



**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, August 12, 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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Online participants will enter in "View Only Mode" purely to avoid accidental unmutings. Indicate in the Q and A or via using the Raise Hand tool that you wish to speak on an item and the meeting host will bring you in as a Contributor to the meeting. This will allow you to unmute yourself and speak on an item or in public comments.

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: Administrators Information
 - A. Rhiannon Treat
 - B. Minden King
 - C. Chris Schmidt
 - D. Rikki-Lee Burresch
 - E. Maggie Daugherty
 - F. Michael Pilakowski
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. **ACTION ITEM(S):** **Action**
 - A. [Approve Expenditures Pursuant to Board Resolution #01-2627, Recognition and Appreciation to the Staff to Gridley Unified School District](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: The California Constitution prohibits public agencies from making gifts of public funds (Const., Art. XVI, § 6). To justify an expenditure, a district's governing board must determine that the expense will tangibly benefit the education of its students. If the governing board has reasonably determined that a particular type of expenditure serves a legitimate public purpose, courts will generally defer to the board's decision.)
 - B. [Approve Student Handbooks for School Site 2026-27](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

McKinley Primary School – Rhiannon Treat
 Wilson Elementary School – Minden King
 Sycamore Middle School – Chris Schmidt
 Gridley High School – Rikki-Lee Burresch
 Esperanza High School – Maggie Daugherty

C. [Approve School Bus Routes 2026-27 School Year](#) (Ed White)

(BACKGROUND: The transportation department has developed bus routes for all areas and schools. Special Ed and Kindergarten stops/routes are subject to student enrollment.)

D. [Approve Adoption of Subject as GHS Credit Recovery and Esperanza Alternative Education Core Curriculum](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: GHS and Esperanza currently use completely different materials for their credit recovery (GHS) and general curriculum (Esperanza). Approval of this item would unify the materials used at both sites and ease transition of students to and from the campuses.)

13.

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 July 22, 2026](#)

B. [Direct Expenditure Warrants](#)

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

C. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Ratify employment for Krista Halderman, ELD/Spanish Teacher (#122), 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School effective August 24, 2026
- b) Accept rescission of employment for Mya Galev, Elementary Teacher (#98), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective July 17, 2026
- c) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Shelley Beck – PLC Team Leader, McKinley
 - b. Stephanie Olson – Leadership Team Member, McKinley
 - c. Kayla Sanchez – PLC Team Leader, McKinley
 - d. Mayra Moreno – Paid Intern Mentor, District-wide
 - e. Zachary Stark – Induction Mentor, GHS
 - f. Amber McIntire – Induction Mentor, GHS
 - g. Amber McIntire – Paid Intern Mentor, GHS
 - h. Angela Andes - Induction Mentor, Wilson
 - i. Norma Castellanos – Induction Mentor, Wilson
 - j. Lauren Erickson – Assistant Varsity Coach, Volleyball, GHS (revised from volunteer)
- d) Approve medical leave of absence request for Maria Romo, Spanish Teacher, 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School, effective August 24, 2026 through September 13, 2026

2) Classified

- a) Accept letter of resignation for Burklee Waddell, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#330), 6 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.9 average daily hours), at Wilson Elementary School effective July 21, 2026
- b) Accept letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Bertha Lopez, Instructional Aide (#263), 4 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective July 31, 2026

- c) Accept letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Bertha Lopez, Noon Duty Supervisor (#216), 2.25 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective July 31, 2026
- d) Approve recommendation to place Stephanie Garcia, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#331), on the 39-month rehire list effective August 31, 2026
- e) Approve the following walk-on coaches for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Nathan Zumwalt - Volunteer Football, GHS
 - b. Octavio Vasquez – Freshman Coach, Football, Boys, GHS (revised from 50% to 100% stipend)
 - c. Gus Stogsdill – Freshman Coach – Football, Boys, GHS (revised from volunteer)
- D. Donations and Gifts
 - 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
 - a) Gridley Parents Club for GHS Football - \$4,260.65
- 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) [Hankins Group, Inc.](#)
 - b) [Mission Telecom](#)
 - c) [Level Data](#)
 - d) [IXL Renewal Quote – Wilson](#)
 - e) [IXL Renewal Quote – GUSD](#)
 - f) [Quizizz Inc. Quote](#)
 - g) [Newsela](#)
 - h) [Draftback LLC](#)
 - i) [Edclub Quote – Wilson](#)
 - j) [Parent Square Renewal](#)
 - k) [Lexia Learning Systems – Renewal](#)
 - l) [County of Butte/Butte County Fair Association](#)
 - m) [County of Butte/Butte County Fair Association – Lease](#)
 - n) [2026-27 MOU for CATIP/GUSD](#)
 - o) [GUSD/GTA MOU – CTE Coordinator Extra Duty Stipend](#)
- F. Fundraisers
 - 1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities. The following fundraising requests have been submitted for approval:
 - a) [McKinley – Nothing Bundt Cake Pop-Up Sales – 9/17/26](#)
 - b) [Sycamore – Nothing Bundt Cake Pop-Up Sales – 9/3/26](#)
- G. Over Night/Out of State Conference/Field Trip Request
 - 1) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight field trips. The following overnight field trip(s) have been submitted for approval:
 - a) [Superior Region Chapter Officer Leadership Conference, Nevada City, CA – 08/21/26 – 08/23/26](#)

14. 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.

08/07/2026 jm