



Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education

Friday, January 23, 2026 12:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually.

Board members present: Kendell Ferguson, Erik Johnsen, Sunny Spicer, Michael Williams, and Angela Zbikowski

A video recording of the Board meeting can be found on the district website at [this link](#).

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board Chair Kendell Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Board attendance was noted.

Interim Superintendent Jeanne Grazioli led a round of introductions. State Legislators in attendance included House Representatives Kim Wallan and Pam Marsh, and Senator Jeff Golden.

2. Legislative Priorities for Medford School District

Grazioli opened the floor for state legislators to share information on what support they may need from district staff as they prepare for education-related items in the upcoming legislative short session.

Topics discussed included making class size and caseload limits mandatory subjects of collective bargaining for all K–12 schools; the impacts of a potential budget shortfall resulting from H.R. 1, which would significantly shift federal funding away from education programs; the Oregon Department of Education's 2025 Education Accountability Act (SB 141); concerns regarding budget reductions mid-biennium; and recommendations for measurement systems to better support student outcomes.

District staff requested that legislators prioritize funding for long-span beam inspections and repairs as required by insurance agencies; continue discussions regarding adequate funding for special education, including increasing the funding cap or addressing the inadequacy of high-cost disability reimbursement; avoid imposing additional mandates without accompanying funding; and maintain current funding levels for the remainder of the biennium, including funds that directly support students such as the Student Investment Account and Measure 98.

Additional topics of discussion included declining enrollment; the potential need for school closures; use of Student Success Act funding within the district; increasing numbers of students with disabilities; the importance of audits to evaluate whether funding is improving outcomes; concerns related to student behavior and academic achievement; and the fact that Oregon schools provide fewer instructional hours and student contact days compared to other states.

3. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.

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