



**Gridley Unified School District
Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Board of Education Members

Eric Waterbury, President

Art Cota, Clerk

Sonia Zarate

Cheryl Argetsinger

Drew Becker

Joe Dewsnup

Ben Taylor

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

6:00 PM Closed Session

6:30 PM Open Session

District Office Board Room

429 Magnolia Street

Gridley, CA 95948

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Los participantes en línea ingresarán en el "Modo de solo visualización" simplemente para evitar que se active el silencio accidentalmente. Indique en las preguntas y respuestas o mediante la herramienta Levantar la mano que desea hablar sobre un tema y el anfitrión de la reunión lo incorporará como colaborador a la reunión. Esto le permitirá activar su silencio y hablar sobre un tema o en comentarios públicos.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As agenda items are discussed by the Board during the Open Session of the Board Meeting, audience participation is permitted. The President will recognize those members of the audience who wish to speak.

The President will set a time limit on each person's remarks if he/she feels it necessary. Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for individual comments. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to twenty (20) minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add. Generally, the President will ask Board Members for the remarks prior to recognizing requests to speak from the audience. At the President's discretion, agenda items may be considered in an order other than numerical order.

Closed Sessions may convene before, after or during the Meeting. Closed Session items may include personnel, litigation, and negotiations and/or student's discipline.

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
3. Public comments relative to Closed Session agenda items

4. Recess to Closed Session
 - A. Personnel
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section § 54957, the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of, performance, discipline, resignation, retirement or dismissal of a public employee(s)
 - B. Labor Negotiations
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section §54957.6, the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to consider salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of benefits for District’s represented and unrepresented employees.
 - C. Real Property
 - 1) Update on real property pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
 - D. Pending Litigation
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section 54956.9(a)(d)(2), the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to confer with, and receive advice from legal counsel and the superintendent regarding significant exposure to litigation involving student special education services
5. Recall to Order
6. Pledge of Allegiance and Order of Agenda
7. Report from Closed Session Information
8. Reports: Leadership Speech Topics Information
 - A. Aida Duran
 - B. Shawnacy McGilvray
 - C. Marcus Duncan
 - D. Miranda Sanchez
 - E. Valentin Sanchez
9. Superintendent’s Report Information
10. Comments from the Board of Trustees Information
11. Comments from the audience (Items not included on the Agenda may be introduced by members of the audience; however, no formal action will be taken at this time.) Information
12. INFORMATION ITEM(S): Information
 - A. [Conduct Second Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated February 2026](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: California School Boards Association provides districts with a recommended board policy manual and publishes legal updates for board policies. The attached Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits needs to be approved to bring the district’s policy manual up to date.)

13. **ACTION ITEM(S):** **Action**
- A. [Approve 2026-2027 Designation of CIF Representatives to League](#) (Rikki-Lee Burreesch)
- (BACKGROUND: Jessika Paiva, GHS Athletic Director, is the primary representative for Gridley High School and Rikki-Lee Burreesch, Gridley High School Principal, serving as the alternate.)
- B. [Approve Library Media Centers – AR 6163.1](#) (Michael Pilakowski)
- (BACKGROUND: BP 6163.1 on Library Media Centers already exists with some very general guidelines as to library operations but there is no accompanying Administration Regulation. This AR expands upon the Board Policy and provides a clearer basis for library operations, including selection of materials, removal of materials, responsibilities of library staff, etc. As an AR, this document will continue to grow as additional appendices specific day-to-day procedures are developed and added.)
- C. [Approve Adoption of Amira as GUSD Reading Difficulty Screener in K-2 and Pilot for 3-5](#) (Michael Pilakowski)
- (BACKGROUND: EC 53008 requires all districts to annually screen all students in K-2 for reading difficulties using a state-approved screening instrument. After a one year initial adoption of the Amplify m-Class screener and a pilot of the Amira product, the collective staff in K-2 has opted to move to the Amira screener for all students K-2 and is also requesting piloting of the product for grades 3-5 to explore for consistency.)
- D. [Approve Board Resolution 13-2526, authorizing the Governing Board to non-reelect probationary certificated employees](#) (Julie Vang)
- (BACKGROUND: Education Code section 44929.21 authorizes the Governing Board to give notice to a probationary, certificated employee of the Board’s decision to non-reelect the employee(s) for the next succeeding school year to such a position at any time prior to March 15 of the employee’s second complete consecutive school year of employment by the District. The Governing Board is asked to adopt the Resolution to non-reelect the certificated employees as itemized in Exhibit A and that the Superintendent or his designee be directed to send appropriate notices to all employees whose services shall be terminated by virtue of this action.)

