



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

Board of Education Members

Eric Waterbury, President

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Joe Dewsnup

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Wednesday, March 18, 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
5. Recall to Order
6. Pledge of Allegiance and Order of Agenda
7. Report from Closed Session Information
8. Reports: ASB/FFA Information
 - A. Wilson Elementary School
 - B. Sycamore Middle School
 - C. Esperanza High School
 - D. Gridley High School
 - E. Gridley High FFA
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. [Review request for Extended School Year \(ESY\) waiver through CDE from 20 days at 4 hours to 15 days, including a holiday, for a total of 14 days at 5.5 hours effective 2025-26 school year starting 06/08/2026 through 06/26/2026](#) (Maggie Daughtery)

(BACKGROUND: EC or CCR to Waive: 3043(d) Minimum of 20 instructional days at 4 hours per day, including holidays, are required for an extended school year for special education students. The district is proposing to provide the ESY program over 14 days at 5.5 hours per day, which will provide similar instructional time as the 20-day ESY schedule while maximizing student attendance and staffing options. The waiver information was discussed with GTA and CSEA, and approved by the GHS and Esperanza School Site Council.
 Ed Code Title: Extended School Year
 Ed Code Section: T5CCR3043(d)
 Ed Code Authority: CCR

13. **ACTION ITEM(S):**

Action

- A. **Approve request for extended school year (ESY) waiver through CDE from 20 days at 4 hours to 15 days, including a holiday, for a total of 14 days at 5.5 hours effective the 2025-26 school year starting 06/08/2026 through 06/26/26** (Maggie Daugherty)

(BACKGROUND: EC or CCR to Waive: 3043(d) Minimum of 20 instructional days at 4 hours per day, including holidays, are required for an extended school year for special education students. The district is proposing to provide the ESY program over 15 days, including a holiday, for a total of 14 days at 5.5 hours per day, which will provide similar instructional time of a traditional 20-day ESY schedule while maximizing student attendance and staffing options. The waiver information was discussed with GTA and CSEA, and approved by the GHS and Esperanza School Site Council.

Ed Code Title: Extended School Year

Ed Code Section: T5CCR3043(d)

Ed Code Authority: CCR)

- B. **Approve contract with Superintendent Justin Kern beginning 7/1/2025 and ending 6/30/2028 with Salary improvements for 2025-26** (Heather Naylor)

(BACKGROUND: The superintendent met with the board of trustees to increase the salary by 2.75% effective 7-1-2025.)

- C. **Approve the contract for Dragon Demolition to remove the Building at 198 Washington Street** (Ed White)

(BACKGROUND: The Building at 198 Washington Street has been deemed unsafe and uninhabitable. Removing the building will eliminate current risks of safety and concern for the properties around and persons in or around the building.)

- D. **Approve the purchase of a 2026 Thomas Minotour Type A school bus with wheelchair lift from Bus West** (Ed White)

(BACKGROUND: The district has four type A wheelchair buses. The two diesel buses had to be removed from service due to lack of available parts. The gasoline fueled bus 4-03 has over 300,000 miles on it; bus 3-03 has 165,948. With the age and wear, both buses have become unreliable and are designed for one wheelchair at a time. The addition of the quoted Thomas bus will allow for transport.)

- E. **Approve the Sunshine Proposals for the Gridley Teachers' Association and the Gridley Unified School District for negotiations for the 2026-27 school year** (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: In the continuing effort to maintain and improve the collective bargaining agreement between the Gridley Teachers' Association (GTA) and the Gridley Unified School District (District), GTA and District will reopen the GUSD/GTA collective bargaining agreement for 2026-27 SY. GTA and the District will open the following articles for negotiation:

Article XV – Compensation

Article XVI – Fringe Benefits)

- F. [Approve revision to the Gridley Unified School District 2026-27 classified employee work calendars](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: The classified employee work calendars for the 2026-27 school year previously approved were revised to ensure the correct contracted work days were reflected: Classified 10 months, Classified 10 months alternate, Classified 10 months special education, Classified 11 months, Classified 12 months)

- G. [Approve a Classified job description for a Summer Expanded Learning Program Clerk to support summer Expanded Learning Opportunities Program \(ELOP\) operations during summer](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: After evaluation and discussion, District administration has identified a need for additional clerical and student support during the summer Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP). Rather than creating two separate classifications to meet program needs, the district is recommending a combined Summer Expanded Learning Program Clerk position. This role will provide both clerical support and basic health aide-type assistance to ensure efficient program operations and appropriate support for students and staff during summer programming.)

