

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING District Board Room 3243 Center Court Lane, Antelope, CA 95843

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Bruno called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ballin (arrived at 5:49 p.m.), Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Uribe

Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent
Chris Borasi, Director of Personnel & Student Services
Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Education
Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Appointment (G.C. §54957) – Principal

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - none

CLOSED SESSION - 5:41 p.m.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - 6:04 p.m.

Trustee Bruno read the following statement:

At the direction of the Board, this meeting will be broadcast & recorded. The broadcast and recording may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Bruno.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No action was taken during Closed Session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was a motion to bring the adoption of the agenda to the floor.

Motion: Uribe
Second: Pope

There were no public comments. There were no comments by the Board. There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Pope
Second: Ballin

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

RECOGNITIONS

1. Oak Hill Elementary School, Teacher of the Year & Classified Employee of the Year Mrs. Saenz, Principal, recognized Carol Campbell as their Classified Employee of the Year and Katrina Hargrove as their Certificated Employee of the Year. Carol was presented with a plaque as part of her recognition. Katrina will receive her plaque at a later date.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. CUTA – Venessa Mason & Heather Woods, Co-Presidents – Venessa Mason noted that at the Rep meeting teachers expressed that they are feeling stressed and unhappy. It is a difficult time of year and the impact of students being unhappy bleeds onto them. They do not feel supported by their administration. Some have noted that they are considering leaving the profession. There were questions and comments from the Board.
2. CSEA – Niesha Harris-Knott, President, did not have a report.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Student & Family Support Services Department's Homeless Education Program Update** – Ryan Miranda, Coordinator of Student and Family Support Services, along with Sara Gonzalez and Jess Maza shared the following: their mission; eliminating barriers; partnering with schools, families, and community; support services, resources, and referrals; The Law and the Lens of McKinney-Vento; A Continuous Cycle of Support; shared a story; Data Snapshot; From Support to Student Outcomes; and how Together, We Build Stability. There were questions and comments from the Board. There was a public comment from Christopher Brosey, student at CHS, regarding giving students experiencing homelessness a better chance of graduating.
2. **Wilson C. Riles Leadership Impact and Climate Report** – Caryn Kennedy, 8th Grade Teacher at Riles Middle School, and five students from Riles Middle School (Asma, Nathan, Lizzy, Adrian, and Emma) shared about the following: Seventh Grade Orientation, Web Wednesday, teachers and the grade level teams, Husky Fridays and Media pages, and what they are doing with their rallies.
3. **2024-2025 CAASPP Results** – Becky Lawson, Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction, reported on the following: charts comparing English Language Arts overall from 2023-24 to 2024-25, charts comparing Mathematics overall from 2023-24 to 2024-25, a chart of the Achievement Level Distribution of English Language Arts by grade levels, charts spotlighting third grade and eleventh grade growth in English Language Arts, a chart of the Achievement Level Distribution of Mathematics by grade levels, charts spotlighting third grade and eighth grade growth in Mathematics, recognized some 3rd Grade teachers, and shared areas in which we will continue the work to on. There were comments and questions from the Board.

4. Facilities Report – Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities, reported on the following:

- modernization is wrapping down after some logistical delays.
- during the Winter Break the final rekeying of the high school will take place.
- we are working on completing the purchase of the land for the next school site.
- we are starting the process to go out for bid for architect proposals to design the next school site.
- maintenance and grounds staff have been going around to make sure everything is still going fine with the change of weather.
- we are preparing ourselves for what would be coming up this winter.

There were comments from the Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Public Comments In-Person:

Alina Halytska, student at Center HS, expressed her gratitude for the Student and Family Support Services and shared how folks have benefited from the services provided by that department.

Public Comments Online: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
3. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
4. Approved 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 #23 LifeWorks
5. Approved 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 #24 Total Education Solutions
6. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between Center Joint Unified School District and San Juan Unified School District for Special Education Services during the 2025-2026 School Year
7. Approved Two Assemblies by Phil Tulga on Math, Science and Technology - Fortune
8. Approved Contracts with Ross Recreation Equipment to Retrofit the Four Kindergarten Playgrounds - Dudley, North Country, Oak Hill, Spinelli
9. Approved Renewal of Microsoft Education A5 Licenses with Bluum
10. Approved Contract with Lawson SSP Group LLC to Replace the HVAC Units at the Center High School Music Room
11. Approved Name Relocation of Terry McCauley Cafeteria-Gymnasium
12. Approved Inspector Services Agreement Amendment #1 with Gemini Inspection Service – Center High School Modernization Project #23-04
13. Approved McClellan High School Relocation to District Annex - Renovation - Phase I, Project #25-01 - Final Change Order
14. Approved McClellan High School Relocation to District Annex - Renovation - Phase I, Project #25-01 - Notice of Completion
15. Approved Professional Services Agreement with Omnicap Group LLC for Arbitrage Rebate Consulting and Compliance
16. Approved Payroll Orders: October 2025
17. Approved Commercial Warrant Registers (Vendor Warrants): October 2025

There was a motion to bring the adoption of the Consent Agenda to the floor.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Ballin

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

There were no public comments. There were no comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Pope

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

Mr. Loehr recognized Mr. French on his retirement from the district and congratulated Mrs. J'Beily as the next Principal at McClellan High School.

A. APPROVED - Schedule Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board

There was a motion to bring Business Item A to the floor.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Uribe

There were no public comments. There were no comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve the scheduling of the Annual Organization Meeting for December 17, 2025 during our regular Board meeting.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Ballin

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

B. Draft Resolution Regarding Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of its General Obligation Bond, Election of 2008, Series 2026D - Information/Discussion

There was a motion to bring Business Item B to the floor.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Bruno

Scott Loehr, Superintendent, noted that at the October meeting staff was directed to pursue the next steps in the issuing of bond funds to assist with the price of building our next school site. This draft resolution is an information item to make the public aware that we are looking to issue some of our bonds. In December we will bring it back, asking for Board approval. There were no public comments. There were comments and questions from the Board.

