



Work Session of the Board of Education

Thursday, March 5, 2026 6:00 PM

Oakdale Middle School Room 230
815 S. Oakdale Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

Board members present: Lilia Caballero (attended virtually), Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Sandra LaNier McHenry, Sunny Spicer, and Angela Zbikowski
Board member absent: Michael Williams

A video recording of the Board meeting 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](#).

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Board Chair Kendell Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed a quorum through roll call. She welcomed attendees and read the district's vision statement.

2. Agenda Adjustments and Approval

No objections were raised. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Recognitions

3.a. Classified Employees Appreciation

Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli expressed appreciation for the district's classified staff. Principal Sandy Holman highlighted the many ways classified employees support the safe and effective operation of schools while building meaningful relationships with students and families.

OSEA President Sarah Reames shared examples of what makes classified staff feel appreciated and recognized three employees for their years of service to the district: Linda Rolie (30 years), Dawn Mete (33 years), and Marilyn Schreiber (48 years).

Board Directors expressed appreciation for the dedication and contributions of classified staff and acknowledged the positive impact they have on students and schools.

4. Work Session Items

4.a. Health Instructional Materials Overview

Director of Literacy, Curriculum & Assessment Megan Young reported on the 2023 update to the Oregon K–12 Health Education Standards and provided an overview of the instructional materials recommended for adoption to align with the revised standards. She reviewed health education requirements, the materials selection process, and how families are informed and involved. Young noted the recommended materials are available for public review through March 19 and explained how families were notified of the opportunity to review them.

4.b. Science Instructional Materials Overview

Curriculum Coordinator Rachel Frison and Director of Literacy, Curriculum & Assessment Megan Young presented an overview of the recommended middle and high school science instructional materials. Frison reviewed the science standards, the process used to select materials for Board recommendation, the specific materials recommended for adoption, and where families and the public can review them.

Board Directors inquired about the process for comparing cost and quality of materials and whether the recommended materials were included in the district budget.

4.c. School Improvement Update (including ELL)

Executive Director, Federal Programs & School Improvement Andrea Partsafas provided an overview of strategies for the English Learner Outcomes Program (ELOP) and the district’s Federal School Improvement (FSI) schools, including four-year goals and strategies to support historically underserved student groups.

Board Directors asked about attendance, bilingual support, hybrid learning options, extended absences, national or political impacts on students, identifying needs with ODE data lags, and ongoing support after schools exit the improvement plan. Directors also thanked staff for their detailed work in identifying student needs.

4.d. Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students

Superintendent Grazioli reported on the outcomes of a recent subcommittee meeting regarding student transfers. She shared a recommendation to reduce the number of outgoing elementary student transfers while maintaining the current practice at the secondary level for the 2026–27 school year. Grazioli noted that elementary hardship requests would be honored. She explained that the recommendation was

informed by several factors, including the number of elementary students released in recent years, the possibility that resident families may not be aware of available in-district options before requesting a release, and declining enrollment in the district's elementary schools. She also noted that a formal recommendation would be brought forward for Board consideration at the next meeting.

5. Board Action Item

5.a. Superintendent Appointment and Contract Negotiations Update

Chair Ferguson noted that the Board had previously announced an offer to Jeanne Grazioli to serve as the district's next superintendent; however, formal action had not yet been taken.

A motion was presented by Caballero and seconded by LaNier McHenry to appoint Jeanne Grazioli as superintendent of the district.

Roll call vote: LaNier McHenry, Spicer, Caballero, Johnsen, Zbikowski, and Ferguson — Yea; Williams — Absent.

Motion passed: 6-0 (1 absent).

Chair Ferguson stated that contract negotiations would proceed with legal counsel and that the final contract would be brought to a future meeting for Board approval.

6. Consent Agenda

The following items were presented on the consent agenda:

- Staff Assignment Report
- Minutes from Previous Meetings
- Annual Licenses Renewal/Nonrenewal Report

No objections were raised. The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

7. Announcements

Chair Ferguson announced the next School Board meeting scheduled for March 19 at Oakdale Middle School.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.