

Hermiston School District 8R

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Investment of Funds

At certain times, during the course of the fiscal year, there will be available funds that are in excess of immediate operational needs of the district.

The Board directs that the district invest such excess funds in accordance with applicable Oregon Revised Statutes.

Authority

The Board delegates to the business manager, or designee, the responsibility of investment portfolio manager. The portfolio manager is responsible for investment decisions and activities under the direction of the business manager. The portfolio manager will maintain written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with related policies.

Objectives

There are three principles that will guide the portfolio manager in implementation of this policy:

1. The primary objective of investment activities is the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal. In investing public funds, the district will not assume unreasonable investment risks to obtain investment income. In all investment activities, the portfolio manager will follow the **Prudent Investor Rule** which states: "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, and not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."
2. Adequate liquidity to meet daily fund needs for payment of district operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated will be the second objective of the portfolio manager.
3. The third objective of the portfolio manager will be optimization of investment return consistent with adherence to objectives 1 and 2.

The pronouncements of authoritative bodies including, but not limited to, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board will be followed in accounting for all investment activities.

Reporting

The investment officer will submit monthly reports to the Board that include data on investment instruments being held and any narrative necessary for clarification.

The performance of the district portfolio will be measured against the performance of the Oregon Local Government Investment Pool, and/or other appropriate investment pools, using monthly net yield of each portfolio for comparison purposes.

This policy shall be reviewed annually for appropriate modification and submitted to the Board for amendment or reaffirmation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 294.033](#)

[ORS 294.035](#)

[ORS 294.135\(1\)\(a\)](#)

[ORS 294.155](#)