Ontario School District 8C
Work Session of the Board of Directors
October 26th 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 5

Board Members Present:
Mike Blackaby
Jenna Mejia
Lisa Reeser
Bret Uptmor

Abby Apodaca was not present

Administrators in Attendance:
Superintendent Nicole Albisu
Director of Personnel Eric Norton
Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith
Director of Technology Kenneth Monson
Director of Finance Devin Collins
Director of Special Education Jose Marquez
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Andrea Salazar

Teen Parent Program Presentation

Chair Uptmor opens the meeting, and Principal at Ontario High School Ken Martinez shares information about their Teen Parent Program. Assistant Principal Wendy Stoker states she oversees the program and has been a great addition to the program. The teacher at Quest, Ms. Gekeler, states that there are a wide variety of reasons why students would be in this program. There may be some social and emotional needs, or even just credit recovery. Students who are in this program have a weekly tracker that I monitor for each of them. There is a grading scale to monitor their grades, as well as a personalized map for the milestones the students are achieving. The Quest department as a whole has become a close-knit group and practices a lot of essential skills for students to be successful. Assistant Principal at OHS, Ms. Stoker, states that students in Quest have access to the same opportunities as those at OHS. Ms. Stoker praises Ms. Gekeler commitment to students with success of the Quest Program. There are students in Quest who have been in this program for quite some time, and we have a lot of great engagement activities to help students during their time in this program. Also, Ms. Gekeler states that this program is intended to help students for 6 months to a year after they exit school, if there is a spot available. Assistant Principal Ms. Stoker states some of the milestones the program has achieved for the students who have been in this program for some time. The School Board asks some general questions about this program and thanks the OHS team for their time.

Review of the Regular Meeting Session

Director Reeser states that she likes to see the bill for our SRO, Superintendent Albisu states that, due to staffing challenges with the city, we only have one SRO right now. Chair Uptmor states we will have student recognitions tonight. Superintendent Albisu states that one of the second readings of policies

was pulled from tonight's agenda. This policy is going to be reviewed by OSBA and COSA, so the policy will be rewritten after there are some revisions by them. Director Reeser asks about what was going to be reviewed, Superintendent Albisu states that the agenda meeting guidelines were not very clear, the policy was showing it to be showed as a public board meeting. As for my report, it goes over the declining enrollment in the State of Oregon, as well as in the nation. It also discusses instructional hours and what the state and the district have planned. Chair Uptmor asks the Board about the November Board Meeting being moved to November 16th instead of the 23rd, since that falls during a holiday. Then, for the December Board Meeting, it is being moved to December 14th from the 28th, since that is shortly after the holidays. Director Reeser also asks about the November 9th Bond Committee meeting. Superintendent Albisu states that an email reminder will go out, and we will discuss extending the time for the Bond, getting more feedback from what other school districts have done, as well as sharing the survey results. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that the PERS bond is on the agenda, and we are looking at the rate of the bond to go for, also noted that this resolution does not lock us into anything yet, but shows the Board is still open to going for a PERS bond in the Spring. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that the vehicle surplus is just that the technology department is going to use a vehicle from the nutrition department. Also, the maintenance department is going to recycle some of their older vehicles.

Meeting Ends at 4:57 PM

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Chairman

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