

Dayton School District #8

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 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 6:11 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	Sean Burke Interim Director of Operation-Absent
Veronica Palmer -Zoom	Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Pieper Sweeney	Molly Arce, Data Specialist/Board Secretary
Ann Coleman	Student Board Members
Terri Paysinger	Ryan Crosser
Christopher Wytoski - Zoom (arrived late)	Kendra Fuller

Additions, Deletions, and Amendments to Agenda:

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Terry Paysinger, seconded by Director Kraig Albright, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. (Director Christopher Wytoski arrived late, was not present to vote)

- Approve 2025-09-09 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve 2025-09-09 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve 2025-09-09 Work Session Board Meeting Minutes

Confirm New Employees

- Blake Larsen - Varsity Boys Wrestling Coach
- Jorge Miramontes - Junior High Co-Ed Soccer Coach
- Cynthia Walsh - High School Asst. Girls Basketball Coach
- Shannon Bell - JV2 Volleyball Coach
- Betty Jo Wafer - Junior High 1:1 IA SLC
- Kaden Fast - Student Intern

REPORTS

Maintenance Report Presented by: Otto Rice

Custodians worked extremely hard over the summer, often putting in up to 100 hours a week of filling in to prepare for the start of school, including moving furniture and covering shifts. Otto Rice and Robert Osburn from maintenance have been catching up on backlogged work orders now that the team is fully staffed.

Completed Projects:

- Installed new, durable carpet in high school rooms
- Added a water spout in the new art room
- Installed a sub pump (cost-saving alternative to in-floor system)
- Striped all parking lots
- Added new mulch near the new gym (C & D)
- Electrical upgrades in HS room 7 and staff room
- New lights in HS science breezeway
- Grade school brush clearing and walk-in freezer maintenance
- Junior high updates: staff room sink, office front counter, AC repair, fan coil bearing replacement, and parking lot striping

Upcoming Projects:

- Stadium beam repair
- Grade school drain repair
- Junior high gate installation
- 50 building water bottle filling stations
- High school reader board
- High school science fume hood installation

Safety:

The first staff safety committee meeting of the year was held last week, covering Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Training, campus security, Standard Response Protocols (SRP), and “Run, Hide, Fight” procedures.

Business Report Presented by: Superintendent Amy Fast on behalf of DeAnn O’Neil and Jan Bunn

1. S&P Credit Rating Update

- **Reaffirmed Rating:** S&P Global reaffirmed Dayton School District’s **A+ credit rating** on its General Obligation Bonds and **removed the district from CreditWatch**, citing strong fiscal management and stability.
- **Outlook:** The outlook remains “**Negative**,” reflecting **statewide enrollment and economic pressures**, not district-specific issues.
- **Fiscal Focus:** The district will continue maintaining **healthy reserves, prudent spending, and transparent reporting** with a goal of returning to a “Stable” outlook in the next review.
- **Significance:** Maintaining the A+ rating supports **favorable borrowing rates** for future capital projects.

2. FY 2025-26 Year-to-Date Financial Report

- **General Fund:** Revenues are tracking at **\$9.66M** and expenditures at **\$6.94M**, consistent with first-quarter expectations. Beginning fund balance is **\$2.6M**, reflecting planned reserve use for staffing and one-time needs.
- **Grants:** Federal and state grants (SIA, CTE Revitalization, IDEA, Preschool Promise) are on budget; **ESSER funds are nearly closed out**.

- **Debt & Capital Funds:** Debt service funds remain healthy, and the **Capital Improvement Fund** retains approximately **\$218K** for small projects and matching opportunities.
- **Overall Position:** Total district resources stand at **\$22.1M** with an ending cash balance near **\$2.43M**, indicating **stable financial health** as federal relief funding phases out.

3. Construction Excise Tax and Contracts

- **Collective Bargaining Agreements:** Reaffirmation of **DEA and OSEA contracts (2018–2021)** with extensions and a one-year delay to tiered benefits to manage costs collaboratively.
- **Administrative & Confidential Contracts:** Updated **salary and benefit packages** align with 2025–26 approved parameters; **Superintendent's contract addendum** continues per prior board action.
- **Construction Excise Tax (CET):** **No rate changes or new actions** required; current CET levels remain **below state thresholds** and funds are available for **small capital projects**.

Summary Statement:

The district's **credit standing remains strong**, **financial operations are stable** through the first quarter, and tonight's contract and tax items serve to **maintain compliance and accurate records**.

Superintendent Report: Presented by: Superintendent Amy Fast (included in Board Packet)

1. Professionalism Goals

Professional Learning: By May 2026, all staff will complete at least two professional development activities aligned with Domain D to foster a respectful, supportive culture.

Positive Culture: Aim to reduce documented staff culture concerns (complaints, HR reports, etc.) by 50% from fall to spring through targeted learning, clear norms, and leadership modeling.

Collaborative Team Health: Each PLC/grade-level team will use a "Team Health Rubric" quarterly, demonstrating a 10% improvement each term in collaboration and effectiveness (aligned with Standards 9 & 10).

2. Student Achievement Goals

Math & ELA Proficiency: By June 2026, increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade-level benchmarks in ELA and Math on OSAS by 10% districtwide through collaborative instructional planning.

