

Dayton School District #8

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

The Board of Directors of Dayton School District No. 8 met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 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 -Absent	Amy Fast, Superintendent
Kraig Albright, Vice Chair	Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Veronica Palmer -Absent	
Pieper Sweeney	
Ann Coleman	Student Board Members
Terri Paysinger	Ryan Crosser
Christopher Wytoski	Kendra Fuller

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No Additions, Deletions, Amendments to Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Pieper Sweeney seconded by Director Terri Paysinger, and carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Approve 2026-04-14 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair

Action

Director Terri Paysinger motions Director Christopher Wytoski seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

REPORTS

Facilities Report

Otto Rice

Otto shared what the custodians have been doing; Water lead testing, AED's, and also said there is a Landscape RFP that is currently happening. He also mentioned the Reader Boards are up and running, the stadium repairs are complete and the District Office flood repairs are complete. WESD led a Safety Committee training for our district.

Robin VanBuren had two students lead the presentation with what the Garden Shed and AG program has taught them.

Robin then spoke of how the Greenhouse ASB, the Culinary/Hospitality, Precision AG, Pirate Print Shop, FFA and ETC (Engineering, Technology, Construction and more programs have their own accounts and how they are all tracked. Also that the funds support opportunities like: Travel and Competitions, Equipment and Supplies, Hands on Projects, Student Leadership, Community Events and Much More!

Attendance & Behavior

Nicole Long, Jeff Taylor

The goal is to ensure consistency across K-12 by developing and maintaining clear, cohesive systems that provide structure and support for both staff and students. By bringing Consistency, Clarity and Proactive Approach this will shift from individual decisions to a system driven approach for behavior.

Attendance is a state wide issue. Currently in our Grade School, there's 24% of our students that are chronically absent, 35% in our Junior High and 41% in our High School. District wide, that's 33% of our students that are chronically absent.

Through Systems, Calibration and Communication the staff is hoping to boost those attendance numbers.

Superintendent Report

Amy Fast

Superintendent Fast provided an update on the district's budget planning for the 2026–27 school year. Due to ongoing financial pressures affecting districts across Oregon, Dayton School District will need to reduce approximately \$2.4 million from next year's budget. The district had previously taken proactive steps, including intentionally leaving some positions unfilled during the current year to increase the ending fund balance and help lessen the impact on future reductions.

Superintendent Fast shared that some position reductions across classifications are anticipated, along with internal staffing shifts and reassignments to better align resources with district priorities. In an effort to minimize the impact on classrooms and student services, the district plans to reduce district office staffing by approximately half and decrease the number of administrative positions districtwide. Superintendent Fast also informed the Board that she requested a freeze to her salary, and administrative staff expressed willingness to do the same to help preserve employee positions.

The district's priority throughout the reduction process remains protecting services and programs most directly connected to students, including early literacy and core academic achievement, support for Special Education and English Language Development students, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities. The district has focused first on reductions through natural attrition and in areas less directly tied to classroom instruction.

Superintendent Fast stated that staffing decisions are still being finalized and that impacted employees would be notified directly before broader communication is shared. She emphasized that the district is approaching the process intentionally, with a continued focus on students and maintaining progress toward district goals.

DISCUSSION

Schedule of Board Events Next Board meeting is on June 9, 2026 at 6:00pm.

The first budget committee meeting is on May 19, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Board Reflections:

Director Chris Wytoski: appreciates all the work on Behavior and Attendance and Garden shed.

Director Ann Coleman: concerned with budget

Director Veronica Palmer: Absent

Director Kraig Albright:..Thanks the staff for working through a rough time.

Director Larry Ringnalda: Absent

Director Pieper Sweeney:Addressed the concern with students' behavior and appreciates all the work going into helping our students.

Director Terri Paysinger: Thanks the entire staff for all their hard work.

Student Representatives

Ryan Crosser:

Kendra Fuller:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Ringhalda, Chair
Dayton Board of Education



Stephanie Oliveira, Board Secretary
Dayton Board of Education