14. **CONSENT AGENDA** **Action**
- The following items are to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda. A member of the Board of Trustees may request any items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual action. All remaining items may be approved by a single action of the Board. District administration recommends approval of the following Consent Agenda items, contingent necessary clearances prior to start.
- A. [Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 1, 2026](#)
- B. [Direct Expenditure Warrants](#)
- 1) Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The supplement reflects expenditures from March 2026.
- C. [Personnel](#)
- 1) Certificated
- a) Ratify employment for Jennifer Duren, Primary Teacher (#66), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School effective August 24, 2026

- b) Ratify employment for Amanda Elrich, Primary Teacher (#202), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School effective August 24, 2026
 - c) Ratify employment for Marissa Liles, Primary Teacher (#71), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School effective August 24, 2026
 - d) Approve recommendation to add 0.4 FTE to Art Teacher (#514, categorically funded), 0.6 FTE, district-wide effective the 2026-27 school year
 - e) Approve the following extra duty stipends positions for the 2025-26 school year
 - a. Kelli Luevano – Environmental Science Camp (Shady Creek)
 - f) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
 - b. Maria Diaz – Induction BTSA Provider, MCK
 - c. Jennifer Link – Activities Director, GHS
 - d. Karen Medina – Leadership Team Member, GHS
 - e. John Coopriider – Flag Football Head Coach, GHS
 - f. John Coopriider – Golf Coach, GHS
 - g. Amber McIntire – Leadership Team Member, GHS
 - h. Elizebeth Ayon – Yearbook, GHS
 - i. Elizebeth Ayon – Link Crew, GHS
 - j. Elizebeth Ayon – Interact Club, GHS
 - k. Elizebeth Ayon – Girls Volleyball Head Coach, GHS
 - l. Courtney Jordan – Leadership Team Member, GHS
 - g) Approve recommendation to add a Speech Language Pathologist (#533), 1.0 FTE at Special Education Department effective August 24, 2026
- 2) Classified
- a) Letter of resignation for Kayla Cornell, Secretary / Accounts Clerk (#10), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, at District Office effective April 18, 2026
 - b) Ratify employment for James Cornwell, Instructional Aide (one-on-one support, #478), 5.5 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.35 daily average hours) at Wilson Elementary School effective April 13, 2026
 - c) Ratify employment for Christina Harris, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#530), 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective April 14, 2026
 - d) Approve an unpaid leave of absence request for Janine Akin, Office Clerk (#58), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week at Sycamore Middle School effective May 16, 2026 through June 8, 2026
 - e) Ratify employment for the following coaching positions for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Dan Zumwalt – Varsity Football Head Coach, GHS
 - b. Rebecca McCray – Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, GHS
 - c. Brandy Mower – Varsity Cheer Coach, GHS
 - f) Approve recommendation to add a Tier II SEL Coordinator (#532) Categorically funded, 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective August 31, 2026
 - g) Approve recommendation to add a License Vocational Nurse (#526), 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at Health Services effective April 23, 2026
 - h) Approve recommendation to add a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (#533), 1.0 FTE at Special Education Department effective August 31, 2026 if the Speech Language Pathologist (#533) is not filled

D. Donations and Gifts

- 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
 - a) [McKinley Health & Wellness Fair – See List](#)
 - b) [K. Wheeler Exp Realty of California for Day of the Child - \\$100.00](#)
 - c) [City of Gridley for Day of the Child - \\$300.00](#)
 - d) [Gridley Moose Lodge for Trap Team - \\$1,050.00](#)
 - e) [P. Kilby for GHS Boys Soccer - \\$100.00](#)
 - f) [Big Valley Ag Services for GHS Softball - \\$1,750.00](#)
 - g) [Gridley High Parents Club for GHS Boys Soccer - \\$1,600.00](#)

E. Contracts

- 1) To comply with Ed Code 17604, no contract made pursuant to the delegation and authorization shall be valid or constitute an enforceable obligation against the district unless and until the same shall have been approved or ratified by the governing board, the approval or ratification to be evidenced by a motion of the board duly passed and adopted.
 - a) [CyberNut Anti-Phishing](#)
 - b) [HMH – Integrated Math 1-3 Digital Renewal](#)
 - c) [PEAC – Athletic Trainer & Sports Medicine Agreement](#)
 - d) [Dragon Demolition Contract](#)
 - e) [Ginno Construction, Inc. – Change Order 26R1](#)
 - f) [Ginno Construction, Inc. – Change Order 27](#)
 - g) [Modern Building, Inc. – Change Order GHS Science Building](#)
 - h) [Center for Autism & Related Disorders \(CARD\)](#)
 - i) [Learning Bits, Inc. – Sycamore Middle School](#)
 - j) [HMH – English 3D on Ed 3-Year](#)
 - k) [Learning.com](#)
 - l) [Xerox IT Solutions](#)
 - m) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Retiree Health and Welfare Contributions](#)
 - n) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Certificated Stipends through BCOE](#)

F. Over Night/Out of State Conference/Field Trip Request

- a) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight fieldtrips. The following overnight fieldtrips is submitted for approval:
 - a) [GHS FFA State Speaking & Field Day, Fresno, CA – 4/15 – 18, 2026](#)
 - b) [Sycamore Flag Football Games, San Diego, CA - 8/30-9/3, 2026](#)

15. Adjourn

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Aviso: Interprete disponible para los de la comunidad hispana que desean atender juntas de la mesa directiva. Para mas información por favor de llamar 846-4721 extensión 8104. Agenda en español disponible 24 horas antes de la junta.

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