

Dayton School District #8www.daytonk12.org**REGULAR BOARD MEETING****Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 in the District Board Room broadcast via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Larry Ringnald called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:06PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members	Administrators/Board Secretary
Larry Ringnald, Chair	Amy Fast, Superintendent
Kraig Albright, Vice Chair	Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Veronica Palmer	
Pieper Sweeney	
Ann Coleman	Student Board Members
Terri Paysinger	Ryan Crosser
Christopher Wytoski	Kendra Fuller - <i>Absent</i>

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No Changes to the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Kraig Albright, seconded by Director Terri Paysinger, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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| • Approve 2026-02-10 Regular Board Meeting Minutes | Board Chair | Action |
| • Approve 2026-02-10 Special Session Meeting Minutes | Board Chair | Action |
| • Approve 2026-01-13 Special Session Meeting Minutes | Board Chair | Action |

It was motioned by Director Kraig Albright to approve the above meeting minutes and Seconded by Director Terri Paysinger. Passes (7-0)

REPORTS Audit Report – Kori Sarrett, Accuity

Kori Sarrett of Accuity presented the audit report via Zoom and reviewed the district's financial statements. She reported that there were no issues with current staffing or financial controls and recommended maintaining the existing systems. Director Christopher Wytoski asked whether training opportunities were available for district staff on financial reporting. Kori confirmed that training resources are available and that she will provide the information to Amy. Kori also reviewed the federal compliance audit related to the ESSER and Child Nutrition grants and reported that both programs were in compliance. She noted that a small number of journal entries required correction. The district operates on an accrual-based approach for certain entries, and staff members DeAnn and Jan have learned how to correct those errors.

Kori stated that no staff members in the district are currently trained to draft the full financial statements and disclosures. She also noted that several over-expenditures were identified during the audit but indicated that these should not be an issue in the future. The systems that required additional controls were in place prior to Superintendent Fast and the current staff, and improvements have already been implemented.

Kori reported that the General Fund had approximately \$3 million in carryover. The fund balance had been decreasing due to prior financial systems and practices. Director Terri Paysinger asked whether the district should consider changing from a cash-based system to an accrual-based system. Kori recommended keeping the current cash-basis system in place for simplicity until a new business manager is hired and comfortable with any potential transition. She also noted that the district's current financial software supports the cash-basis system more efficiently.

Director Terri Paysinger also asked about the decrease in funds. Kori explained that the reduction was largely related to staffing costs.

Director Christopher Wytoski asked which funds had over-expenditures. Kori reported the following:

- General Fund – Instruction: \$81,000 over budget
- General Fund – Enterprise and Community Service: \$1,700 over budget
- Debt Service Fund: \$6,700 over budget

She also noted that approximately \$100,000 in facilities spending occurred within the General Fund where no funds had been budgeted.

Superintendent Fast explained that the facilities expenditure occurred due to incorrect budget codes being used. She stated that new internal controls have been implemented to prevent similar issues in the future. Additionally, four staff members, including herself, will be attending financial training through Oregon Association of School Business Officials (OASBO).

Director Terri Paysinger commented that the identified issues occurred prior to Superintendent Amy Fast's adjustments and that they have since been addressed and corrected. Superintendent Fast added that expenditures now come across her desk for approval as an additional internal control to prevent overspending.

Kori concluded by explaining that the district must submit a corrective action plan to the Oregon Secretary of State outlining the audit findings and the steps being taken to address them.

Superintendent Report by Amy Fast

Financial Update

- The district received an updated state revenue estimate for the current fiscal year showing a projected decrease of approximately \$500,000 compared to earlier projections.
- The district was also notified that PERS side accounts are expected to be depleted sooner than anticipated, which will increase future retirement contribution costs.
- In response, the district has implemented a temporary pause on discretionary spending, limiting purchases to those necessary for operations, student services, safety, and infrastructure.
- This measure is intended to slow expenditures while protecting current staffing levels and student services.
- Administration will continue to monitor expenditures and provide updates to the board as the fiscal year progresses.

Labor Relations

- Initial planning conversations have begun with both employee associations in preparation for the upcoming bargaining cycle.
- Discussions to date have focused on timelines and negotiation processes, with formal negotiations scheduled to begin early next month.
- Both groups have engaged in the early discussions collaboratively.

State Testing Preparation

- Teachers and instructional teams are preparing for the upcoming state assessment window.
- Staff are aligning instruction to standards and monitoring student progress through common assessments and classroom evidence of learning.
- Ongoing instructional work in literacy, writing, speaking, and critical thinking is expected to support student achievement.

