



Ontario School District 8C
Regular Session of the Board of Directors
April 27th at 5:00 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 45

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

Call to Order/Welcome to Visitors

Chair Uptmor begins the meeting and welcomes everyone in the room and on Zoom, then leads the room in the flag salute.

Agenda Change

Chair Uptmor states there is one agenda change; there will be no OMS student report, item number two for the Reports/Recognition section. Also, we will modify Aaron Larson on the Budget Committee Meeting; he can not serve on that committee, so it will just be the addition of Blanca Rodriguez. Director of Blackaby makes a motion to approve the two agenda changes, one being the removal of the OMS student report, and the other being not to add Aaron Larson to our budget committee. Director Mejia seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.



Consent Items

Director Mejia states she won't be voting for the consent items due to a conflict of interest in the extracurricular salaries. Director Reeser makes a motion to approve the consent items, Vice-Chair Apodaca makes a motion to second the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.

Director Blackaby votes yes.

Director Mejia does not vote for this item.

Director Reeser votes yes.

OHS Student Report – Lily Bini Acheson

Student at OHS Lily Bini Acheson shares some of the events going on at OHS. Freshmen are planning a fun end-of-the-year event, and having an assembly that could be held outside. Sophomores are working on fundraising during the baseball games to raise money for their class. Juniors have just completed planning prom, and seniors are getting ready for senior sunset and have just finished hosting an Easter egg hunt that was a huge success.

OMS Student Report – Aylin Ayala Trujilo

There was no report this month; it has been removed from the regular session agenda.

Volunteer Recognition Appreciation

Principal at Alameda Intermediate School, Andrea Buchholz honors Kendra Davidon, “It is an absolute honor to recognize Kendra Davidson as the Volunteer of the Year for Alameda Intermediate. Kendra is a true powerhouse of community spirit; from coaching various Outlaw volleyball teams to her vital role on the booster club, she consistently puts our students first. Whether she’s in the dugout taking stats for the Ontario High School baseball team or navigating the logistical puzzle of organizing picture day, Kendra’s dedication is exactly what this community needs. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone so deeply committed to the growth and success of Ontario’s children. Thank you, Kendra, for being such a vital part of our team!”

Principal at Aiken Elementary School, Tobey Huddleston introduces Aiken Elementary School Teacher Sara Lee to honor Ulyssa Dionne, Grandma Lyssa has been such a help to my classroom and students this year. She's kept us in snacks all year for those days when we don't get one delivered. She's kept those little tummies full! She also reads with students twice per week and helps them build their literacy skills. We are all so thankful for her caring generosity! Ms. Lee, 2nd grade Teacher, Aiken”

Principal at May Roberts Primary Kevin Capps honors Radene Terry, “We are proud to celebrate Radene Terry as our May Roberts 2025–26 Volunteer of the Year. Radene is truly part of our May Roberts family. She volunteers on a daily basis; this includes helping in the office, teaching small groups, and working with students who need a little extra support. One of the amazing things about Radene is that she is so consistent, never missing a day or a chance to make a positive impact. Radene brings with her a wealth of knowledge, and more importantly, she is a friend to all. Our staff and students love Radene! Thank you, Radene, for the dedication you show and for being a blessing to our school.”



Principal at Ontario Middle School Lisa Longoria honors Andrea Nungaray, “We are thrilled to announce that Andrea has been named the OMS Volunteer of the Year! She has an unwavering dedication to our school community. Anytime she is called upon, Andrea is eager to adjust her schedule to ensure our students and staff have the support they need. She approaches every single task with a wonderfully positive and friendly attitude. Andrea has been a reliable, smiling face at crucial events, generously volunteering her time on the first day of school, picture day, and school socials. Last year, she even dedicated her time to serve as a chaperone for the 4 day/3 night 6th-grade Outdoor School! Please join us in giving Andrea a big thank you and congratulations. We couldn't do it without you, Andrea!”

Principal at Ontario High School Ken Martinez introduces Teresa Figueroa to honor Kim Leos and Jaecie Manzo, “They say it takes a village, but it also takes someone to run that village and these two did just that this year. Beyond their roles as dedicated mothers, full time employees, business owners, and community members, Jacie and Kim served as the Co-Chairs for this year’s Senior All Night Party Committee. Under their leadership, the committee raised over \$11,000 in just five months. This accomplishment required hours of planning, volunteer coordination, and many weekends and evenings dedicated to fundraising events. Because of this our goal was met: 100 seniors get to attend a safe, sober graduation party for FREE. Whether they’re working concessions or cheering at basketball games, they are always willing to help me when I call. Please join me in congratulating our OHS Volunteers of the Year: Kim and Jaecie”

Board Bits

Director Blackaby that the Shakespeare performance at OHS, which was sponsored by his daughter, was great! Also got to attend the track meet at OHS, and reviewed the OSBA report that talks about Superintendents in Oregon. Vice-Chair Apodaca states that she went to the Edflex Open House, and it looked great. Also, I really liked that I got to sign up for parent-teacher conferences through ParentSquare. Director Reeser states she also went to the Edflex Open House, and it was great to see it, as well as the college corner inside.

