High School Band Trip

The board approved a proposed band trip on March 11-16, 2026 to Chicago where the group will perform and take in some tours and sightseeing.

Open Night Policy

The board conducted a first reading of a proposed Open Night policy, which aims to limit school activities on Wednesday evenings to before 6:00 p.m., whenever possible. Additionally, student activities will not be scheduled on Sundays before 2:00 p.m. or on holidays. This policy is still in its early stages; the board will review and vote on it during the second reading at the March meeting.

Next School Board Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025 - 6:00PM

Ballard School Board Room (located in the Middle School - enter through door #13)