Special Board of Education Meeting | Reunión Especial de la Junta de Educación
10/14/2026 06:00 PM
Open Session Begins at/La sesión abierta comienza a las 6:00PM (Closed Session at 5:00PM)
In-Person Attendance and Via Live Stream on YouTube | Asistencia en Persona y Transmisión en YouTube
Center for the Arts (CFA) Located at Pleasant Valley High School, 1475 East Ave, Chico, CA 95926

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Rebecca Konkin, Board President - Trustee Area 1
Gayle Olsen, Board Vice President - Trustee Area 2
Teisha Hase, Board Clerk - Trustee Area 3
Tom Lando, Board Member - Trustee Area 4
Eileen Robinson, Board Member - Trustee Area 5

Non-Voting Members

Gregory Blake, Superintendent
Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:02 p.m., Board President Konkin called the Special Board Meeting to order at the Center for the Arts (CFA) at Pleasant Valley High School, 1475 East Ave, Chico, CA 95926, and announced the Board was going into Closed Session.

A. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
B. Update on Labor Negotiations

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

A. Call to Order

At 6:02 p.m., Board President Konkin called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting is livestreamed and recorded.

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

Board President Konkin stated that no action was taken in Closed Session.

C. Flag Salute

At 6:02 p.m. Board President Konkin led the salute to the flag.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. BOARD

1. INFORMATIONAL: Community Input of Chico Police Department and Chico Unified Funding Partnership to Potentially Develop Expanded School Resource Officer (SRO) Program (Public Input Opportunity)

At 6:03 p.m. Board President Konkin explained the purpose of tonight's meeting is to have questions answered from the Chico Police Department and to hear input from the community. The Board will not be taking any action at tonight's meeting. The Board will agendize a discussion/action item on the October 21, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. At the October 21 Board Meeting, there will be an opportunity for the Board to have a discussion and an opportunity to take action.

Board President Konkin welcomed Chico Police Department Chief Aldridge and Captain Peña, who are present to provide more information and to answer questions. At 6:05 p.m. Chief Aldridge presented information on how Chico Police Department selects School Resource Officers (SROs), explained grant metrics and explained his vision for the SRO program. Information regarding expectations, supports, code enforcement, scheduling and program budget were discussed.

Chief Aldridge clarified the difference between SRO participation at school sites with additional funding and participation funded solely by grants, along with expectations for program success metrics.

At 6:48 p.m., Board President Konkin stated the Board would suspend the 30-minute public input rule to extend the time period to a full hour. 19 speakers spoke during this input time. Speakers in support of School Resource Officers shared some of the following reason which included: the ability to form preventative relationships with students, helping to calm situations before they escalate, stopping online or off campus conflict before it escalates on campus, a good opportunity to take advantage of the grant funding to get SROs back on campus, help students curb poor choices by forming relationships and a sense of security for students and staff allow for proactive measures instead of reactive measures. Speaks against School Resource Officers shared concerns such as higher rates of student expulsion and/or arrests, creating a school-to-prison pipeline, low-income, students with disabilities, or specific racial or ethnic group students being disproportionately targeted. Speakers also shared concerns about the Chico Police Department being understaffed, local resources for youth battling tobacco or cannabis addiction, fear of having guns and weapons on campus, ACES and trauma training when interacting with youth, and feeling safer and supported with more campus supervisors and School Resource Officers on campus.

Chico Police Department staff responded to questions and provided input on School Resource Officer training. The Board thanked everyone for attending and stated that the next discussion will be at the October 21, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

At 8:06 p.m. Board President Konkin adjourned the meeting.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Board Clerk

Superintendent