Director Reeser also states she got to attend some track meets and tennis matches. Director Mejia states she also attended the EdFlex Open House, and it was great to have that information about that school. It has been great to see softball doing well at its games. Chair Uptmor states that he really appreciates the volunteers coming to the Board Meeting tonight, and thanks all volunteers for doing what they do for students and staff. Chair Uptmor also thanks staff, as this becomes a busy time of the year, and is very appreciative of all the work being done.

Finance Report – Devin Collins

Director of Finance Devin Collins thanks the Board for completing their SEI filing, with the district cutting spending our deficit amount has gone down, so we are working hard to make sure we keep momentum going. The district is working on a tiered rate for health insurance, as PERS rates continue to rise over the next coming years, we hope this will help staff members keep the same benefits without having to change their costs over the years. Superintendent Albisu gives an example of how this change will help the district with offering the same health care options without having staff pay more out of pocket.

Superintendent Albisu – Nikki Albisu

Superintendent Albisu states that we received the TAP grant and the long-range grant. TAP is specifically woodworking. We are working on getting that long-range plan completed. Superintendent Albisu states she attended a Superintendents meeting in Portland this past week and we learned a lot



about funding models and how other districts are doing with rising costs and dropping enrollment. Overall, Superintendent Albus states that it is a crazy time of year, and we are all just trying to wrap things up. Superintendent Albus states that she is thankful to Director of Finance Devin Collins for completing the budget before June, which is very helpful for us to strategize for the upcoming year.

Public Comment

During this time, we ask that Chair Uptmor abstain from reading the Public Comment guidelines, as we have a special guest, Raeshelle Meyer. Mrs. Meyer is the COSA Director and announces that Aiken Elementary School Principal Tobey Huddleston is COSA's Principal of the Year. At this time, some of Aiken Elementary staff and Mrs. Huddleston's family congratulate her on this accomplishment.

First Reading of Policy DBDB

Vice-Chair Apodaca makes a motion to first and final reading of policy DBDB. Director Mejia seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.

Director Blackaby votes yes.

Director Mejia votes yes.

Director Reeser votes yes.

Resolution 25-16 Transferring Budget Appropriations and Resolution 25-17 Establishing a PERS Reserve Fund

Director Mejia makes a motion to approve Resolution 25-16, Transferring Budget Appropriations, and Resolution 25-17, Establishing a PERS Reserve Fund. Vice-Chair Apodaca seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.

Director Blackaby votes yes.

Director Mejia votes yes.

Director Reeser votes yes.

Board Budget Goals - *Priorities*

Director Mejia makes a motion to approve the Board Budget Priorities; the new title for this will be Board Budget Priorities. Director Reeser seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.

Director Blackaby votes yes.

Director Mejia votes yes.

Director Reeser votes yes.

Field Trip Request for LIA Annual Conference



Principal at Ontario Middle School Lisa Longoria states that the district has a sponsor for this trip. We would leave at 4:15 in the morning and come back late the next day. About 3,000 students are attending this trip. Director Mejia makes a motion to approve the Field Trip Request for the LIA Annual Conference. Vice-Chair Apodaca seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Approval of CB Construction INC. for OMS Kitchen Project

Director Blackaby asks about the Nutrition Budget and how these projects can be completed. Director of Nutrition Pam Suyematsu states that her funding is different from the general fund, and we make our money by feeding students, and we are allowed to hold three months' worth of expenses. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that she has a lot of grants that she works with, and a lot of work to complete summer feeding. Director Mejia makes a motion to approve CB Construction INC. for the OMS Kitchen Project. Director Reeser seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Adoption of Social Studies Curriculum

Professional Development, Assessment, and Evaluation Coordinator Erin O'Hara-Rines states there is a teacher community at each building, and there are conversations for those groups of teachers on how the curriculum will work. Vice-Chair Apodaca makes a motion to approve the Social Studies Curriculum. Director Mejia seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Approval of the Deed of Dedication for Public Right of Way

Director Blackaby makes a motion to approve the Deed of Dedication for Public Right of Way. Vice-Chair Apodaca seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.



May School Board Meeting Date Change

Chair Uptmor states that the May Board Meeting will land on Memorial Day, so we can either move the meeting to May 18th or June 1st, unless the Board wants a different day of the week. After some discussion, the Board decides to have the meeting on May 18th at an earlier time. Director Apodaca makes a motion to move the May Board Meeting to May 18 and hold a regular session at 4:30 PM. Director Mejia seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Approval of Blanca Rodriguez to the Budget Committee – *adjusted to remove Aaron Larson*

Director Blackaby makes a motion to approve adding Blanca Rodriguez to the Budget Committee. Vice-Chair Apodaca seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Approval of the Disposal of the Suburban

Director Mejia makes a motion to approve the Disposal of the Suburban. Vice-Chair Apodaca seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.
Director Reeser votes yes.

Topics for Future Meetings

Superintendent Albus states that we have policies to add over the next several months, and will have the work session at 3:00 PM.

Adjourn

Director Mejia makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Reeser seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice-Chair Apodaca votes yes.
Director Blackaby votes yes.
Director Mejia votes yes.



Director Reeser votes yes.

Meeting ends at 6:26 PM

Chairman

Clerk