BOARD OF EDUCATION
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 8R, HERMISTON

There will be a Special Meeting of the
Board of Education of the Umatilla County School District 8R
at Hermiston School District Offices
Boardroom
305 S.W. 11th Street.
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
Monday, August 24, 2026, 7:00 PM

Rosa Cerda-Diaz
Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING*** *Vice Chair Ms. Luisi*
2. **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS** *Vice Chair Ms. Luisi*
    1. Pledge of Allegiance
    2. Adoption of Agenda 3
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** *Vice Chair Ms. Luisi* **4**

    Welcome. This is the time we reserve in our meeting for public comment.
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    The Hermiston School District Board of Education accepts public comments virtually and in person. Members of the public wishing to address the board virtually submitted written statements or requests by 4:00 p.m. prior to this meeting.
    Those wishing to address the board in person should stand and be recognized, then move forward to the microphone at the center table. Prior to making your comments, state your first and last name and school or topic. Please limit your comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes and address them to me.
    Is there anyone here tonight who would like to address the board?
4. **REPORTS**
    1. Board of Education *Vice Chair Ms. Luisi*
5. **CONSENT ITEMS****
    1. Business Services
        1. Meal Price Consideration 5
    2. Superintendent's Office
        1. Declaration of Surplus Property and Authority to Sell Property 6
    3. Human Resources Department
        1. Personnel Appointment 7
6. **ACTION ITEM**
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7. **CALENDAR AND FUTUIRE ITEMS**
    1. Future Agenda Item Discussion *Vice Chair Ms. Luisi*
    2. Calendar Review *Dr. Mooney*
8. **ADJOURN**

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

2.0. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

2.2. TOPIC: Adoption of the Agenda

It is recommended. . . . .

RECOMMENDATION:

. . . . . that the Board of Education adopts the agenda as presented.

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BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

5.1. **CONSENT**: Business Services

5.1.1 **TOPIC:** Meal Price Consideration

It is recommended….

RECOMMENDATION:

……that the Board of Education declare Hermiston School District as district-wide Community Eligibility Provision, offering free breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students. It is further recommended that the Board of Education set the following paid food service prices for the 2026-27 school year.

	2026-2027 Recommended Prices
Lunch	
Elem	$0.00
MS	$0.00
HS	$0.00
Adult	$5.40
Breakfast	
Elem	$0.00
MS	$0.00
HS	$0.00
Adult	$3.60

Each enrolled student is eligible for one (1) no-cost breakfast and one (1) no-cost lunch per day. Second meals may be purchased at the following rates: Student breakfast: $3.60; Elementary & middle school lunch $3.60; High school lunch $4.10.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

5.2. CONSENT: Superintendent's Office

5.2.1. TOPIC: Declaration of Surplus Property and Authority to Sell Property

It is recommended. . . . . .

RECOMMENDATION:
. . . . . that the Board of Education declare the Fieldstone #12 home and Lot #13, located at 894 SW Fieldstone Ct, surplus property and authorize the Superintendent, the Director of Business Services and/or the Superintendent's designee to execute all applicable legal documents required to sell the property, in accordance with Board Policy.

This declaration, in accordance with Board Policy, is required to advertise and sell the home and property developed by the Columbia Basin Student Home Builders Program. Proceeds from the sale will be used to develop the next home, and Fieldstone subdivision.

Furthermore, the recommendation provides the authority for the Superintendent, the Director of Business Services and/or the Superintendent's designee to execute all applicable legal documents required to authorize the sale and transaction....

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

5.3. **CONSENT:** Human Resources Department

5.3.1. **TOPIC:** Personnel Appointment

It is recommended. . . .

RECOMMENDATION:

. . . . . that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following employees:

NAME	POSITION	BUILDING ASSIGNMENT
Jenna Clark	Temporary Teacher	Loma Vista Elementary
Anthony Duron	Temporary Teacher	Armand Larive Middle School

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

6.0. ACTION ITEM

6.1. TOPIC: Teaching and Learning

It is recommended. . . . .

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education approves the adoption of the Social Sciences Power Standards Units for grades K-5.



HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Social Sciences Curriculum Adoption

August 24, 2026

Importance of High-Quality Instructional Materials

- Quality materials provide coherent content and quality instruction across all classrooms
- Quality materials raise expectations for all students through access to grade-level content.
- Having an adopted curriculum is especially important during the implementation of new standards and for newer teachers.
- High-quality instructional materials can give educators within a school and across a school system a common foundation to organize the work they're undertaking at the classroom level. Often significantly reducing teacher preparation time.
- High-quality instructional materials can drive teacher growth through a shared experience that creates the floor, but not the ceiling, around the teaching and learning that happens in our classrooms.

