

COUNTY OF MARICOPA
OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
Governing Board Regular Meeting
July 14, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 5:39 PM by Board President Violeta Ramos.

Violeta Ramos, Board President
Rhiannon Ford, Board Clerk
Edward Hermes, Board Member
Eric Thompson, Board Member
Ben Blink, Board Member
Mr. Felipe Carranza, Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance/Land Acknowledgement

President Ramos read the land acknowledgement.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Blink thanked Superintendent Carranza's communications and expressed excitement around future work on goals, organizational excellence and enrollment. He also noted receiving positive feedback from parents at Montecito around growth. He shared that the first event he attended as Governing Board Member was the Teacher of the Year event that made him recognize how special the Osborn community is.

Mr. Thompson echoed member Blink's comments and looks forward to the start of a new school year. He said he is looking forward to a conference he will be attending and seeing Director of Child Nutrition Cory Alexander's presentation.

Mr. Hermes shared that he and Coach Deyette had recently discussed bike safety and he plans to continue that work. He also stated the importance of safety during extreme heat and wanting to keep people safe.

Mrs. Ford attended a community breakfast hosted by Supervisor Steve Gallardo. She said that in addition to local community members other Board members were also in attendance. The topic for this event was elections. Noting that she is currently in Los Angeles attending the NALEO conference she hopes to have information to share at the next meeting.

President Ramos shared that she was not present for the last meeting because she was volunteering with XX who she hopes the district may partner with in the future. She also hopes to have an opportunity to share information next meeting from the NALEO Conference she is currently attending.

District Celebrations and Announcements

Mr. Carranza shared his appreciation for the efforts of Principal Fernandez and Cristina Delgado during this time of loss. Mr. Carranza introduced D.D. Goslar-Carr as the new Executive Director of Human Resources noting that teaching positions are 100% filled.

Call to the Public

None.

Consent Agenda – Approval of Items Since March Meeting

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes

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1. Special Meeting of June 9, 2026
2. Special Meeting of June 23, 2026
3. Regular Meeting minutes of June 16, 2026
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
 1. New Employees
 2. Extra Duty Contracts
 3. Employment Changes/Additions
 4. Resignations
 5. Terminations
 6. Retirements
 7. Leaves of Absence
 8. Non Renewal
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Report
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal of Equipment
- I. MOUs/Agreements with Partner Organizations:
 1. Renewal of MOU with Hands on Greater Phoenix Your Experience Counts Program 2026-2027
 2. Renewal of agreement with SWHD Disability Services
 3. Approval of Renewal of Delivering Dreams
- J. Renewal of BIDs, RFPs, RFQs

Mrs. Ford motioned to approve. Mr. Hermes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Thompson aye
Mr. Blink aye

Board Presentation-

None

Admin Reports

No comments

Information/Discussion Items

President Ramos stated that she had been informed earlier in the day that there would not be an update from OEA this month.

Action Items

Approval to contract services with O'Hanlon, Demerath and Castillo (ODC) Training

The item was pulled and will be brought back at a future meeting.

Adopt 2026/27 Expenditure Budget and Approval to Spend Funds from Insurance Proceeds

There were no further questions.

Mr. Hermes moved to approve. Mrs. Ford seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Thompson aye
Mr. Blink aye

Recommendation of RFQ 2026.02 Architectural Services-Performance Auditorium Facility

Ms. McCabe shared that the district is moving into phase III of bond projects and is ready to move into the design process for the performance auditorium. She explained that approval of the award selection does not commit the Board but allows the district to begin discussion around the facility.

Mr. Hermes and Mr. Blink expressed concern around the facility noting that they did not want to rush into the project adding that there are other things they would like to see in place prior to moving this project forward.

Providing further information Ms. McCabe reiterated that approval merely allows for discussion around what the facility to be and the district would still go through the GMP and design processes similar to the Montecito project. Acknowledging member's concerns she said her intent has been to be responsive to previous discussions around acceleration of projects adding that prices are going to increase the further out projects are pushed. Discussion continued.

Mr. Thompson stated that he is in favor of having a performance center if the design fits the goals.

Mrs. Ford motioned to approve. Mrs. Ramos seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Hermes opposing the motion.

Mrs. Ramos aye
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes nay
Mr. Thompson aye
Mr. Blink aye

Recommendation of RFQ 2026.03 Award for Construction Manager at Risk

Ms. McCabe shared that this approval allows Core, who received the award, to be a part of discussions around the project.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mrs. Ford seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Hermes opposing.

Mrs. Ramos
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes nay
Mr. Thompson aye

Mr. Blink aye

To Consider, Discuss, Amend If Desired, And, If Deemed Advisable, to Adopt A Resolution Approving the Governing Board's Argument in Support Of The Special District Additional Assistance Override Election.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mr. Hermes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Thompson aye
Mr. Blink aye

To Consider, Discuss, Amend If Desired, And, If Deemed Advisable, To Adopt A Resolution Approving The Governing Board's Argument in Support Of The Special Maintenance And Operation Budget Override Election.

No edits were requested.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve. Mr. Hermes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye
Mrs. Ford aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Thompson aye
Mr. Blink aye

Board Development

none

Future

Mr. Blink

- Update Montecito
- Strategic Plan process

Mr. Thompson

- Full letter grades

Mr. Hermes

- Informational item around heat safety for students and staff
 - whether we have policy or need to add a policy

Adjournment

Mrs. Ramos declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Rhiannon Ford, Board Clerk