

COUNTY OF MARICOPA
OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
Governing Board Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 5:37 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

Mr. Carranza led the pledge. President Ramos read the land acknowledgement.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Blink expressed appreciation for the energy from staff at Meet the Teacher Night and thanked teachers and principals. He also enjoyed the ribbon cutting at Montecito Montessori referring to the event as exceptional. Referring to the update from Teaching and Learning he shared his excitement over the 4% increase in academic achievement over last year.

Mr. Thompson stated he also attended Meet the Teacher at Montecito and Clarendon and is impressed with the additions he saw while attending the ribbon cutting at Montecito. He then shared that while attending the summer AASBO conference he saw Mr. Alexander's impressive presentation.

Mr. Hermes expressed appreciation for a smooth start to the school year noting seeing Mr. Carranza working as a crossing guard the first day. Recognizing a representative from Latino Access he said he looks forward to students participating in incentives offered by the program. He also shared that he attended Coach D's memorial service and plans to help continue with Coach's legacy.

Mrs. Ford shared that she and President Ramos participated in the last meeting from Los Angeles while attending the NALEO Conference that she enjoyed. Since the last meeting she also attended Meet the Teacher and a Save Our Schools Alliance meeting. While touring Solano with Mr. Carranza she was thrilled to see the new curriculum in use with students using books. Referring to a travel item on the agenda she shared that she was selected to work with NSBA on a committee that will look at educator retention and recruitment.

President Ramos shared that in addition to the NALEO conference she also attended the convocation at Roosevelt adding the benefit of relationships with other districts. She also shared that with Mr. Carranza assuming his role of superintendent they have been in close communication and they want to ensure that staff feel safe and that we are improving things for everyone.

District Celebrations and Announcements

Principals each reviewed their mission and introduced new staff who shared what they like about Osborn or their site.

New leadership at the district office were also introduced to members.

Mr. Carranza expressed appreciation that staff chose Osborn and the joy each will bring to students.

President Ramos called for a break at 6:20 pm. Meeting resumed at 6:29 pm.

Call to the Public

Vanessa Palma introduced herself as a Solano teacher and expressed concerns with HVAC issues.

Mr. Hermes returned at 6:32 pm.

Ms. Palma asked members to review current practice, establish guidelines and create contingency plans for these situations.

Consent Agenda – Approval of Items Since March Meeting

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes
 - 1. Time Models Public Hearing July 14, 2026
 - 2. Public Hearing July 14, 2026 Budget and Approval to Spend Insurance Proceeds
 - 3. Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. New Employees
 - 2. Employment Changes/Additions
 - 3. Resignations
 - 4. Terminations
 - 5. Retirements
 - 6. Leaves of Absence
 - 7. Extra Duty Contracts
 - 8. Non Renewals
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Reports
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal
- I. Approval of 2026/27 Student Activity Events
- J. MOU's / Agreements with Partner Organizations
 - 1. Approval of the continuation of the Food Program Permanent Service Agreement (FPPSA)
 - 2. Approval of renewal of Affiliation Agreement with ASU School of Social Work for 2026-2027
 - 3. Renewal of Agreement with Arizona Dept. of Homeland Security, Cyber Readiness Program
 - a. Approval of renewal of agreement with AzAC 26-27
 - 5. Approval of agreement with Paws for Youth 2026-2027
 - 6. Agreement with Latino Access
- K. Out of state travel for Rhiannon Ford to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute January 31-February 2, 2027 in Washington DC
- L. Approval of Hearing Officers for Student Discipline and Personnel Matters
- M. Approval of 2026/27 Student Fees
- N. Extracurricular Fee/Tax Credit Resolution
- O. Approval of the Prop 301 Performance Based Compensation Plan for 2026/27
- P. Approval of Co-op Procurements for FY27

Q. Renewal of BIDs, RFPs, RFQs

Mrs. Ford requested to move items C-1 and D-4 from the consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Hermes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Mrs. Ford noted that members listed in items C-I page 20 of the packet should reflect corrected member names replacing Mrs. Greenberg's name with Mr. Blink's.

President Ramos 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

Mrs. Ford then requested that item D Personnel page 32 in the packet should be revised to reflect the date of Mr. Deyette's death of July 7th ensuring that his family receives all benefits.

Mr. Carranza suggested that counsel should be consulted prior to making a change.

President Ramos motioned to table item IV-D. Mr. Hermes seconded. Motion carries 5-0.

Mrs. Ford motioned to approve remaining items listed under consent. 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

Ms. Gerlock provided an overview for the 26-27 school year. She said the group continues representing staff and she and Ms. Callisen met with Mr. Carranza in July and will continue to meet and work together throughout the year. There were a total of 41 advocacy cases

numerous cases involving transfers and annual leave with many resolved thru clarification around the policy. Ms. Gerlock suggested approval or denial of requests be made public.

She said that they will continue their work with Meet and Confer reviewing the district calendar, strengthening hiring practices and reviewing black out day policies.

Ms. Callisen said additionally with the extreme summer heat they would like to have a clear response for a plan. She stated that in addition to enrollment they will be looking at class size adding that they look forward to continuing to work on the strategic plan.

Action Items

Approval of Revised FY27 Budget

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

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

Approval of the proposed Instruction Time Model for Clarendon, Encanto, OMS, Longview, Montecito and Solano Schools for the 2026-27 school year

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

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

Approval of first review of Trust Policy Revisions to the following policies:

1-105	Board Member Conflict of Interest
3-102	Revenue
3-102.E	Revenue-Student Activities
5-212.B	Student clubs and Activities-Student Activities Fund
3-103	Expenses and Payroll
3-103.F	Expenses and Payroll—Food and Beverage Expenses
3-108	Audits
3-108.A	Audits-Audit Requirements
3-109.A	Procurement—Compliance Requirements
3-109.C	Procurement—Statutory Exemptions
3-109.D	Procurement—Construction Procurement
3-109.E	Procurement—Delegation of Authority
3-109	Procurement
1-302	Governing Board Meetings and Open Meeting Law Requirements
1-401	Parents/Legal Guardian Rights in Education
1-401.A	Parent/Legal Guardian Rights in Education—Parental Involvement (Procedure)

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2-101	Duties of the Superintendent
3-203.A	Visitors—Prohibition Regarding Disruption (Procedure)
3-402.A	Records - Disclosure of Public Records (Procedure)
3-404.A	Insurance Liability Coverage (Procedure)
4-204	Mandatory Reporting
5-201	Patriotic Exercises and Observance Days
5-216.B	Promotion and Retention of Students; Passing Grades— Advanced Math NEW (Procedure)
5-402	Department of Child Safety Interview and Custody
5-410	Interscholastic Athletics
3-301.A	Food Services-Nutrition (Procedure)

Mr. Thompson motioned to approve. Mrs. Hermes seconded.

Mr. Thompson questioned a few items and after discussion preferences were stated to include the Auditor General's recommendation in policy 1-105 Conflicts of Interest , option 2 was stated as the preference in policy 3-102 Revenue.

After expressing concern with procedure 3-109.A and 3-109.E Mr. Blink received clarification around quotes and procedures in the event of emergency situations.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Special Education Handbook

Ms. Martin requested approval of the Student Services Handbook noting that it has been pre-audited by the State who would like to use it as a State model.

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

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

Board Development

none

Future

Mr. Hermes-

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- Would like to take a closer look at the most recent enrollment numbers
 - Are there trends
- Policy for heat mitigation and safety

Adjournment

Mrs. Ramos declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Rhiannon Ford, Board Clerk