Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, October 15, 2026 — 5:45 PM
Oakdale Middle School, Room 230
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

The meeting was video recorded and is available on the district website at *this link*. The slide presentation is available under 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 6:18 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.

Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli acknowledged the school shooting in Bend, Oregon, and expressed condolences to those affected.

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

Recording timestamp: [32:30]

Motion: Move citizen comments before any Board discussion.

Made by: Angela Zbikowski, seconded by Michael Williams

Vote: Yes-3 (Johnsen, Zbikowski, Williams); **No-4** (LaNier McHenry, Caballero, Spicer, Ferguson).

Motion failed 3-4.

3. Consent Agenda

Recording timestamp: [36:14]

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3.a. Staff Assignment Report
3.b. Minutes from Previous Meeting
3.c. Annual Designations Reassignment for 2026-27 School Year

The Board approved the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent.

4. Board Action Items

4.a. Decision Following Executive Session

Recording timestamp: [36:41]

Motion: I move that Superintendent Grazioli be authorized to execute, on behalf of the District as landlord, a new lease with ATT and a new lease with T-Mobile, as tenants, for a portion of the grounds at North Medford High School near the existing track and football field that is not currently being used for school purposes, for the purpose of relocating cellular antennas and equipment that were formerly located on the roof of the North Medford High School Gym.

In addition to authorization to execute the leases themselves, I also move that Superintendent Grazioli be authorized to execute on behalf of the District any related documents necessary to implement those leases.

Made by: Lilia Caballero, second by Angela Zbikowski

Vote: **7-0**
Motion passed.

5. Items for Information & Discussion

5.a. Student Report

Presentation — recording timestamp: [37:54]

Student Representatives from South Medford High School, Victoriano Pena and Riley Kezer; North Medford High School, Wes Bartholomew; and Innovation Academy, Josalinn Rees, shared updates on school activities, student engagement, and learning experiences.

5.b. District Priority: Preserve Financial Sustainability — Financial Update

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [48:51]

Superintendent Grazioli reviewed the district's financial sustainability work, including community feedback, FAQs, and financial analysis. No school closure or consolidation decisions have been made.

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Chief Operations Officer Kati Falger reviewed school and site costs, district funding and budgeting, declining enrollment, and labor expenses.

Discussion focused on the need for detailed information about administrative structure and compensation, staffing and substitute costs, and potential savings.

Board Directors emphasized financial transparency, public trust, and a thoughtful, student-centered process that considers alternatives to school consolidation or closure.

Discussion also addressed potential effects on class sizes, staffing, student support, and long-term educational outcomes.

6. Citizen Comments

Presentation — recording timestamp: [1:24:04]

Chair Ferguson reviewed citizen comment procedures.

Janelle Aldaco, Sarah Reames, Summer Wolarik, Helena Elam, Amanda Moreira, Kellie Reilly, and Erin Andrews commented on school consolidation and closure, declining enrollment, financial sustainability, employee compensation, transparency, community engagement, and alternatives. Written comments from **Mr. and Mrs. Ernst** were acknowledged.

The Chair reiterated that the financial sustainability process is ongoing and no school closure decisions have been made.

7. Recess

The Board recessed until 7:25 p.m.

8. Items for Information & Discussion (continued)

8.a. Superintendent Report: Quarterly Update on Goals

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [2:01:56]

Superintendent Grazioli reviewed progress on the Board/Superintendent Goals: K-8 reading and mathematics proficiency, K-12 attendance, community engagement, and student safety.

The update covered implementation, progress monitoring, data-informed adjustments, professional learning, budget development, and community engagement.

Discussion addressed school safety following the Bend shooting, filling the district security position, coordination with Medford Police, existing safety practices, and communication with families.

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Board Directors discussed participating in community listening sessions and consistent messaging. Superintendent Grazioli noted state recognition for student attendance and an upcoming attendance report.

8.b. Board/Superintendent Goal: Increase Reading and Mathematics Proficiency K-8

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [2:24:10]

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Doris Ellison reviewed beginning-of-year K-8 i-Ready reading and mathematics data, grade-level placements, growth projections, and instructional strategies.

Strategies included strengthening core instruction, targeted intervention and enrichment, progress monitoring, and adjusting instruction based on student data.

Directors discussed identifying learning gaps early and using data throughout the year to guide classroom planning and student support.

Discussion addressed classroom composition, teacher workload, differentiated instruction, and ability-based grouping.

Additional discussion covered elementary interventions, middle school acceleration, and addressing learning gaps before high school.

8.c. Recess

The Board took a short recess.

8.d. Division 22 Assurances for 2025-2026

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [3:09:09]

Superintendent Grazioli and Dr. Ellison reviewed 2025-26 Division 22 Assurances. The district was out of compliance with the annual interscholastic activities survey requirement; SOMSAC has prepared a survey for administration at the end of 2026-27, and staff expect the district to return to compliance.

8.e. Budget Committee Vacancies

Discussion — Recording timestamp: [3:11:06]

The Board reviewed Budget Committee vacancies. Staff will post the application on the district website in November.

8.f. Revise DLC-AR — Expense Reimbursement for Out-of-District Travel

Discussion — recording timestamp: [3:11:40]

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The Board reviewed proposed revisions to DLC-AR – Expense Reimbursement for Out-of-District Travel. The administrative regulation will be updated and posted on the district website.

9. Announcements

9.a. November 5, 2026 — Board Work Session

The next Board Work Session is November 5 at Oakdale Middle School, Room 230.

9.b. November 12–14, 2026 — Oregon School Boards Association Convention

The Oregon School Boards Association Convention will be held November 12–14 in Portland.

10. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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