ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2026

Submit to Board _____

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Brooke Van Komen in the Union Mine High School Theater.

As there were no requests to address the Board, Mrs. Van Komen closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned for Closed Session discussion on the following agenda items *(GC 54957.7, 54954.5)*:

A. Discuss Actions for certificated and Classified Personnel Listed in the Consent Agenda Related to Personnel Action (GC 54954.5, 54957)
B. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation *(GC22714; 44929;44929.21; 44934; 44949; 44951; 44953; 44954; 44955; 45192; 44195; 87488)*
C. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Agency Negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Tony DeVille and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to Discuss with the Board Represented Employees: Discussion Related to Proposals from CSEA (GC 3547 {a})
D. Conference With Labor Negotiators (Agency Negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent Leslie Redkey, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to Discuss with the Board Represented Employees: Discussion Related to Proposals from Faculty Association (GC 3547 {a})
E. Superintendent: Goals and Objectives

* Any action will be taken in Open Session. All appropriate actions will be taken to preserve the confidentiality and legal rights to privacy of the students. (EC 35146, 48918[c])

II. OPEN SESSION

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

The Board reconvened Open Session at 5:33 p.m. in the Union Mine High School Theater.

1. Pledge of Allegiance was led by student board member Charlie Simms.

2. Attendance

Board Members	D.O. Staff
David J. Del Rio	Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Brooke B. Van Komen	Tony DeVille, Deputy Superintendent
Jessicca K. Rodgers	Robert Whittenberg, Assistant Superintendent
Lori M. Veerkamp	Leslie Redkey, Assistant Superintendent
Timothy M. Cary	Pam Bartlett, Senior Director
	Chuck Palmer, Senior Director
	Julianne Pereira, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Student Board Member	Association Representatives
Charlie Simms	Teri Whiting
	Eric Larsen (Not present for this meeting)

Board Member Jessicca Rodgers attended this meeting remotely from 501 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47404.

3. Requests to change the agenda and approval of agenda.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Cary seconded. Motion carried (5-0)

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

4. Welcome to Charlie Simms, New Student Board Member for the 2026-2027 School Year

Superintendent Kuhlman welcomed Charlie Simms as the 2026–27 Student Board Member, highlighting her background and accomplishments. Charlie expressed her enthusiasm for the opportunity and her desire to make a positive impact on students throughout the county.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Cary seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

1. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action
3. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action
4. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy for viewing available at District Office)
5. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks
6. Donations Received
7. GANN Limit and Certification
8. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts (8/4/26-8/31/26)
9. Ratify Action Taken by the Superintendent Under Delegated Authority
10. National Fentanyl Awareness Day Resolution 2026/27-08
11. Board Representatives' Report on Interscholastic Athletic Leagues (2025-2026)
12. Union Mine High School: Change Order Additional Classroom Flooring

13. Notice of Completion
14. Agreement by and between the EDUHSD and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
15. Agreement By and Between the El Dorado Union High School District and the El Dorado Hills Fire Department (2026-2027)
16. First Read of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 6142.7, 6146.3, 6146.4, 6173.1, 6173.2, and 6173.3
17. Second Read Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Bylaws: 1445, 3440, 3512, 5125, 5125.1, 5144.1, 9320 & 9323
18. Second Read of New Board Policy 4119.24 Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions
19. Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2026-27 Application for Funding
20. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Watershed Education Summit, Union Valley Reservoir, Pollock Pines, CA, September 16-19, 2026
21. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: CIF State Cross Country Championships, Fresno, CA, November 27 - 28, 2026
22. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Woodbridge Invitational Cross Country Meet, Great Park, CA, September 18-20, 2026
23. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Shasta Forestry Challenge, Shingletown, CA, September 23-26, 2026
24. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: 2027 National High School Cheerleading Championship, Kissimmee, FL, February 3 - 8, 2027
25. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Clovis Invitational Cross Country Meet, Fresno, CA, October 8-9, 2026
26. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Clovis Invitational Cross Country Meet, Fresno, CA, October 9-10, 2026
27. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: CIF State Cross Country Championships, Fresno, CA, November 27-28, 2026
28. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: CIF State Cross Country Championships, Fresno, CA, November 27-28, 2026
29. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: California State FFA Conference, Ontario, CA, March 19-23, 2027
30. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Western Band Association
31. EDUHSD Psychologist Out-of-State Travel Request: Student Assessment, St. George, Utah, September 13-15, 2026

C. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Reports from Student Representatives: El Dorado, Oak Ridge, Ponderosa, and Union Mine High Schools and Alternative Schools/Programs

El Dorado High School Representative, Zach Cross, reported on student activities.

Oak Ridge High School representative, Charlotte Parsley, reported on student activities.

Ponderosa High School representative, Avery Cotenas, reported on the student activities.

Union Mine High School representative, Morgan Williamson, reported on student activities.

