Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, June 18, 2026 6:00 PM

Oakdale Middle School Room 230
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

Board members present: Lilia Caballero, Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Sandra LaNier McHenry, Sunny Spicer, Michael Williams, and Angela Zbikowski

A video recording of the Board meeting can be found on the district website at this link. The slide presentation can be viewed by clicking on Extras listed next to the meeting at this link.

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call**

   Board Chair Kendell Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, confirmed a quorum through roll call, and welcomed attendees.

2. **Agenda Adjustments and Approval**

   No objections were raised. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

3. **Citizen Comments**

   Chair Ferguson read the citizen comment guidelines.

   Tamara Johnston, The Valley School of Southern Oregon parent, shared The Valley School is a small, community-focused school where students are known, valued, and supported. She highlighted the dedication of staff, responsible use of resources, and commitment to meeting student needs, including special education services and requested support for the charter contract renewal and modest funding adjustments.

   Chair Ferguson noted the Board received written comments from Erin Deason Carpenter and Kris Von Wald and thanked those who participated.

4. **Consent Agenda**

   4.a. Annual Designations for 2026-27 School Year

   No objections were raised. The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5. **Items for Information and Discussion**

5.a. Strategic Planning Summary and Priorities Next Steps

Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli provided an update on the district's strategic planning process, including the development of the district vision, mission, motto, and strategic priorities. She reviewed the planning timeline, community and stakeholder engagement efforts, and the analysis of multiple data sources used to identify three shared priorities: closing student achievement gaps, building trust and relationships, and preserving financial sustainability. Grazioli also reviewed key strategies associated with each priority and discussed the development of aligned Board and Superintendent Goals to support implementation of the strategic plan.

Board members discussed the proposed priorities and strategies, expressing support for the overall direction while emphasizing the importance of staff training and support, student behavior and safety, special education services, family engagement, enrollment trends, effective communication, and building trust with staff, families, and the community. Board members also requested that future goals include measurable outcomes and progress-monitoring tools. Discussion included potential metrics for success, alignment of goals with district priorities, and the importance of establishing clear action steps and accountability measures. The discussion will continue during the upcoming Board Retreat.

6. Recess

The Board elected to proceed with the agenda without taking the scheduled recess.

7. Board Action Items

7.a. FY2026-27 Budget Adoption

Chair Ferguson recapped the Budget Committee meeting dates and process leading up to the FY2026-27 Budget Adoption and opened the floor for a motion to adopt the budget.

Board Director Sunny Spicer, for transparency purposes, disclosed that while her organization is not specifically identified in the budget, she is employed by an organization that could potentially receive funding. Because the organization is not listed in the budget, she stated that she would participate in the discussion and vote.

A motion was made by Zbikowski and seconded by Caballero to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2026-27 Budget as presented.

Roll call vote: Johnsen: Yea, Caballero: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Williams: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Caballero to approve the Resolution Making Appropriations for the 2026-27 Budget as presented.

Roll call vote: Zbikowski: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Spicer: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Williams: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

A motion was made by Caballero and seconded by LaNier McHenry to approve the Resolution to Impose and Categorize Taxes as presented.

Roll call vote: Williams: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

7.b. Charter School Contract Approval

7.b.1) The Valley School of Southern Oregon

Chair Ferguson directed attention to the updated contract documents and opened the floor for a motion.

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Spicer to approve The Valley School of Southern Oregon Charter School contract for 2026-2031 to be effective July 1, 2026.

Discussion: Board members discussed potential modifications to the funding proposal and the need for additional financial information before making adjustments. Some members expressed support for the proposal, citing opportunities for students and the importance of supporting charter programs, while others raised concerns regarding consistency with other charter schools and long-term financial impacts. The Board conducted an informal poll and reached consensus not to increase the proposed additional funding in the contract.

Roll call vote: Caballero: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Williams: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

7.b.2) Logos Public Charter School

Chair Ferguson directed attention to the updated contract documents and opened the floor for a motion.

A motion was made by Caballero and seconded by LaNier McHenry to approve the Logos Public Charter School contract for 2026-2036 to be effective July 1, 2026.

Roll call vote: Zbikowski: Yea, Williams: Yea, Spicer: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed: (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

7.c. School Board Policies — *second reading*

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Caballero to adopt, delete, and readopt the policies as presented in the policy packet.

An amendment was presented by Williams and seconded by Johnsen to pull policies BDDD, BCB, and BBAA from the packet for further review and revise policy BG as presented.

Roll call on the amendment: Caballero: Nay, Johnsen: Yea: Zbikowski: Yea, Williams: Yea, Spicer: Nay, LaNier McHenry: Nay, Ferguson: Nay

Result: Motion failed (Yea: 3, Nay: 4)

Roll call on main motion: Johnsen: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Spicer: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Williams: Nay, Zbikowski: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 6, Nay: 1)

7.d. Board Officer Elections for 2026-27 School Year

Chair Ferguson opened the floor for nominations of School Board Chair.

Caballero nominated Ferguson.
Zbikowski nominated Johnsen.

Board Directors spoke to their nominations followed by fellow members advocating for their preference for Board Chair of those nominated.

Roll call vote:
Ferguson received four (4) votes in favor (Caballero, Spicer, LaNier McHenry, Ferguson)
Johnsen received three (3) votes in favor (Williams, Zbikowski, Johnsen)
Ferguson was elected as Board Chair.

Board Chair Ferguson opened the floor for nominations of School Board Vice Chair.

Spicer nominated LaNier McHenry.

Roll call vote:
LaNier McHenry received six (6) votes in favor (Zbikowski, Caballero, Johnsen, LaNier McHenry, Spicer, Ferguson) and one (1) vote opposed (Williams).

LaNier McHenry and was elected as vice chair.

7.e. Board Meeting Calendar Approval for 2026-27 School Year

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Caballero to approve the School Board meeting calendar for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

Discussion: It was noted that the July 25 Board Retreat would be added to the calendar.

Roll call vote: LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Williams: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

7.f. OSEA Contract Ratification

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Caballero to approve the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028 OSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

Roll call vote: Zbikowski: Yea, Caballero: Yea, Spicer: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Williams: Yea, Ferguson: Yea

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 7, Nay: 0)

8. Announcements

Chair Ferguson noted the Board Retreat scheduled for July 25 with the location to be announced.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.