



Ontario School District 8C
Work Session of the Board of Directors
May 18th 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Ontario School District Board Room

This meeting was broadcasted via Zoom to the public, the Board of Directors met in person at the Ontario School District Boardroom, with an audience of about 10

Board Members Present:

Abby Apodaca
Mike Blackaby
Jenna Mejia
Lisa Reeser
Bret Uptmor

Administrators in Attendance:

Superintendent Nicole Albisu
Director of Nutrition Pam Suyematsu
Director of Personnel Eric Norton
Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith
Director of Student Services Melissa Williams
Director of Federal Programs Anabel Ortiz-Chavolla
Director of Facilities Bob Bennett
Director of Technology Kenneth Monson
Director of Finance Devin Collins
Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Andrea Salazar

Communication Plan – Taryn Smith

Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith shares a working document of her communication plan to the Board and Superintendent. In this document, Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith shares her grading system to ensure she is working towards the Superintendents, and the districts message. Communication throughout the district is vital of our safety of our students and staff. Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith states she has about three to five goals she has made for the role she is in, and would love feedback from the Board on what they would like to see worked on. For the next three years, I have some goals and priorities for the future are the Superintendent may change and the bond campaign that is coming up soon. Next, our district works hard to remove barriers for students learning, and I like to weave that into the communication that is sent out to families. Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith states she has plans for the districts future and wants to send out communication on the district changes as they happen. Also, Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith states that she hopes the district can have more surveys out to the community so the district can continue to make informed choices.

The Board asks Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith some feedback she has seen over the communication that has been sent out to the community. The District uses ParentSquar to send out communication to families, there is data that shows when families prefer to get their messages from us, Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith shares states. We want to show families what students are being taught in the classroom, so our parent involvement



coordinators try to capture that to post online. The communication plan has been evolved to be integrated by 2029, so hopefully at that time we can do a full review of the work that has been done, Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith shares states. The Board and Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith discuss some of the communication that has come out of the schools, and how templates are helpful for school teams to refer to when sending out information to families. There are ebbs and flows of how families want to receive notifications from their students' schools, so it will take some work to see what works and what does not, Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith shares states.

Honoring Retirees

Chair Uptmor states that at this time we are going to honor personnel that are retiring this year. For the 2025-2026 school year there are eight retirees: Jill Vermeer with six years of services; Sharla McClean with thirty-two years of service; Jeannine Carter with forty-three years of service; Steve Wyborney with nineteen years of services; Val Reynolds with nineteen years of service; Melissa Williams with twenty-three years of service; Bob Bennett with thirty-seven years of service; and Rod Williams with twenty-three years of service. All eight of the 2025-2026 retirees receive a plaque from the school district and have the remaining time in the work session to mingle and enjoy refreshments.

Meeting Ends at 4:20 AM

Chairman

Clerk