HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Administration Center, 3083 NE 49th Place, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
5:15 PM

Please note that the estimated times for specific items on Board meeting agendas are subject to change; if audience members wish to be present for specific agenda items, they are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the estimated time. A livestream link can be found at the top of the hsd website: https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/ on the morning of the meeting.

1. **5:15 PM - Work Session**
   - A. Call to Order
     Presenter: Ivette Pantoja
     Time: 5:15 PM
   - B. Legislative Priorities Discussion 2
     Presenters: Ivette Pantoja / Beth Graser
     Time: 5:15 PM, 30 minutes
   - C. Bond Development Update 4
     Presenter: Beth Graser
     Time: 5:45 PM, 60 minutes
   - D. Discussion Time
     Presenter: Ivette Pantoja
     Time: 6:45 PM, 10 minutes
   - E. Adjourn Work Session
     Presenter: Ivette Pantoja
     Time: 6:55 PM
   - F. Next Meetings of the Board of Directors
     • January 27, 2026, Board Work / Regular Session
     • February 10, 2026, Work Session

The Board meeting packet may be found on the District website: https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/board.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

SITUATION

In February 2026, the Oregon Legislature will enter a short (35-day) session. Because of its limited duration, short sessions typically do not warrant the development of a full slate of priorities. However, because the state is facing several monetary and political pressures, we believe it is important to provide some clear, unified messages along with other school districts.

The following page was shared with elected officials at the Washington County Legislative Summit last Wednesday and enumerates our key advocacy points: No cuts to K-12 budgets, understand that we are in a structural deficit where increases to revenue are being outpaced by increases to expenses, and consider an additional measure of PERS relief.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Directors listen to the update and reiterate our priorities when talking with elected officials.

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2026 Short Session Legislative Priorities

2025-26 Priority

- **No mid-year cuts to education**
    - *Justification*: **Mid-year budget reductions are extremely difficult to implement**, especially on top of reductions that have already been made heading into the school year. They also **compromise constituent input and strategy**, due to the compressed timeline, and have the effect of simply **exacerbating deficits in subsequent years**.

2026-27 Priorities

- **No cuts to education**
    - *Justification*: **Funding public education** is one of **Oregon's core responsibilities** and an expectation of taxpayers.
    - *Justification*: **Money provided** through the State School Fund, Student Investment Act, Measure 98, and the Early Literacy Grant is currently **insufficient** to meet the needs of many of Oregon's school districts.
    - *Justification*: Schools in Oregon operate in a **structural deficit** - meaning **expenses are outpacing revenues nearly two-to-one**.
        - 2025-27 SSF of $11.36B = 11% increase in revenue vs. 2023-25
        - 2025-27 expenses have increased 18-19% vs. 2023-25
            - These lines will not meet unless there is an increase to revenue or a decrease to expenses
            - Major cost drivers include PERS, special education, bargaining agreements, behavioral health needs, unfunded requirements
- **Additional PERS relief**
    - *Justification*: PERS is one of the **largest and fastest-growing pressures** on school budgets.
        - In HSD, PERS alone is about **24%** of personnel salary costs which are 82% of General Fund expenditures.
        - Every dollar absorbed by PERS is a dollar not available for students.
        - Paying down school districts' unfunded actuarial liability is an **equitable way to help lower districts' expenses** and would not require individual disbursements.
- **Accountability takes resources**
    - *Justification*: **Resources are needed** to meet our and the State's **lofty goals for students**. Students deserve **robust opportunities** to fulfill their potential.
    - *Justification*: **Local context matters**. Districts differ widely in size, geography, and access to local revenue. Policy works best when it reflects local context - not just statewide averages.

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BOND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

SITUATION

We are at the point in our bond development process where we are ready to share information and preliminary package options with our community. While we will continue refining materials for the community open house events on January 22, January 28, and February 5, we wanted to give you a preview of how the presentation is shaping up, answer questions, and incorporate any feedback you may have.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Directors listen to the presentation, ask questions, and provide any feedback they may have for the upcoming open house events.