



**Ontario School District 8C**  
**Work Session of the Board of Directors**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 4:00 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

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**Review of the Regular Session Agenda**

Chair Uptmor begins the work session and asks if there are any questions from the Board. Chair Uptmor states there will be one agenda change; there will be no student report this evening. Director Mejia states that she won't be voting on the consent items tonight, due to potential interference. Superintendent Albisu states that we will have a surprise during the regular session, and we will recognize volunteers tonight. Superintendent Albisu and the Board discuss some of the requirements that the State of Oregon requires school districts to enforce, and how that affects funding. Director of Finance Devin Collins states the district qualifies for a 3% gap of students who live in our boundary, but go to an online school.

Therefore, if the district receives requests for students to attend an online school, we can deny those requests, and families can appeal those requests as well. Superintendent Albisu shares the process of students requesting to attend online schools; the denial process has just started at the district level. Director Mejia asks a question about the first reading of policy DBDB under the business section. Director of Finance and Superintendent Albisu discuss the district's financial reserve and why the update in this policy focuses on protecting the district's reserve for the future. Director of Finance Devin Collins and the Board talk about the upcoming budget committee meeting. After some more conversation about some of the rest of the business items on the agenda, the Board moves to the next item on the work session agenda.



## **Discussion of Virtual School – Jodi Elizondo**

Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo states she is going to discuss the district's online option EdFlexOregon. The district is using Pearson for curriculum, and we are working on building a future for students to grow. This is not homeschooling, Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo states, this is about serving students virtually, and EdFlexOregon allows for any students in the State of Oregon to join us. EdFlexOntario is for students to do more of a hybrid model of doing their school work online and going to their school for some courses. Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo also shares that she has been approached for a different program to use for teaching students online. Therefore, there is room for growth over time for EdFlexOregon students to have a useful tool for students and families who require a different format for learning. Director Reeser asks if students in this program follow a traditional school year calendar. Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo states that they do, just not summer school is offered yet.

**Meeting Ends at 5:02 PM**

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**Chairman**

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**Clerk**