

Dayton School District #8

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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 7:02PM 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	Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Veronica Palmer -zoom	
Pieper Sweeney	
Ann Coleman-Absent	Student Board Members
Terri Paysinger	Ryan Crosser-Absent
Christopher Wytoski	Kendra Fuller -Absent

Additions, Deletions, and Amendments to Agenda:

Director Christopher Wytoski and Director Pieper Sweeney motion the additional item to the Discussion section of the agenda of School Calendar. (5-0) passes (Veronica left to zoom in)

Director Christopher Wytoski approved and Director Kraig Albright seconded the addition (5-0)

Director Christopher Wytoski motioned to adopt the new agenda and Director Pieper Sweeney seconded to adopt the Agenda (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheryl Walsh gave her comment on the agenda item: Open hearing/Employment Action. She expressed that she doesn't feel the teacher in discussion had much support and if tonight's meeting was to determine her employment she is in full support of keeping the teacher on staff. Sheryl mentioned how much she did not appreciate some comments from the past board meetings about this matter and felt the teacher was attacked and admitted not knowing much of the facts surrounding the topic.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Kraig Albright, seconded by Director Terri Paysinger, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Approve 2026-01-13 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Board Chair Action

REPORTS

- Equity Committee Eric Palacios, Maria Alcaraz-Reyes

Presented slide show, shared parent survey. Launched survey during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Key Takeaways were Strong positive perception of staff, Safe & Well-Functioning School. Areas of Improvement is Parents do not feel fully heard, and concerns about impact of feedback (families are unsure whether their input leads to action).

- Professionalism/Goals Standards

Dana Symons, Jami Fluke, Robin VanBuren

Jami Fluke, Robin VanBuren and Dana Symons presented a slideshow highlighting academic progress and professional learning initiatives across grade levels.

Grade School Update (K-5 Literacy Focus):

The primary goal is to ensure that 95% of students are reading at grade level by the end of Grade 2 through targeted resources and staffing support.

Reported growth from June 2025 to present includes:

- Kindergarten to Grade 1: Increased from 59% at grade level to 71%.
- Grade 1 to Grade 2: Increased from 75% at grade level to 78%.
- Grade 2 to Grade 3: Increased from 49% at grade level to 66%.
- Grade 3 to Grade 4: Increased from 53% at grade level to 71%.
- Grade 4 to Grade 5: Increased from 42% at grade level to 57%.

Overall, significant literacy growth was reported across the grade school.

Junior High/High School Update:

The Junior High and High School staff reviewed and agreed upon professional learning norms to guide collaboration and continuous improvement. The norms are:

- Be Present
- Assume Positive Intent
- Step Up, Step Back
- Stay Solution-Oriented
- Respect Time
- Connect Learning to Practice

The presentation concluded with an acknowledgment of continued efforts to support student achievement and professional growth district-wide.

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events

Director Chris Wytoski added School Calendars to the discussion agenda and requested that additional information and data be gathered regarding the possibility of a four-day school week including reaching out to parents for their input and also why did the schools that switched to a four day school week change and what are their thoughts. Director Christopher Wytoski also mentioned that he would offer his help with the committee in gathering more data. Director Kraig Albright also requested more detailed data outlining what a four-day school week would look like and thinks Dayton needs to be creative if moving to a four day school week.

Board Chair Larry Ringnalda was concerned with the athletes, and how much time in school they would miss. Robin VanBuren let him know that from her discussions, there was less of a negative impact than expected.

Director Terri Paysinger emphasized that student attendance is a key factor in the discussion. She noted that if any board member is firmly opposed to a four-day school week regardless of the data, the board should consider whether it is an effective use of administrative time to collect extensive information. The options for the school calendar were broken down to four options: Do nothing, Go to a four day school week, Go to a Block Schedule, or a four day school week with a Block Schedule.

Director Pieper Sweeney stated that while she is not currently in favor of a four-day school week, she is open to reviewing the data and would consider changing her position based on the findings.

Director Christopher Wytoski invited Superintendent Amy Fast to share her perspective. Dr. Fast indicated she is less interested in the data itself, expressing concern that it may not be sufficient to guide the decision. She emphasized the importance of the team that would serve students and the instructional resources required to successfully implement a four-day week. She stated that if the district moves forward with this model, leadership would need to fully commit and lead the effort. Superintendent Fast doesn't feel the current schedule is ideal for the goal. She asked the school board to reach out to the community and hold "coffee forums" to gather feedback. And asked that this be a change for the near future.

Robin will return at the March meeting with additional data. Director Chris Wytoski offered to assist in gathering further information.

- Next Work Session, Tuesday March 10 , 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM Board Chair
- Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday March 10, 2026 beginning at 7:00 PM Board Chair

BUSINESS

- Second Reading **All policies were approved. Motioned by Director Kraig Albright and Seconded by Director Terri Paysinger. Passed (6-0)**
- -BCF-Advisory Committees to the Board, Optional
- -CEA-Educational Equity Advisory Committee, Optional, New
- -DBEA-Budget Committee, Version 2, Highly Recommended
- -GCBD/GDBD-Sick Leave-Personal Illness and Injury Leave*, Optional
- -IF-District Curriculum, Optional
- -IF-Curriculum Development (Version 2) Delete
- -IGBAB/JO-AR-Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities, Required
- -IIA-Instructional Materials**, Highly Recommended

- IKF-Graduation Requirements**, Conditionally Required
- JFCEB-Personal Electronic Devices*/**, Required, New
- JFCEB-Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exception,Optional, New
- JO/IGBAB-AR-Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities, Required
- JOA–Directory Information**, Required
- LBEA–Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Student Enrollment**, Conditionally Required
 - Overnight Request submitted by Cody Stahl (FBLA) for State Competition April 9-11 in Eugene, OR. **All overnight requests were approved by the School Board. Motioned by Director Christopher Wytoski and Seconded by Director Kraig Albright. Passed (6-0)**
 - Overnight Request submitted by Cody Stahl (FBLA) for National competition June 29-July 2 in San Antonio, TX.
 - SIA Grant Agreement: **Motion to approve by Director Terri Paysinger, Seconded by Director Christopher Wytoski. Passed (6-0)**
 - Integrated Pest Management: **Motion to approve by Director Terri Paysinger, Seconded by Director Christopher Wytoski. Passed (6-0)**
 - Open Hearing/Employment Action: Alicia Wilson Gabor gave her speech after Dr. Fast gave her recommendation for termination. Alicia Wilson Gabor wanted the board to know that she will not be discussing the allegations but to speak on the way she works with others. She gave examples of how she contributed to Dayton and supported the students. **Director Terri Paysinger Motioned to support Dr. Fast’s recommendation to terminate employee, Director Kraig Albright Seconded. Passed (6-0)**

Board Reflections

Director Chris Wytoski:

Director Ann Coleman: *Absent*

Director Veronica Palmer: *Zoom*

Director Kraig Albright: *Loves that every decision is focused on students.*

Director Larry Ringnald:

Director Pieper Sweeney: *Likes that even though she is against a 4 day week, she is excited for options.*

Director Terri Paysinger: *Appreciates the Team Amy put together.*

Student Representatives

Ryan Crosser: *Absent*

Kendra Fuller: *Absent*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adding the school calendar to the Discussion for March agenda.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23PM.

Executive session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(i):

started at 8:27pm

This section specifically permits executive sessions to consult with counsel about legal rights and duties regarding current or likely litigation.

Executive Session ended at 8:42pm

Re Open regular session at 8:43pm

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Ringnald, Chair
Dayton Board of Education



Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
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