Instructional Practice: All PLCs will review and analyze common formative assessment data monthly to guide instruction based on established norms and protocols.

Culture of Collective Efficacy: Staff agreement with the statement "Students are getting a high-quality education at this school" will rise from 48% to 85% by 2026 (Standard 10).

3. Inservice Update

Presentation slides from the recent inservice were shared.

4. Business Report

Art Donation: Received from the Richard Thompson Estate in Dayton.

S&P Report: Used by bond investors; district's favorable rating remains important even though bonds are backed by the State of Oregon.

Construction Excise Tax: District certifies rates for County and City building permits; revenue supports the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 410), separate from the bond construction fund.

Summary: Indexing of School Construction Tax Limits (ORS 320.170)

Last Updated: July 14, 2025

Overview:

Senate Bill 1036 (2007) authorized Oregon school districts to levy a **construction excise tax** on new developments, measured by the square footage of improvements. Certain property types—such as affordable housing, public and agricultural buildings, hospitals, private schools, and religious facilities—are exempt.

Administration and Use:

- Revenues must fund **capital improvements** and may be used to **repay capital debt**.
- Taxes are collected by the **local permitting authority** (e.g., city or county) under an **intergovernmental agreement**.
- **Collection costs** are limited to **4%** of revenues, and **DCBS** may charge a **0.25% administrative fee**.
- School districts receiving these revenues must maintain **long-term facility plans**.

Tax Limits and Indexing:

- Original (2007) limits:
 - **\$1.00 per sq. ft.** for residential
 - **\$0.50 per sq. ft.** for nonresidential
 - **\$25,000 maximum** per nonresidential property
- Since 2009, limits are **indexed annually to inflation** using the **Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI)**.
- The **Department of Revenue (DOR)** updates limits annually and, via the **Department of Education**, notifies affected school districts.

Indexed Tax Rate Limits by Fiscal Year:

Fiscal Yr	Residential (\$/ <u>sq.ft</u>)	Non Residential (\$/sq)	Non Residential Max (\$)
23/24	1.56	.78	39,100
24/25	1.63	.82	40,800
25/26	1.67	.84	41,800
26/27	1.70	.85	42,400

Key Point: The school construction excise tax provides a stable, inflation-adjusted funding source for school facility improvements while maintaining statutory limits and administrative controls.

SIA Update: Presented by Amy Fast for Robin Vanburen

1. Progress and Successes

Significant improvement in the **9th-grade on-track rate**, increasing to **87.1%**, a **13% improvement** from the previous year.

- Success credited to a dedicated **ninth-grade on-track team** that met bi-weekly to provide targeted **Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions** for students.
- Progress supports movement toward **Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets (LPGT)**.

2. Challenges and Barriers

- Ongoing struggles with **student attendance**, especially among **Tier 3 students** who remain chronically absent despite interventions.

- The school identifies a need for **additional state-level support**, noting that this is a widespread issue across Oregon districts.

3. Metric Review and Future Focus (2024–25)

- **Academic Growth:**
 - Positive gains in **OSAS test performance**, especially in **5th grade reading and math**, attributed to strong team collaboration and curriculum design.
 - **Math pass rates** improved by **4% overall**.
 - **Attendance:**
 - **65.8%** of students were not *chronically absent*, below the **67% target**.
 - **Graduation Rate:**
 - Exceeded the **88.1% target** with a **93.4% four-year graduation rate**.
- ELA Performance:**
- **28.6%** of 3rd graders met or exceeded ELA standards—higher than the **22.4% goal**, though a decline from the previous year's cohort.
 - The district plans to **adjust strategies** based on these outcomes to better align with goals in attendance and academic growth.

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events

- Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday November 11, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM
- Oregon School Board Association Annual Convention, November 6–8, 2025, at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront.

BUSINESS

Approve Division 22 Assurances:

It was moved by Director Terry Paysinger, seconded by Director Peiper Sweeney, and carried unanimously (7–0) to approve Division 22 Assurances for the 2025–2026 School Year as presented.

Approve Overnight Request:

- Overnight request submitted by Mandy Stahl (Head Girls Wrestling Coach) High School Boys and Girls Wrestling Team
 - Grants Pass Winter Kickoff in Grants Pass, Oregon - December 18th - 20th, 2025
 - Regional Tournament - TBD - February 20th and 21st, 2026
 - State Wrestling in Portland, Oregon - February 26th to 28th, 2026

It was moved by Director Terry Paysinger, seconded by Director Kraig Albright, and carried unanimously (7–0) to approve overnight request for High School Boys and Girls Wrestling Team as presented.

Board Reflections

Director Chris Wytoski: — No comments noted.

Director Ann Coleman: Good meeting.

Director Veronica Palmer: — No comments noted.

Director Kraig Albright: Glad to see staff is aligned and engaged.

Director Larry Ringnald: — No comments noted.

Director Pieper Sweeney: Feels positive about goals and the direction we're moving with parents.

Director Terri Paysinger: Feels we are finally moving forward and is glad Amy can focus and redirect negative outside objections.

Student Representatives

Ryan Crosser: Shared a concern that there is currently no English teacher.

Kendra Fuller: Reported that students are happy school is up and running and are also asking about English classes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No Future agenda items were discussed

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Bignalda, Chair

Dayton Board of Education



Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary

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