- H. [Approve a Classified job description for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst \(BCBA\)](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: After evaluation and discussion, district administration has determined that the creation of a new job description is necessary to support the students in the 2026-27 school year. The district has experienced an increase in student behavior concerns, and establishing an in-house BCBA will allow the district to conduct behavior assessments in a timely manner and support the development and implementation of behavior intervention plans. This role will also provide guidance and support to staff working with students who demonstrate significant behavioral challenges.)

- I. [Approve AMS.net as winning bidder for GHS E-Rate Cabling of Gridley High School \(Bid GUSD-260005121-Cabling\)](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: E-Rate bidding opened with a mandatory walkthrough in December 2025 for potential bidders to recable older sections of the GHS campus and concluded with bids due and opened on February 25, 2026. After applying the scoring criteria and conducting due diligence examination of the lowest bidders, staff recommend awarding the contract to AMS.net/MGT Impact Solutions in the total amount of \$254,180.61 for their CAT6A project bid, inclusive of contingency amount (\$27,988) and E-Rate Ineligible amount (\$17,985.65).)

- J. [Approve KS Telecom as winning bidder for McKinley-Sycamore Fiber Connection Replacement \(GUSD-260011422-WAN\)](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: As part of its newest cycle of E-Rate federal funding, GUSD staff recommend replacement of the multimode aerial fiber connection between McKinley and Sycamore campuses. KS Telecom was the lowest and only bidder to the project offering a self-provisioned option with single mode fiber for \$18,000. Single mode replacement is considered an industry standard for “future proofing” as the bandwidth is many times higher than the older multimode standard.)

K. [Approve the E-Rate winning bid for AT&T Wavelength Wide Area Network \(WAN\) connection between GUSD sites and BCOE \(GUSD-260005865-WAN\)](#)

(Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: The current three year contract for GUSD's Category 1 services under E-Rate are expiring and new bids were sought. These provide the connection between GUSD and BCOE which from there handles our connection to the greater Internet network. Current provider is AT&T. Winning lowest bid for comparable service is AT&T and their Wavelength dedicated fiber service.)

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 February 18, 2026](#)

B. [Direct Expenditure Warrants](#)

1) Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The supplement reflects expenditures from February 2026.

C. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Approve transfer request for Christine Santerre, Elementary Teacher (#71), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School to Ed Specialist, MMSN (#129), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective the 2026-27 school year starting August 24, 2026
- b) Approve recommendation for a 6/5th assignment (#329) for Nick Dreesmann, Agriculture Teacher (#150), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026 through June 11, 2027

2) Classified

- a) Letter of resignation for Angela Campos, Instructional Aide (#478, one on one support), 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 March 23, 2026
- b) Ratify employment for Angela Campos, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#393), 6 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.75 average daily hours), at Wilson Elementary School effective March 23, 2026
- c) [Approve revised classified job description for Tier 2 Social-Emotional Learning \(SEL\) Coordinator](#)

D. [Donations and Gifts](#)

1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:

- a) [Bowling Family Dentistry for GHS Track & Field - \\$250.00](#)
- b) [V. Filter for GHS FFA Barn Project \(IMO Sandra Waller\) - \\$100.00](#)
- c) [Gridley Education Foundation for GHS Testing - \\$207.92](#)
- d) [Safeway for International Women's Day Celebration - 2 dozen roses \(\\$80.00\)](#)

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) [Advanced Documents - District-wide](#)
- b) [Modern Building - GHS Science Building](#)
- c) [D&D Learning Spaces - GHS Outdoor Student Commons](#)

- d) [Ray Dalton Construction Consulting](#)
 - e) [Park Planet – Sycamore Middle School Playground](#)
 - f) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Adaptive Schools Training Revision](#)
 - g) [Right Direction Crisis Intervention](#)
 - h) [D & D Learning Spaces – Sycamore Library Upgrades](#)
 - i) [Sacramento Production & Lighting – Guardian Building](#)
 - j) [Kajeet Bus Wi-Fi Reactivation](#)
- F. Fundraisers
- 1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities. The following fundraising requests has been submitted for approval:
 - a) [GHS FFA Sees Candy Sales – April 2026 – May 2026](#)

15. Adjourn

Please Note: Interpreter available for Spanish speaking community wanting to attend Board of Trustees meetings. Please call 846-4721 ext. 8104 for information. Agenda in Spanish available 24 hours prior to meeting.
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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