



**Ontario School District 8C
Work Session of the Board of Directors
June 22nd 2026 at 4:01 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 10

Board Members Present:

Abby Apodaca
Mike Blackaby
Jenna Mejia
Lisa Reeser
Bret Uptmor

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 Kenneth Monson
Director of Finance Devin Collins
Director of District Improvement Initiatives & Grants Jodi Elizondo
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board Andrea Salazar

Literacy Data Presentation – Christi Swan

Chair Uptmor begins the work session and states there are a couple of technical issues with presenting the PowerPoint on Zoom. Therefore, we will begin with the second item on the agenda, Review of the Regular Session Agenda.

Review of the Regular Session Agenda

Director Reeser asks if on the Personnel Summary under the consent items, if it could include staff moving from one position to another in the district. Director of Personnel Eric Norton states that he will speak with Personnel Assistant Blanca Brandon about adding that to the report. Director Blackaby asks about some spending on curriculum that has been adopted. Director of Federal Programs Anabel Ortiz-Chavolla speaks about the two field trips for students at OHS and OMS. Director of Finance Devin Collins states the budget is based on composite voting, specifically for insurance for staff, and that classified staff has voted for their group. Licensed and Administration group will stay on the composite plan; this will help the district save money on rising insurance costs. Instead of having seven plans for health insurance, the district will now offer three plans. Director Reeser asks about the resolution that involves imposing the tax. Director of Finance Devin Collins states that this is for the current bond; it is approved yearly, and it notes our amount changes for this bond. Chair Uptmor asks the school board members what they would like to do for their July Board Meeting. Director Mejia and Director Reeser



state they would like to do a board training; after some discussion on topics and the time of the meeting, the Board agrees to have a training on July 27th 2026, at 1:00 PM.

Literacy Data Presentation – Christi Swan

Early Literacy Programs Coach Christi Swan states that next year, the State of Oregon will be under a new Senate Bill, Senate Bill 141. There are certain requirements that the district to follow, including vendors that the district will need to review and decide on who to go with. This information will be presented to the Board three times throughout the year. There have been some huge changes in students' assessment scores, and we are hopeful that with our teachers using an new AI tool next school year, we will only go up. There have been a lot of learning opportunities for teachers to use to make sure students are not just reading text, but grasping what they are reading. Another goal we want our students to hit is the number of words they learn starting in kindergarten, Early Literacy Programs Coach Christi Swan states.

Meeting Ends at 4:59 PM

Chairman

Clerk