



Work Session of the Board of Education

Thursday, April 9, 2026 7:00 PM

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

Board members present: Lilia Caballero (attended virtually), 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 7:10 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed a quorum through roll call. She welcomed attendees and read the district's vision statement.

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

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

3. Board Decisions following Executive Session

A motion was made by Zbikowski and seconded by LaNier McHenry for the Board to hold a hearing related to Complaint 1 reviewed in executive session.

Roll call vote: LaNier McHenry: Yea, Spicer: No, Williams: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Zbikowski: Yea, Ferguson: No, Caballero (audio issues - did not vote)

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 4, Nay: 2, unable to vote due to technical issues: 1)

A motion was made by LaNier McHenry and seconded by Spicer to affirm the superintendent's decision on Complaint 2 and to grant the request for an apology, and we authorize the Board Chair to draft a response to the complaint.

Roll call vote: Zbikowski: Yea, LaNier McHenry: Yea, Johnsen: Yea, Williams: Yea, Spicer: Yea, Ferguson: Yea, Caballero (audio issues - did not vote)

Result: Motion passed (Yea: 6, unable to vote due to technical issues: 1)

4. Consent Agenda

The following items were presented on the consent agenda: Staff Assignment Report; Minutes from Previous Meeting; and Foreign Exchange Programs.

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

5. Budget Committee Orientation

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Brad Earl facilitated introductions of Budget Committee members, noting those present and that member Kaylee Fugate had submitted her resignation and would not be participating this year. He advised that the committee will continue to function with 13 members and that eight affirmative votes will be required to approve motions.

Mr. Earl provided an orientation that included an overview of Oregon's current school funding landscape, the impact of declining enrollment, Budget Committee roles and responsibilities, and the three-step process for adopting the budget. He also highlighted ways committee members can contribute meaningfully to the process.

Board Directors expressed appreciation for the Budget Committee members' willingness to serve and participate in the budget process.

6. Recess

The Board did not take a recess.

7. Work Session Items

7.a. Proposed Special Board Meeting – Discussion

Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli proposed scheduling a Special Board Meeting on June 18 at 6:00 PM at Oakdale Middle School to affirm the Board and District goals and priorities for 2026–27 and to share the outcomes of the strategic planning sessions. Board Directors reached consensus to schedule the meeting.

7.b. K-5 Science Instructional Materials Overview

Director of Literacy, Curriculum & Assessment Megan Young reported on the 2022 update to the Oregon K–5 Science Education Standards and provided an overview of the instructional materials recommended for adoption to align with the revised standards. Young reviewed science education requirements, the materials selection process, and how families are informed and involved.

7.c. Social Science Instructional Materials Overview

Director of Literacy, Curriculum & Assessment Megan Young presented an overview of social science requirements, including state laws enacted between 2017 and 2024, and highlighted recommended instructional materials and Advanced Placement elective offerings at the high school level.

Curriculum Coordinator Jennifer Mason described the review process, noting that a cross-district team of teachers collaborated to ensure alignment and engaged in a thorough, student-centered analysis of the standards. The team emphasized the importance of addressing sensitive content thoughtfully, focusing on developing students' critical thinking skills and ability to form their own perspectives. Parents' rights to review curriculum materials, request alternative assignments, and utilize established policies on controversial issues were also affirmed.

Young reported that the recommended materials are available for public review through April 22 and outlined how families were notified of this opportunity.

Board Directors expressed appreciation for the team's collaborative efforts, dedication, and attention to both instructional quality and family considerations.

7.d. Board Operating Agreement — Proposed Revision

Chair Ferguson introduced a proposed revision to the Board Operating Agreement (BOA) submitted by Director Williams and opened the item for Board discussion.

Director Caballero proposed adding language to the Respectful Meetings section to emphasize expectations such as not interrupting others, avoiding dominating discussions, and ensuring all members have an opportunity to be heard. Director Williams sought clarification on the distinction between the BOA and Board Policies and expressed concerns that the current school visit section is overly prescriptive and difficult to coordinate, creating additional logistical challenges.

Board Directors discussed experiences with classroom visits, noting challenges in adhering to the 1.5-hour time limit and questioning the purpose of the restriction. Concerns were also raised about balancing visit length with minimizing disruption to staff. Directors discussed seeking input from principals regarding appropriate visit durations and noted that teachers generally welcome Board visits.

The Board discussed potential revisions, including removing the 1.5-hour time limit for school visits and adding the proposed language to the Respectful Meetings section. It was agreed that the revisions, as discussed, will be brought forward for adoption at the next Board meeting.

8. Announcements

Chair Ferguson announced the next School Board meeting scheduled for April 23 at Oakdale Middle School and noted the Board's invitation to the Lone Pine Elementary School Musical.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.