Work Session of the Board of Education

Thursday, November 5, 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: Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Sandra LaNier McHenry (attended virtually), Sunny Spicer, Angela Zbikowski (attended virtually), and Michael Williams (joined at 6:05 p.m.)

Absent: Lilia Caballero

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

Chair Ferguson provided an explanation of how agenda items are listed on the meeting agendas.

The Board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

3. Consent Agenda

Presentation — recording timestamp: [11:07]

3.a. Staff Assignment Report
3.b. Minutes from previous Board meeting

The Board approved the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent.

4. Work Session Items

4.a. Board/Superintendent Goal: Strengthen Community Engagement — Nutrition

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [11:29]

Nutrition Services Director Sid Taylor provided an update on meal participation, student engagement, community partnerships, and local purchasing. Breakfast and lunch participation increased from 2024–25 to 2025–26 and local Rogue Valley purchases have increased in 2026–27.

Discussion included parent survey participation, menu information across grade levels, barriers to expanding local purchasing, priorities for customer feedback, quality improvement, and increased local purchasing.

4.b. Board/Superintendent Goal: Improve Student Attendance — Attendance Programs and Interventions

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [22:50]

Student Wellness Director Amy Muhler, Positive Attendance Specialists Teri Foster, Andrea Kariger, and Jeffrey Raines, and Wilson Elementary Assistant Principal Christie Sanders presented the district's multi-tiered attendance approach, including schoolwide activities, student interventions, family engagement, and attendance incentives.

Discussion addressed attendance calculations and reporting, chronic absenteeism, and interventions at the secondary level, including early-warning systems, credit recovery, graduation planning, and family outreach. The Board also discussed the academic and financial impacts of absences, school climate and relationships, truancy requirements, and online or homebound options.

4.c. Board/Superintendent Goal: Improve Mathematics Proficiency K-8 — Curriculum Implementation Update

Presentation and Discussion — recording timestamp: [1:09:41]

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Doris Ellison and Director of Literacy, Curriculum & Assessment Megan Young provided a mathematics curriculum update, with classroom perspectives from Jackson Elementary teacher Amanda Klosterman and Hedrick Middle School teacher Julie Becksted. The presentation covered K–8 implementation and instructional practices, grades 6–12 coursework, and successes and challenges involving pacing, materials, student access to digital resources, family engagement, and the Math Advantage intervention.

Discussion included standards and student reasoning, teacher support, Math Advantage capacity and scheduling, and course acceleration.

4.d. School Board Policy — First Reading

Discussion — recording timestamp: [1:49:20]

The Board reviewed the policy presented for first reading. No further revisions were requested, and the policy will move forward for a second reading at the November 19 Board meeting.

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5. Announcements

5.a. November 19, 2026 — Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held November 19 at Oakdale Middle School, Room 230.

6. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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