C. APPROVED - Reorganization of the District Office Staff

There was a motion to bring Business Item C to the floor.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

Mr. Loehr noted that with the adjustments made with the appointment of Mrs. J'Beily, it gave us the opportunity to look at our organization of the district and the district office staff. This plan would allow us to readjust and rebalance the needs we see in the district. It will increase efficiency and increase dollars. There were no public comments. There were comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Business Item C.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

D. APPROVED - First Reading: Policies and Regulations

Replace Board Policy 3290 – Gifts, Grants And Bequests
Replace Administrative Regulation 3515 - Campus Security
Replace Administrative Regulation 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires
Replace Administrative Regulation 5113 - Absences and Excuses
Add Administrative Regulation 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision
Replace Board Policy 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board
Replace Board Policy 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
Replace Administrative Regulation 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
Replace Administrative Regulation 5142 - Safety
Replace Board Policy 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning

There was a motion to bring Business Item D to the floor and to approve as a batch. There were no public comments. There were no comments from the Board.

Motion: Pope
Second: Uribe

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

E. APPROVED - Resolution #5/2025-26: Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Specific Systems, Products and or Materials in the Specifications for District Construction Projects

There was a motion to bring Business Item E to the floor.

Motion: Uribe
Second: Ballin

There were no public comments. There were no comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Business Item E.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe,
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)
Noes: None

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Vanessa Estrada

Vanessa Estrada reported on the following:

- HoCo (Homecoming) event winners were:

- * area decorations = Seniors
- * spirit stick = Sophomores
- * Floats = Juniors & Sophomores tied

- Dia de los Muertos was November 5; it was a lot of fun and the food was delicious.

- the Fall Play, Space Girls, was incredible; congratulations to Mr. M on his first play.

- Future events:

- * Tomorrow is the Powder Puff game at 6:00 p.m.
- * Winter sports start tonight
- * Thanksgiving Break is next week
- * Gingerbread Buddies will be December 10, 3:45-5:15 p.m.
- * Finals will be December 16-19

- they are starting the planning for Operation Santa with the elementary sites:

- * December 12 at Rex Fortune Elementary
- * December 16 at North Country and Dudley Elementary
- * December 17 at Oak Hill Elementary
- * December 18 at Spinelli Elementary

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Anderson

- wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mr. Ballin

- noted that he hopes everyone had a good Halloween.
- toured Spinelli Elementary and Center HS on Friday, October 24.
- attended the Sacramento County School Board Association Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, November 5. It was a nice event with the focus being on upcoming budgetary plans of the federal government through next year.
- noted that there have been events happening on campuses in the region and in our country and noted that it is crucial for all of us to take a role in protecting our schools, students, faculty and staff. Asked everyone to be observant and "If you see something, say something".
- noted that all are welcome to attend the Board meetings in person.
- appreciates input, and comments on social media are encouraged.
- wished everyone a great Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. Pope

- spoke to Alina Halytska and noted that she received a message from Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Maza and they noted that they were grateful to serve her family and friends.
- wished Trustee Ballin a happy birthday.
- congratulated Mrs. J'Beily on her promotion to Principal at McClellan High School.
- congratulated Mr. French on his upcoming retirement.
- attended Center High School's last volleyball game in October.
- attended the JV homecoming game, but then headed home to watch the World Series game of the Blue Jays versus the Dodgers. The Blue Jays did not win but it was a good series to watch. Congratulations to both teams.
- first half of the year she has had the opportunity to visit every school site, some more than once. Thanked the administrators for showcasing their exceptional schools.
- attended the SCOE Dinner.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

- was in North Dakota these past 2 weeks and had the opportunity to observe her niece's 3rd grade class Cardboard Carnival, where students were challenged to make a carnival game out of cardboard, test, implement, and present it. This allowed students to use math skills, science skills, and team work abilities.
- wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Uribe

- attended the county board dinner along with the other Board members.
- attended part of the JV game and half of the varsity homecoming game. It was cool interacting with the kids.
- wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving Break.

Mr. Loehr

- noted that Nathan Lukes, who attended Center schools, did very well in the World Series.
- noted that we are pursuing the idea of an election for some Bond funds; next meeting there will be a contract to initiate the polling of our community.
- is looking forward to working with Ms. Mason to see what is going on with our teaching staff, and to see if there is anything that they can do.
- noted that he hopes everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.
- wished Trustee Ballin a happy birthday.

Mr. Bruno

- thanked Mr. French for the time he has put into this district. Thirty-six years at one employer is incredible.
- encouraged students to find and use their voice; the Board would like to hear from them.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. Future Meeting Dates:*
 - i. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. – Board Room, Center Joint Unified School District Annex, 3243 Center Court Lane, Antelope, CA 95843 and/or Virtual*
- b. Suggested Agenda Items:*
 - Trustee Pope requested that the Superintendent or Cabinet send to the Trustees the policies on coaching requirements. They would also like to receive information regarding the coaching stipends for secondary schools and when the last increase was.*
 - Trustee Pope ask that AB 1390 be placed on the December agenda for discussion and possible action, with a focus on revisiting the Board stipend structure to ensure alignment with the compensation levels established in the recent approved bill – Motion by Pope, Second by Ballin*

ADJOURNMENT – 7:36 p.m.

Motion: Pope
Second: Ballin

Vote: General Consent

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Scott A. Loehr, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

/s/

Delrae Pope
Board of Trustees, Clerk

12/17/2025
Adoption Date