



Ontario School District 8C
Regular Session of the Board of Directors
Septemeber 28th at 5:00 PM 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 20

Board Members Present:

Abby Apodaca joins via Zoom

Mike Blackaby

Jenna Mejia

Lisa Reeser

Bret Uptmor

Administrators in Attendance:

Director of Personnel Eric Norton

Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith

Director of Student Services Jose Marquez

Director of Federal Programs Anabel Ortiz-Chavolla

Director of Facilities Andrew Kressly

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

There are no agenda changes for the September 28th 2026 Regular Session

Consent Items

Chair Uptmor entertains a motion to approve the consent items. Director Reeser makes a motion to approve the consent items, Director Blackaby 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 Bits

Director Blackaby shares that he brought some OHS yearbooks to share that go far back as 1920! Director Mejia states that she went to a lot of schools and also went to some games, it has been great to



see parents support OSD events. Director Reeser states that she appreciates all staff members outside during student school pickups, and got to hear from OHS alumni which was great! Vice-Chair Apodaca states she went to the Alameda Schoolyard grand opening, and also got to attend some school event which were all great. Chair Uptmor states that she went to school to pickup his grandchild from school, and I felt confident with staff ensuring that their grandchild was safe.

Finance Report – Devin Collins

Director of Finance Devin Collins states that the PERS rates have gone up again, and we are monitoring that climb in prices. We may be able to go for a PERS bond, which would include approving a resolution for the October School Board Meeting. Health insurance has also climbed in costs, Director of Finance Devin Collins states, and after some discussion the classified group moved to tiered rates which will save \$250,000 dollars. The savings from this change will go into a reserve account to help with rising costs overtime.

Superintendent Report – Nikki Albisu

Superintendent Albisu talks about some of the facilities being locked during school hours and non-school hours, this just enforces the safety of students. During the legislative talk, there was discussion on working with the director of public instruction for the State of Oregon on creating a vision for Oregon. Lastly, we have some people to join our bond committee, and we are available to send out invitations to those people if the Board needs that assistance. Director Blackaby states that he has seven people signed up to attend. Superintendent Albisu states if there is anyone that wants to join, please invite them.

Resolution 26-15 Health Insurance Reserve Fund

Director Mejia makes a motion to approve resolution 26-15 health insurance 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.

Second Reading of Policies BDC, BBE, BBA, BDD, and KNA

Director Blackaby makes a motion to approve the second reading of policies, BDC, BBE, BBA, BDD, and KNA. 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.

Removal of Policy BDDC



Director Mejia makes a motion to approve the removal of policy BDDC, 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.

First Reading of Policies, BDDC, BCB, and ECAA

Director Mejia makes a motion to approve the first reading of policies BDDC, BCB, and ECAA, Director Blackaby 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 Albisu states that we will start student recognition in October, Chair Uptmor states maybe we will have some Board Goals to work on. Vice-Chair Apodaca asks if the survey for the bond will be open during parent teacher conferences. Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith states that the survey will be open then, and it will officially be open to the public today.

Adjourn

Director Mejia makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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.

Meeting Ends at 5:39 PM

Chairman

Clerk