



**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, March 4, 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)
      - a) Superintendent Contract
  - 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. **[Approve Board Resolution #10-2526 honoring Richard Braud for 26 years of service and contributions to GUSD](#)** (Eric Waterbury) **Action**

(BACKGROUND: Richard Braud retired on January 31, 2026 and based upon his contributions to the district is deserving of the recognition and resolution.)

9. Reports: Certificated Administrators Information

- A. Rhiannon Treat – McKinley Student Enrollment - 335
- B. Chris Schmidt – Sycamore Student Enrollment - 433
- C. Minden King – Wilson Student Enrollment - 583
- D. Rikki-Lee Buresch – GHS Student Enrollment – 670
- E. Maggie Daugherty – Esperanza Student Enrollment - 21
- F. Michael Pilakowski
- G. Shelly Diaz
- H. Ed White

10. Superintendent's Report Information

11. Comments from the Board of Trustees Information

12. 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

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

A. **[Conduct Second Reading and Approve of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated January 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.)

B. [Approve School Safety Plans for GUSD School Sites](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

McKinley Primary School (Rhiannon Treat)  
Wilson Elementary School (Minden King)  
Sycamore Middle School (Chris Schmidt)  
Gridley High School (Rikki Lee Burrech)  
Esperanza High School (Maggie Daugherty)

C. [Approve Certification of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget for the 2025-26 School Year](#)  
(Heather Naylor)

(BACKGROUND: The 2nd interim reporting period covers July 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026. Districts are required to amend their budgets to reflect changes in funding and/or expenditures since the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim budget was adopted in December.)

D. [Approve Installation of two pump vaults at the three bathrooms on the GHS sports fields](#) (Ed White)

(BACKGROUND: The High School provides portable bathrooms for spectators staff and students located near the JV softball field. Although the portable toilets offer a convenience of location, the lack of running water and lighting limits the usefulness. With the new Pump Vaults installed, four bathrooms and one ADA bathroom will be installed on concrete pads provided by the district. Each bathroom provides a sink, lighting and exhaust fan. The structure is semi-permanent with a steel frame that can be locked when not in use.)

E. [Approve Continuation of GUSD Transportation Plan](#) (Ed White)

(BACKGROUND: Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement was implemented by Assembly Bill (AB) 181 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) and amended by AB185 (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2022). It provides reimbursement funding for school districts and County Offices of Education (COEs) based on the prior year eligible transportation expenditures and prior year Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) transportation related add-on funding.)

F. [Approve Board Resolution # 11-2526 – Elimination of Vacant Classified Positions and Reduction of Services / Layoff of Classified Staff](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: California Education Code section 45308 authorizes the layoff or reduction of services of classified employees due to lack of work or lack of funds, including the reduction or expiration of categorical funding. In addition, the Board of Trustees has the authority to eliminate vacant classified positions when such positions are no longer necessary to meet the operational needs of the District.)

G. [Approve Board Resolution #12-2526 – Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: In accordance with CA Education Code 44949 and 44955, the Superintendent recommends that the Governing Board adopt a Resolution to Reduce or Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services due to a lack of work resulting from declining enrollment and reduced staffing needs at the elementary level; and the reduction or elimination of categorically funded programs, specifically within the Agricultural Career Technical Education (CTE) program effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.)

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. Personnel

1) Certificated

- a) Letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Steve Allard, CTE Media Arts Teacher (#127), 1.0 FTE, District-wide effective June 6, 2026
- b) Letter of resignation for Zachary Havens, Social Science Teacher (#153), 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School effective June 6, 2026
- c) Letter of resignation for James Wood, Math Teacher (#130), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective June 6, 2026
- d) Letter of resignation for Jordan Davis, Ed Specialist MMSN (#144), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective June 6, 2026
- e) Letter of resignation for Andrea Thomas, Agriculture Teacher (#148), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective June 30, 2026
- f) Letter of resignation for Anna Sanders, CTE Health Science and Medical Technology Teacher (#134), 1.0 FTE, at Gridley High School effective June 6, 2026
- g) Revision to letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Richard Braud, Ed Specialist (#129), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective January 31, 2026 (not 2025)

2) Classified

- a) Letter of resignation for Pat Slupski, Occupational Therapist (#513), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, District-wide, effective February 23, 2026
- b) Ratify employment for the following coaching stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year:
  - a. Zac Bonnifet – Track & Field Volunteer Coach, GHS
  - b. Josh Howell – Softball Volunteer Coach, GHS

B. Donations and Gifts

- 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
  - a) R. Harp for GHS Track & Field (In Honor of Ed Roach - \$200.00)
  - b) D. Lindsay for Gridley FFA Barn Project - \$100.00
  - c) The NRA Foundation, Inc. for Clay Target Club - \$1,021.00

C. 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) [NM&R – Wilson Modular Classroom Relocation](#)
  - b) [NM&R – Wilson New Multi-Purpose Building](#)
  - c) [Revised Shady Creek Contract](#)
  - d) [Ginno Construction, Inc. Change Order](#)
  - e) [Modern Building Change Order – GHS Science Building](#)
  - f) [Enriquez Entertainment – Prom DJ](#)
  - g) [Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services](#)

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

- 1) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight fieldtrips. The following overnight fieldtrips is submitted for approval:
  - a) [Masters Wrestling, Shasta High School – 2/20 – 2/21/26](#)
  - b) [GHS FFA Hilmar Cheese & Harris Ranch Fieldtrip, Coalinga – 3/31 – 4/1/26](#)

15. Adjourn

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*02/27/2026 jm*