



**Ontario School District 8C
Regular Session of the Board of Directors
June 30th 2025 at 5:00 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 20

Board Members Present:

Bret Uptmor
Blanca Rodriguez
Matt Stringer
Mike Blackaby

Administrators in Attendance:

Superintendent Nicole Albisu
Director of Nutrition Pam Suyematsu
Director of Personnel Eric Norton
Director of Public Relations and Communications Taryn Smith
Director of Student Services Melissa Williams
Director of Federal Programs Anabel Ortiz-Chavolla
Director of Facilities Bob Bennett
Director of Technology Todd Stephan
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 this month.

Consent Items

Vice-Chair Blackaby asks some clarifying questions about the Alameda School Yard project, and how that process is going. Director Stringer makes a motion to approve the consent items, Director Rodriguez seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.
Director Rodriguez votes yes.
Director Stringer votes yes.

Board Bits



Director Stringer states that he met with TAG Coordinator Val Reynolds, talking about the TAG Program. Director Stringer states that it was very insightful, and Ms. Reynolds even shared memorable stories from students she has worked with. Superintendent Albisu shares how Val Reynolds has worked with the district for 17 years and has done some incredible work with students. Director Rodriguez states she has nothing to share this month. Vice-Chair Blackaby states that that graduation went great this year. Chair Uptmor states that he has learned information about other school districts having to let go of some of their staff, due to funding. Chair Uptmor states that he is glad that our school district is not in that position with staffing. Superintendent Albisu states that our budget is in good shape, but we are still being cautious of our spending.

Finance Report – Devin Collins

Director of Finance Devin Collins states on the business section tonight there is the approval of the 2023-2024 audit. For the 2025-2026 budget, we added to grants as mentioned during the budget committee meeting, but everything else stayed the same. Superintendent Albisu states that the budget committee meeting had great questions and it was really great to work with them on this budget. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that we also have new auditors this year, and will be meeting with them in the upcoming weeks.

Discussion of the 2023-2024 Financial Audit

Director of Finance Devin Collins states that the auditors did have some findings, one of the findings was because the financial summary was not completed on time. The summary was not completed because the ending and beginning balances were different, and that was due to the default dates having to change due to some invoices in September. The next finding is because from a federal fund, an entry that was should have been an expense but turned into an indirect. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that there is a plan of action being done for these findings, and my plan has been submitted to the auditors as well. Vice-Chair Blackaby asks when the last two audits were received, Director of Finance Devin Collins states the 2021-2022 audit was received in September 2024, the 2022-2023 audit was received October of 2024, and the 2023-2024 audit in June of 2025. Superintendent Albisu states that the auditors have been requesting information that they should have had a long time ago, so this is the last time we will use them as our auditors.

Superintendent Report- Nikki Albisu

Superintendent Albisu states that we have been watching legislative updates, any extra funding has been going to staff compensation packages. Next years budget will not be balanced, but the year after that will even it out. Superintendent Albisu states that we there are not a lot of answers for federal funding, it is still being monitored. There has been a accountability bill that has passed that monitor students in certain grades, and their performance in math. We may have District Math Coach Steve Wyborne come to a board meeting, and present his presentation on math grade performances, also ninth grade on track is a metric that needs to be monitored. Superintendent Albisu thanks Director Rodriguez and Director Stringer for their time serving on the School Board. Since it is their last Board Meeting as board members, Superintendent Albisu thanks them for their dedication to ensuring student success is always a priority. Director Stringer and Director Rodriguez share their experiences being on the School Board, and state that they looking forward to what comes next with Ontario School District! Chair Uptmor and Vice-Chair Blackaby thanks Director Stringer and Director Rodriguez for their time serving on the School Board.

There are no Public Comments for the June 30 2025 Board Meeting



Approval of the 2023-2024 Financial Audit

Director Stringer makes a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Financial Audit, Director Rodriguez seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.

Director Rodriguez votes yes.

Director Stringer votes yes.

Budget Hearing / Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget

Director of Finance Devin Collins states that the only adjustment that has been changed we last met with the Budget Committee, was the funding that was discussed earlier.

Approved Budget Documents 2025-2026

Director Stringer makes a motion to approve the budget documents for 2025-2026, Director Rodriguez seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.

Director Rodriguez votes yes.

Director Stringer votes yes.

Open Budget Hearing

Chair Uptmor opens the budget hearing, and asks if there are any public comments during this open budget hearing.

Public Comments

There are no public comments during the budget hearing.

Close Budget Hearing

Director Stringer makes a motion to close the Budget Hearing, Director Stringer seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.

Director Rodriguez votes yes.

Director Stringer votes yes.

Resolution 24-16 Adopting and Appropriating the Budget for 2025-2026

Director Stringer makes a motion to approve the adoption and appropriating of the budget for 2025-2026. Director Rodriguez seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.

Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.



Director Rodriguez votes yes.
Director Stringer votes yes.

Resolution 24-17 Imposing the Tax and Categorizing the Tax

Vice-Chair Blackaby makes a motion to approve imposing the tax, and categorizing the tax.
Director Stringer seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.
Director Rodriguez votes yes.
Director Stringer votes yes.

Resolution 24-18 - Establishing Ending Fund Balanced Policies for 2024-25

Director Rodriguez makes a motion to approve the ending fund balance policies for 2024-2025,
Director Stringer seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.
Director Rodriguez votes yes.
Director Stringer votes yes.

Topics for Future Meetings

Chair Uptmor states he would like to hear from District Math Coach Steve Wyborne,
Superintendent Albisu states there will also be some resolutions in July, and we will plan a training for new board members.

Adjourn

Director Rodriguez makes a motion to adjourn, Vice-Chair Blackaby seconds the motion.

Chair Uptmor votes yes.
Vice Chair Blackaby votes yes.
Director Rodriguez votes yes.
Director Stringer votes yes.

Meeting Ends at 6:10 PM

Chairman



Clerk