Calendar and Schedule Development

- Staff committees have spent recent months reviewing future school calendar and schedule options, considering instructional minutes, student needs, staff needs, and operational factors.
- Several proposals were developed and presented to the board during the evening worksession.
- Administration acknowledged and thanked staff members for their time, collaboration, and professionalism in developing these proposals.

Winter Sports Report by Frank Baumholtz:

Winter Athletics participation was as follows:

Junior High- 88 Participants

Girls Wrestling-10

Boys Wrestling-25

Boys Basketball-32

Girls Basketball-11

HighSchool-101 Participants

Cheer-18

Girls Wrestling-17

Boys Wrestling-24

Boys Basketball-29

Girls Basketball-13

For Boys Wrestling: Sam Walsh placed 3rd, Micah Alvarez placed 3rd and Alejandro Magana placed 2nd.

For Girls Wrestling: KaylinRay Pelletier was a State Qualifier and Aliyah Saucedo placed 3rd in State.

Girls Basketball: PacWest 5th Place, Overall 13-12 season and 7-9 League. All league honors: Hadley Hughes got 1st Team, Charley Upmeyer and Isabella Lopez got Honorable Mention.

Boys Basketball: PacWest 6th Place, Overall 10-14, 7-9 League. All league honors: Tanner Gentry got 3rd Team.

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events Next Board meeting is on April 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.

2026-2027 Calendar Preview: Discussed more on calendar options.

Director Terri Paysinger mentioned that one of her hang ups was the "ReSet" weeks and the optics of it. Superintendent Fast explained that the ReSet weeks are for the staff to review all the student's data and identify the students that need more academic support.

Superintendent Fast mentioned that there is a risk with the ReSet week if not used properly. And asks the board to really research it and ask the community. For the students that do not need intensive intervention can utilize more CTE, electives or internships.

Director Pieper Sweeney mentioned she liked the A/B rolling block schedule best. What the board expressed is that they like the flexibility of a block schedule and how in depth students can go into that. What Superintendent Fast is hoping is that the board can give more feedback so they know which direction to go for schedules and where to put their focus. Director Christopher Wytoski emphasized how much he really liked the Embedded Staff Development sample that was given and the flex schedule. Director Kraig Albright was concerned with if the staff is all on board to move forward and if any changes need to be done in phases. Superintendent Fast said that they have been reaching out to staff members, not all, so she would like to put together the plan then reach out to all staff and community members to ask how they weigh in on it. Superintendent Fast mentioned putting together just three calendars from the input received from the board and asking the board to also reach out and gather information from staff and community by hosting gatherings. Director Ann Coleman suggested easing into a new schedule, maybe having a different schedule just three days a week and a more consistent schedule the other two days. Teaching the staff how to teach/plan 90 minute lessons is a challenge that the board is concerned about.

BUSINESS

- Budget Committee Calendar for Fiscal year 2026-2027 Motion to approve by Director Terri Paysinger and Seconded by Director Pieper Sweeney. Passes (7-0)
- Overnight request submitted by Reed Rainey (Baseball Coach) March 20-25 in Grants Pass, OR
- Overnight request submitted by Frank Baumholtz (Softball Coach) March 22-26 in Palm Springs, CA
- Overnight request submitted by Dave Fluke (Youth&Government) April 2-4 in Salem, OR All overnight requests were motioned by Director Christopher Wytoski to approve and Seconded by Director Ann Coleman to approve. Passes (7-0).
- Confirmation and Disposition of Licensed, Classified, Confidential, and Administrative Employment Contracts Motion by Director Terri Paysinger and Seconded by Director Kraig Albright to approve. Passes (7-0).

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

started at 8:28pm

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

“To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing” ORS 192.660(2)(i)

Executive Session ended at 8:50pm

Re Open regular session at 8:52pm

Business

Motion by Director Kraig Albright and seconded by Director Pieper Sweeney to approve the Superintendent's evaluation. Passes (7-0)

Board Reflections

Director Chris Wytoski: Loves Culinary, Thanks Amy for bringing meaningful discussions

Director Ann Coleman: Thought we had great discussions tonight

Director Veronica Palmer: Thanks to Culinary

Director Kraig Albright: Appreciate that the board is challenging status quo, and sticking necks out to find new ideas

Director Larry Ringnald: Speaking about all the feedback he hears from the students about the schools.

Director Pieper Sweeney: Excited at a new change coming to the schools on calendars

Director Terri Paysinger: Ditto

Student Representatives

Ryan Crosser:

Kendra Fuller: *Absent*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board Chair adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Ringnald, Chair

Dayton Board of Education


Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
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