Alternative School representative, Hope Whittenberg, reported on student activities.

2. Recognizing Oak Ridge High School CTE Teacher, Dianne Goldman.

   Assistant Superintendent Leslie Redkey recognized Dianne Goldman for being named FCCLA Teacher of the Year, highlighting her dedication to culinary education, student success in FCCLA competitions, and collaboration with the broader FCCLA community. She congratulated Dianne on this well-deserved honor.

3. Recognizing Licensed Vocational Nurses

   Senior Director of Student Success Pam Bartlett recognized the Licensed Vocational Nurses for their exceptional dedication to student care, highlighting their specialized skills, adaptability, and personalized support. She commended their collaboration with credentialed school nurses and their commitment to building trusting relationships with students and families.

4. The Gold Standard Recognition

   Board Member Tim Cary recognized Julianne Pereira for effective communication.

D. INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (GC54954.3)

1. Faculty Association Leadership Comments
   No comments were made by a Faculty Association representative.

2. California School Employees Association Comments
   CSEA Chapter President Teri Whiting congratulated Dianne on her FCCLA recognition and welcomed Student Board Member Charlie Simms. She provided a brief update on ongoing MOU discussions and announced her transition from Chapter President, with nominations for the January election forthcoming.

3. Public Comments

   Student Taylor Kuehner addressed the Board regarding the district's closed-campus lunch policy.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING UPDATES/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Enrollment Update (Discussion)

   Superintendent Kuhlman shared updated enrollment figures, noting they are closely aligned with SchoolWorks' November projections.

2. Discussion and Selection of AI Board Policy (Action)

   Superintendent Kuhlman requested Board feedback on the proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) Board Policy.

   Mr. Cary supported incorporating elements of the California Department of Education (CDE) model policy, while Mrs. Rodgers favored moving forward with the district's revised CSBA-based policy and expanding guidance through Administrative Regulations.

   Mrs. Veerkamp recommended a second reading with additional language and a defined review schedule.

   Student Board Member Charlie Simms raised concerns about AI detection tools and emphasized responsible AI use.

   Mrs. Van Komen also highlighted the value of clear guidelines for students and staff.

   The Board agreed to incorporate feedback and bring the policy back for a second reading and adoption in October. No action was taken.

3. Approval of Litix Analytics Agreement (Action)

   Superintendent Kuhlman shared how the analytics tool will help simplify complex budget information, evaluate the short- and long-term impacts of financial decisions, and support transparency and long-term fiscal stability.

   Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the Litix Analytics Agreement. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Williams Act (Instructional Materials Survey) (Action)

Assistant Superintendent Leslie Redkey reviewed the requirements of the Williams Act, which mandates an annual public hearing and Board determination regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials for all students.

Mrs. Van Komen opened the public hearing. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the Williams Act Instructional Materials Survey Resolution 2026-2027-05. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Transportation Training; Emergency Preparedness and Student Safety Presentation (Discussion)

Assistant Superintendent Bob Whittenberg introduced Grayson Silva, who provided an overview of a multi-agency emergency preparedness training involving approximately 150 transportation professionals from EDUHSD, Amador Unified School District, and local emergency response agencies. The training focused on preparing drivers for high-risk emergencies, including bus rollovers, severe bleeding incidents, and active violence situations, while reinforcing the importance of incident documentation.

2. Approval and Certification of the 2025-26 Un-Audited Financial Report and Update the 2026-27 Adopted Budget (Action)

Assistant Superintendent Bob Whittenberg reviewed enrollment projections, average daily attendance, lottery revenues, mandated cost block grants, and multiyear financial projections. He noted that negotiations are settled through 2026–27 and highlighted the district's favorable year-end financial results and positive long-term outlook.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the Certification of the 2025-26 Un-Audited Financial Report and Update to the 2026-27 Adopted Budget. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

3. Oak Ridge High School Mello-Roos Proposed Projects (Action)

Assistant Superintendent Bob Whittenberg introduced Amin Salari, who reviewed the proposed Oak Ridge High School Mello-Roos projects and the strategic considerations for their sequencing. He recommended prioritizing the PE building due to reduced campus disruption, flexibility for future construction, and a shorter construction timeline. He also addressed ADA compliance and anticipated providing updated timelines at the October Board meeting.

It was clarified that the Board's approval was for the planning process only, not final project approval.

Mr. Del Rio moved to approve the Oak Ridge High School Mello-Roos Proposed Planning. Mr. Cary seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary:	Aye
Del Rio:	Aye
Rodgers:	Aye
Van Komen:	Aye
Veerkamp:	Aye

H. STUDENT SERVICES AND INNOVATION – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

F. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

J. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED

L. CLOSED SESSION

M. OPEN SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mrs. Van Komen adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Mike Kuhlman
Secretary to the Board of Trustees