



Work Session of the Board of Education

Thursday, October 1, 2026 – 5:45 PM
Oakdale Middle School, Room 230
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

The meeting was video recorded and 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](#). Recording timestamps are provided throughout these minutes to assist in locating presentations and discussions.

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Board Chair Kendell Ferguson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, confirmed a quorum through roll call, and welcomed attendees.

Board Members Present: Lilia Caballero, Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Sandra LaNier McHenry, Sunny Spicer, Michael Williams, and Angela Zbikowski

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

The Board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

3. Consent Agenda

Presentation — Recording timestamp: [10:47]

3.a. Staff Assignment Report

3.b. Minutes from previous Board meetings

The Board approved the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent.

4. Introduction of New MSD Leader

Presentation — Recording timestamp: [11:00]

Chief Operations Officer Kati Falger was introduced to the Board and shared information regarding her professional background and experience.

5. Work Session Items

5.a. Class Size / Enrollment Update

Presentation and Discussion — Recording timestamp: [12:14]

Executive Directors of Teaching and Learning Kirk Kolb and Jennie Snow presented the current class size and enrollment report. The presentation included elementary, middle school, and high school enrollment and class size data, enrollment trends, and transfer information.

Discussion included enrollment changes by grade level and school, transfer patterns, Innovation Academy enrollment and student outcomes, elementary school enrollment, and the relationship between enrollment and staffing.

5.b. District Priority: Preserve Financial Sustainability — School Consolidation/Closure Criteria

Presentation and Discussion — Recording timestamp: [37:33]

Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli presented information regarding declining enrollment, the district's long-term enrollment forecast, financial sustainability, and potential criteria and processes for considering school consolidation or closure.

The Board discussed the importance of a thoughtful, transparent, and student-centered process that considers financial and operational impacts, facility use, transportation, geographic considerations, existing programs, and impacts on students, staff, families, and neighborhoods. The Board identified the need for additional analysis and information, including opportunities to improve resource allocation and enrollment, before considering consolidation or closure. The proposed process includes applying agreed-upon criteria, developing scenarios, conducting an internal feasibility review, engaging the community, and bringing information back to the Board for further consideration.

The meeting was recessed. [1:41:51]

5.c. Board/Superintendent Goal: Increase Reading Proficiency K-8 — Professional Development Update

Presentation and Discussion — Recording timestamp: [1:50:40]

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Doris Ellison provided an update on literacy professional development and the district's instructional model. The presentation reviewed the eight elements of the MSD Instructional Model, research regarding effective instructional practices, current literacy professional learning, classroom implementation activities, and upcoming professional learning opportunities.

6. Announcements

6.a. October 15, 2026 — Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held October 15 at Oakdale Middle School, Room 230.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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