

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 8R, HERMISTON**

There will be a Special Meeting of the
Board of Education of the Umatilla County School District 8R
at Hermiston School District Offices
Boardroom
305 S.W. 11th Street.
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
Thursday, May 15, 2025, 6:30 PM

Rosa Cerda-Diaz
Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING* (6:30 p.m.)** *Chair Hansell*
- 2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS (6:30 p.m.)** *Chair Hansell*
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Adoption of Agenda 2
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (6:35 p.m.)** *Chair Hansell* **3**

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The Hermiston School District Board of Education accepts public comments virtually and in person. Members of the public wishing to address the board virtually submitted written statements or requests by 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.
Those wishing to address the board in person should stand and be recognized, then move forward to the microphone at the center table. Prior to making your comments, state your first and last name and school or topic. Please limit your comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes and address them to me.
Is there anyone here tonight who would like to address the board?
- 4. ACTION ITEM (6:45 p.m.)** *Chair Hansell* 4
 1. Second Read Policy IKFB
- 5. CALENDAR AND FUTURE ITEMS (7:15 p.m.)**
- 6. ADJOURN (7:30 p.m.)**

* Timing of agenda is not meant to be time specific. Instead, the time identified is for pacing purposes only. The Board of Education may modify the agenda and the order in which items are taken for consideration.

** Consent agenda items are considered for action as an entire group. Details for these items are available for public inspection at the District Office.

*** Members of the public are invited to address the Board of Education during Public Comments.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

2.0. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

2.2. TOPIC: Adoption of the Agenda

It is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

. that the Board of Education adopts the agenda as presented.

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4.0. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. TOPIC: Policy IKFB Graduation Exercises

It is recommended.

. that the Board of Education approves policy IKFB Graduation Exercises.

Hermiston School District 8R

Code: **IKFB**
Adopted: 8/03/04
Revised/Readopted: 7/10/17; 1/11/21; 1/24/22
Orig. Code: IKFB

Graduation Exercises

The Board believes that completion of the requirements for a diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate of attendance from public schools is an achievement that improves the community as well as the individual. The Board wishes to recognize this achievement in a publicly, celebrated graduation exercise.

Accordingly, appropriate graduation programs may be planned by the school on the date selected by the Board.

The school's valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) or others, at the discretion of the principal or designee, may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program. All speeches will be reviewed and approved in advance by the building principal or designee.

All students in good standing¹ who have successfully completed the requirements for a high school diploma, or qualifies to receive or receives a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate, including a student participating in a district-sponsored alternative education program, students completing the general education development (GED) through the HHS GED Option Program, and students a student with disabilities receiving a document certifying successful completion of program requirements, shall have the option to participate in graduation exercises.

A student shall be allowed to wear the approved stole honoring a Hermiston High School club/organization if the club/organization:

1. Is a member of a state or nationally recognized parent organization; and
2. Includes public service and citizenship/character as a membership standard;

And the student has:

1. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher;
2. A cumulative attendance rate of 90% or higher; and
3. Is a member in good standing of the club.

¹ A student may be denied participation in graduation exercises for conduct that violates board policy, administrative regulation and/or code of conduct provisions.

A student shall be allowed to wear an approved stole recognizing a Hermiston High School approved program of study if the student:

1. Has completed the requirements for the program of study.

A student shall be allowed to wear a dress uniform issued to the student by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces if the student:

1. Qualifies to receive a high school diploma, a modified diploma, an extended diploma or an alternative certificate of attendance; and
2. Has completed basic training for, and is an active member of, a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Graduating students will be allowed to wear ²“Native American items of cultural significance” or other approved items of cultural/ethnic significance.⁴

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.451](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 332.112](#)
[ORS 339.505](#)
[ORS 343.295](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)
[OAR 581-021-0050](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)
[OAR 581-021-0060](#)
[OAR 581-022-2000](#)

[OAR 581-022-2010](#)
[OAR 581-022-2015](#)
[OAR 581-022-2020](#)
[OAR 581-022-2505](#)

31 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 428 (1964)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Kay v. David Douglas Sch. Dist. No. 40, 1987); cert. den., 484 U.S. 1032 (1988).

Doe v. Madison Sch. Dist. No. 321, 177 F.3d 789 (9th Cir. 1999).

Lee v. Weisman, 505 U.S. 577 (1992).

Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

² “Native American items of cultural significance” means items or objects that are traditionally associated with a Native American or that have religious or cultural significance to a Native American.

⁴ The district may prohibit an item or object that: a) is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with the graduation ceremony, or b) replaces a cap or gown customarily worn at a graduation ceremony.