Dayton School District #8

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 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 6:02PM 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
Christopher Wytoski	Kendra Fuller -Absent

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deletion of the Facilities Report presented by Board Chair Larry Ringnalda. Motion to approve by Director Kraig Albright and seconded by Director Terri Paysinger. Passes (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

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 2026-03-10 Regular Board Meeting Minutes — Board Chair — Action
- Approve 2026-03 -10 Special Session Meeting Minutes — Board Chair — Action
- Approve 2026-03-10 Work Session Meeting Minutes — Board Chair — Action
- Approve 2026-02-10 Special Board Meeting Minutes — Board Chair — Action

It was motioned by Director Pieper Sweeney to approve the above meeting minutes and Seconded by Director Christopher Wytoski. Passes (6-0)

REPORTS

Superintendent Report — Amy Fast

School Funding and Long-Range Planning

The Board received an update on school funding and long-range planning. While state revenue projections remain relatively stable, expenditures are expected to rise significantly across multiple areas. It was noted that PERS side accounts are projected to be depleted by 2027. The District has begun developing a long-range personnel strategy focused on natural attrition, including retirements and resignations, to help control staffing costs and maintain program stability. This approach is intended to preserve an adequate ending fund balance. The Board was advised that budget conditions are expected to become more constrained in the coming years, and updates will be provided as planning continues.

Bargaining Update
The District has officially begun bargaining with OSEA and is seeking one Board member to participate in the process. Bargaining with the licensed association will begin soon, with Larry serving as the Board's representative.

Calendar and Bell Schedule Work
The District will take additional time to further develop calendar and bell schedule options. No alternative calendar options, beyond the traditional calendar, will be presented for Board action this month. This delay is intended to allow for more thoughtful and informed decision-making in light of budget and staffing uncertainties.

ABC Dinner and Auction
The Board was reminded of the upcoming ABC Dinner and Auction scheduled for April 18th. The event was highlighted as an important source of support for student programs and opportunities.

State Testing and Accountability
The Board was informed that state testing will begin this month, with staff emphasizing student attendance, engagement, and effort. An update was also provided on Oregon's new accountability framework, which will be implemented next year and will focus on key performance indicators such as early literacy, middle school math, ninth grade on-track rates, graduation rates, and attendance. Additional guidance and updates will be shared as implementation details become available.

Director Terri Paysinger volunteered to serve on the committee for the Classified Negotiations on April 30th.

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events Next Board meeting is on May 12, 2026 at 6:00pm.
The first budget committee meeting is on May 19, 2026 at 6:00pm.
Teacher appreciation week is May 4, 2026- May 8, 2026.

Business

Interdistrict Transfer Criteria for 2026-2027 School Year was discussed and there is opening for 386 new students to Dayton Schools. Director Kraig Albright mentioned the % of kids that are homeschooled vs not being in public schools. Board members had many side discussions on their thoughts of why public schools' attendance #'s are down. It was mentioned that some parents feel in the Grade School that their student is not fully supported with their IEP, and in the Junior High some parents feel there's more social issues (social media bullying). The District is open for ideas on how to reach out to the parents of homeschooled kids to seek out why they chose that option. The District has tried on line and podcasts and other ways to reach out to inform the community about all the great things Dayton has to offer. Superintendent Fast mentioned having a work session on how and who to target with the enrollment numbers. It was mentioned to figure out a way to get an "On Line" program at Dayton so kids that have medical issues or anxiety that keeps them from attending in person school to be able to have the best of both worlds.

Motion by Director Kraig Albright and seconded by Director Terri Paysinger to approve the Interdistrict Transfer Criteria for 2026-2027. Passes (6-0)

Terri Paysinger motioned to approve the 2026/2027 Calendar option and seconded by Director Christopher Wytoski. Passes (6-0).

Terri Paysinger motioned to approve the revised budget committee calendar as presented and seconded by Director Christopher Wytoski. Passes (6-0)

Director Pieper Sweeney mentioned that once the new Ag Teacher is hired, hold some sort of meet and greet for the community to get to know them.

Board Reflections:

Director Chris Wytoski: Asked if we could get an update on the housing situation.

Director Ann Coleman: Absent

Director Veronica Palmer: Zoom

Director Kraig Albright:.Appreciates that Superintendent Fast chose to wait on the calendar changes til we can perfect it.

Director Larry Ringnalda: Nothing

Director Pieper Sweeney: Appreciates holding off on the new school calendar, and Terri's ideas on getting more students in our district that are current home school kids.

Director Terri Paysinger: Says she is aware the budget will be ugly, but says that as long as the kids are in best interest, tough decisions will need to be made but we will get through it.

Student Representatives

Ryan Crosser: *Nothing*

Kendra Fuller: *absent*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ringnalda, Chair
Dayton Board of Education

Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
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