



**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, July 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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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. Ratification of Probationary Release: Classified Employee #2576
 - b. Ratification of Probationary Release: Classified Employee #2461
 - c. Ratification of Probationary Release: Classified Employee #2542
 - 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.
 - a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))
John Doe v. Gridley Unified School District
Butte County Superior Court, Case No.: 24CV03455

5. Recall to Order

6. Pledge of Allegiance and Order of Agenda

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| 7. Report from Closed Session | Information |
| 8. Superintendent's Report | Information |
| 9. Comments from the Board of Trustees | Information |
| 10. 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 |
| 11. INFORMATION ITEM(S): | Information |

A. [Review Quarterly Complaints Relative to the Williams Lawsuit](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: One of the requirements of the Williams Lawsuit is a review by the Board of the quarterly report of complaints relative to the following:

1. Sufficiency of instructional materials
2. Cleanliness, Safety and Maintenance of facilities
3. Teacher vacancy or mis-assignment)

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| 12. | <u>ACTION ITEM(S):</u> | Action |
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- A. [Conduct Third Reading and Approve of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated May 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. [Adopt the Extreme Weather Protocols Plan](#) (Ed White)
- (BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1248 was added to Education Code section 33355 and requires California school districts, charter schools and county offices of education to develop, adopt and implement protocols for extreme weather conditions.)
- C. [Approve the Contract for Johnson Controls for Servicing the School District's HVAC Units for the 2026-2027 School Year](#) (Ed White)
- (BACKGROUND: District HVAC units require annual servicing, conducted quarterly. Following their work last school year, we would like Johnson Controls to continue providing this service for the upcoming school year.)
- D. [Approve Moving the Powder Coater and Oven to a Location off the High School Campus](#) (Ed White)
- (BACKGROUND: Division of State Architects find it a safety issue that a student may be in the powder coater or the oven during an earthquake. By moving the powder coater and oven onto the maintenance side of the fence by the welding shop, this will no longer be a concern.)
- E. [Approve Ag Incentive Grant for the Agriculture and Natural Resource Industry Sector](#) (Justin Kern)
- (BACKGROUND: The Ag Incentive Grant is an annual grant opportunity that must be applied for based on specific department criteria. Our program opens doors to students of every demographic group, whether low socioeconomic or special education our program offers an opportunity to learn meaningful skills which allows students to directly contribute to our community. These funds enhance the student experience.)

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| 13. | CONSENT AGENDA | Action |
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- 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 June 24, 2026](#)
- B. [Direct Expenditure Warrants](#)
- 1) Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The supplement reflects expenditures from June 2026.

C. Personnel

1) Certificated

- a) Ratify employment for Brian Guthrie, Teacher-on-Special-Assignment, Curriculum and Instruction Support (#429), 1.0 FTE, District-wide, effective August 17, 2026
- b) Ratify employment for Heather Leishman, Temporary Art Teacher (#514, categorically-funded), 1.0 FTE, District-wide, effective August 24, 2026 through June 11, 2027, subject to annual renewal
- c) Ratify employment for Brian Avenell, Science Teacher (#123), 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School effective August 24, 2026
- d) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Stephanie Olson – Paid Intern Mentor, McKinley
 - b. Shelley Hamman – Leadership Team Member, McKinley
 - c. Nicole Fanning – Induction Mentor, Wilson
 - d. Deidra Perry – Induction Mentor, Wilson

2) Classified

- a) Accept letter of resignation for Beatriz Martinez, Instructional Aide (#496), 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective June 6, 2026
- b) Accept letter of resignation for Alondra Perez, Instructional Aide (#235), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School, effective June 6, 2026
- c) Accept letter of resignation for Adriana Martinez, Summer Expanded Learning Clerk, from Summer School 2026 Program effective June 5, 2026
- d) Approve the following walk-on coaches for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Jennifer Benson – JV Head Coach – Volleyball Girls, GHS
 - b. Dillon Longmire – Freshman Coach – Football, GHS (50% stipend)
 - c. Brandon Oakley – JV Assistant Coach – Football, GHS
 - d. Octavio Vasquez – Freshman Coach – Football, GHS (50% stipend)
 - e. Gus Stogsdill – Volunteer Football Coach, GHS
 - f. Robert McDowell – Volunteer HS Tennis Girls Coach, GHS
- e) Ratify the following Summer School short-term assignments for Summer 2026:
 - a. Beatriz Nieves – Expanded Learning Program Clerk, June 2026 (revision)
 - b. Trayce Norman – Noon Duty Supervisor, June 2026 (revision)
 - c. Sheryl Crater – Noon Duty Supervisor, July 2026
 - d. Whitney Pike – Noon Duty Supervisor, July 2026
 - e. Kimberly Wolfe – Noon Duty Supervisor, July 2026
 - f. Alma Ramos – Summer Expanded Learning Clerk, July 2026
 - g. Saul Ramirez – Instructional Aide, July 2026
- f) Approve recommendation for new position of School Campus Supervisor (#539), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
- g) Approve recommendation to add hours to Instructional Aide (#208), from 5.5 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.1 hours daily average) to 6.25 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.95 hours daily average), at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026

D. Donations and Gifts

- 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
 - a) Quota Int of Gridley for GHS Girls Volleyball - \$500.00
 - b) Quota Int of Gridley for GHS FFA - \$500.00

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) School Psych AI Quote

- b) [Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency 2026-27 Master Contract](#)
 - c) [ExploreK12 – Renewal](#)
 - d) [Curriculum Associates, LLC Quote](#)
 - e) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Summer Extra Duty Work](#)
 - f) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Extra Duty After-School Tutoring Stipends](#)
 - g) [GUSD/GTA MOU – Compensation for Involuntary Classroom Relocation Prep](#)
 - h) [KS Telecom – Halo 4 5 year Quote](#)
- 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) [GHS Cheer – Sponsor Banners – July – August 2026](#)
 - b) [GHS Cheer – Football Game Spirit Table – 26/27 SY Home Football Games](#)
- 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) [Safety Conference, Orlando, Florida – 07/20/26 – 07/24/26](#)

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.

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