Initiative Progression - Core Curriculum

2022-2023
Align Content/Instruction in ELA (Priority Standards)
Align Content/Instruction in ELD (Priority Standards)

2023-2024
Align Assessment in ELA (Rubrics, SBG)
High Quality Foundational Reading Materials in K-2 (ECRI, RGR)
Align Assessment in ELD (Rubrics, SBG)
Align Content/Instruction & Assessment in Math (Priority Standards, Rubrics, SBG)

2024-2025
Integrate Science into ELA & Math
Align ELD w/ ELA
Align Content/Instruction & Assessment in Music (Priority Standards, Rubrics, SBG)
Align Content/Instruction & Assessment in PE (Priority Standards, Rubrics, SBG)

2025-2026
Continue to Integrate Science into ELA & Math - Incorporate/Prioritize Science Investigations
Continue to Align ELD w/ ELA
Instructional Framework - Gradual Release
Focus on PLC+ Practices

2026-2027
Integrate Social Studies & Science into ELA - PSUs
Continue to Align ELD w/ ELA
Instructional Framework - Gradual Release; Opportunities to Respond; Formative Assessment
PLC+ Practices - Math Skills
Daily Writing - Genre and Responding to Reading

Elementary Social Sciences Material Recommendation

Independent Adoption - Priority Standard Units (PSUs)

Integrate Standards
Time Required to Manage Additional Instructional Materials
Training Required to Utilize Additional Instructional Materials
Reinforces Teaching Subjects in Isolation
Contradicts Integration Priority
Cost

We believe our materials are easier for teachers to manage, ensure more SS standards are taught, lead to better outcomes for our kids, and will cost the school district a fraction of what it will cost to purchase publisher materials

Note on Integrating Social Studies & Science

Why?

Updated (2024) state Social Sciences Standards (required implementation for 26-27)

Integrating core academic subjects, such as social studies and science, into ELA leads to higher levels of learning in both subjects for all students, especially multilingual learners.

Bradbury, L.U. Linking science and language arts: A review of the literature which compares integrated versus non-integrated approaches. J Sci Teacher Educ 25, 465–488 (2014). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10972-013-9368-6

Coehrs, R. (2023). The Benefits of Interdisciplinary Instruction in English Language Arts and Social Studies Classrooms. Learning to Teach Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies Through Research and Practice, 12(1).

Elementary Committee Members

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	ELD
Brenda Caldwell	Amber Utter	Susan Frink	Kara Frazier	Ibbet Radant	DayLee Lathim	Carrie Ferguson
Elsy Spears	Amber Milligan	Nicole Clayton	Ashlynn Burnett	Bailey Srofe	David Isley	Michelle Gaede
Renae Bartley	Marci Wattenburger	Samantha Phipps	Cristal Artz		Tracy Culligan	Nichole Jorgensen

Teacher Feedback



Questions



BOARD MEMBER CALENDAR

Tue Aug 25, 2026

- **All Staff In-Service Day**
  Where: All Schools
  Calendar: Board Members
  Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Wed Aug 26, 2026

- **First Day of School**
  Where: All Schools
  Calendar: Board Members
  Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Thu Sept 4, 2026

5:00pm – 8:30pm Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country
Where: 450 Hanford St. Richland WA; Hanford High School
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

7:00pm – 10:00pm Boys Varsity Football vs Union HS
Where: Kennison Field, Hermiston HS, 600 S 1st, Hermiston, OR
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Mon Sept 7, 2026

- **Labor Day**
  Calendar: Board Members
  Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Tue Sept 8, 2026

7:00pm – 9:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Pasco, HS
Where: Edgar Brown Stadium, 601 N 18th Ave, Pasco, WA
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

7:00pm – 9:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Kennewick, HS
Where: Kennewick HS, 560 W 6th Ave, Kennewick, WA
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Thu Sept 10, 2026

3:30pm – 6:30pm Girls Varsity Softball @ AC Davis HS
Where: Kiwanis Park, 1501 East Maple St Yakima, WA
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

7:00pm – 9:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs Walla Walla HS
Where: Kennison Field, Hermiston High School, 600 S 1st, Hermiston, OR
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

7:00pm – 9:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Richland HS
Where: Kennison Field, Hermiston High School, 600 S 1st, Hermiston, OR
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Fri Sept 11, 2026

6:00p.m.-10:00p.m. Salute for Service Event
Where: Kennison Field Hermiston High Schools
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

7:00pm – 9:00pm Boys Varsity Football vs West Valley HS (Spokane)
Where: Kennison Field, Hermiston High School, 600 S 1st, Hermiston, OR
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

Mon Sept 14, 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm Regular Board Meeting
Where: DO Boardroom
Calendar: Board Members
Created by: Rosa Cerda-Diaz

OSBA 80TH YEAR CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 12-14

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 15, 2026