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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in the District Board Room broadcast via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Larry Ringnalda called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:16 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members	**Administrators/Board Secretary**
Larry Ringnalda, Chair	Amy Fast Superintendent
Kraig Albright, Vice Chair	Molly Arce, District Secretary
Veronica Palmer - ***Absent***	
Pieper Sweeney	
Ann Coleman	**Student Board Members**
Terri Paysinger	Lillie Brooks - ***Absent***
Christopher Wytoski	Cash Yount - ***Absent***

PUBLIC COMMENT
No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve April 8, 2025, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve April 8, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Confirm Employment
    - Kristen Smith, Fiscal Specialist

It was moved by **Director Kraig Albright**, seconded by **Director Chris Wytoski** and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the consent agenda.

REPORTS

Financial Report
DeAnna, Business Manager, reported:
The May financial report will be sent to Board Members for review.

Student Service Report
Eric Palacios, Reported:
Special Education

- Completed the ODE Cyclical Monitoring (Cohort B), including submission of all corrected IEPs and documents. The process provided valuable professional development and insight; the next cycle will occur in 2026–2027.

- Welcomed new special education teachers across multiple levels, bringing experience and contributing to strong student/program growth.
- In-person speech therapy resumed this year, showing positive student outcomes.
- *Legislative Highlights* (pending approval):
    - **HB 2953**: Potential increased special education funding via ADMw cap removal.
    - **HB 3007**: New planning requirements for students with TBI.
    - **HB 3835**: Stricter rules on student restraint/seclusion; Dayton is already focused on using these as last resorts.

English Language Development (ELD)

- Adopted new ELD curriculum (Systematic ELD from EL Achieve) and provided 5 days of training.
- Currently developing a new system to monitor exited/waived students.
- 15 students (11.36%) exited the ELD program this year.
- Building a cohesive K–12 ELD structure with collaborative PLCs, including family liaison involvement.
- Next year's focus: strengthening secondary-level ELD supports in core content areas.

Talented and Gifted (TAG)

- Ongoing TAG plan updates and exploration of improved strategies.
- Implementing a universal screener for all second graders in October.
- *Legislative Note*: **SB 933** may introduce new reporting requirements for TAG programs.

Health Services

- Thanks to Nurse Denise Driver (WESD) for service; a direct hire for a school nurse is being pursued.
- Nurse will ideally support both student health and the HS Health Services Pathway.
- *Legislative Notes*:
    - **HB 2948**: May require a designated "Nursing Supervisor."
    - **HB 2993**: Expands student access to eye exams/glasses; potential partnership with Lions Club discussed.

Family Liaisons

- Hosted successful events including Conexion Latina nights and a Cinco de Mayo celebration in partnership with the city.
- The team is exploring ways to expand resources for all Dayton families.

Migrant Education Program

- Serving around 15–16 stable students annually; ongoing monitoring, mentoring, and family support services provided.
- Continued efforts to adapt services to evolving family needs.

McKinney-Vento Program

- Supporting approximately 40–45 students this year.
- Efforts underway to improve identification systems for eligible students.
- Services include transportation, academic monitoring, mentoring, and resource referrals.

<u>College and Career Update</u>

Efrain Arredonon Reported:

Vision: *Your Journey Starts Here* — Supporting students through strong communication, exposure to opportunities, and efficient systems.

Key Focus Areas:

- **Communication & Access:** Prioritized consistent outreach to students, families, and staff via ParentSquare, classroom postings, and digital tools. Created visual tools and QR codes to streamline scholarship access and event details.
- **Efficiency & Organization:** Operating as a part-time role, the center emphasized time efficiency and organized systems, including leveraging community partners and multiple communication avenues.
- **Exposure & Engagement:**
    - Hosted **22 college, industry, and program representatives**.
    - Participated in or facilitated **8 College & Career events** and **11 field trips** to expose students to post-secondary pathways.
    - Collected Class of 2025 interview data and shared outcomes with families.

Scholarship Season:

- Promoted a centralized **Google Scholarship Calendar** and used QR codes/links to improve access and awareness.
- Celebrated a **record number of Oregon Scholars applicants** (21 of 24 seniors).

Student Programs & Progress:

- Launched a **pre-apprenticeship program** with 6 students enrolled.
- Focused on student success: celebrating milestones, supporting graduation goals, and helping students explore their individual paths.

Acknowledgments:

- Special thanks to Patty Ringnalda, Nurse Denise Driver, cafeteria staff, and teachers for making student trips and events possible.

Reflection & Growth:

- Continued development of student support systems.
- Identified needs for better system alignment, improved data collection, and research into successful models at other schools.

Student Representation – 2025/2026 School Year

Robin VanBuren Director of Teaching and Learning shared an update regarding student representation for the upcoming school year. The District is pleased to announce that **Ryan Crosser** and **Kendra Fuller** have been selected to serve as **Student Representatives to the School Board** for the **2025–2026 school year**. These students will provide valuable insight and represent the student voice in board discussions and decision-making

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events

- Next Regular Board Meeting June 10, 2025 beginning at 6:00PM in the district board room.
- Next Budget Meeting May 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the district board room.

BUSINESS

Adoption of 2025/2026 Meal/Fee Schedule

A motion was made by **Director Christopher Wytoski** to move the adoption of the **2025/2026 Meal and Fee Schedule** to the **June School Board Meeting**. The motion was seconded by **Director Kraig Albright**.
The motion **passed unanimously (6-0)**.

The board will revisit and consider approval of the Meal/Fee Schedule at the June meeting.

Re-Appoint Artuo Vargas to the Willamette ESD Board as our Zone 1 Director
It was moved by **Director Terri Paysinger**, seconded by **Director Christopher Wytoski**, and carried unanimously **(6-0)** to **approve the re-appointment of Arturo Vargas** to the **Willamette ESD Board as the Zone 1 Director**.

Adoption of Science Curriculum
It was moved by **Director Kraig Albright**, seconded by **Director Christopher Wytoski**, and carried unanimously **(6-0)** to **adopt the HMH Science curriculum for Grades K–5**.

Adoption of Health Curriculum
It was moved by **Director Kraig Albright**, seconded by **Director Kraig Albright**, and carried unanimously **(6-0)** to **adopt the *Live Well* Health curriculum for Grades 6–12**.

Approve Overnight Request
It was moved by **Director Terri Paysinger**, seconded by **Director Pieper Sweeny**, and carried unanimously **(6-0)** to **approve the overnight travel request submitted by Krista Carpino** for the **SkillsUSA Out-of-State Competition** in **Atlanta, Georgia**, scheduled for **June 22–27, 2025**.

Board Reflections:

- **Director Christopher Wytoski** expressed his excitement about the updates shared by Efrain regarding the College and Career Center, highlighting the meaningful impact the program is having on students.
- **Director Ana Coleman** shared her enthusiasm and optimism for the future.
- **Director Kraig Albright** echoed his excitement for the College and Career Center and expressed appreciation for the work of the Budget Committee and their efforts.
- **Director Larry Ringnalda** extended his thanks to the District Office staff for their hard work and dedication, noting the positive improvements across the district.
- **Director Pieper Sweeny** also thanked the District Office for their efforts, particularly in preparing the district budget.
- **Director Terri Paysinger** agreed with her fellow board members' comments and expressed shared appreciation for the hard work and progress being made.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
No Future agenda items were discussed

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ringnalda, Chair
Dayton Board of Education

Molly Arce, Board Secretary
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