



MEETING MINUTES

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Attendance

Voting Members

Noel Rodriguez, President
Laura Brubaker, Vice President
Bibiana Garcia, Clerk
Deborah Bautista Zavala, Board Member
Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica, Board Member
Rogelio Villagrana, Board Member

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

The Superintendent pulled item G.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 11-26 purchase orders #3 The YMCA of Superior CA and #4 The YMCA of Superior CA. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Laura Brubaker - Yes
Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on Closed Session Agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

No one came forward when the Board President requested comments on the Closed Session agenda items.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:56 p.m.

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Dr. Rebecca Toto: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6**
- 2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**
- 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Superintendent**

E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Land Acknowledgment Statement

Trustee Rodriguez-Mojica delivered the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. Equity Statement

Trustee Bautista Zavala delivered the Equity Statement.

4. Board of Trustees' Agreements

Trustee Garcia delivered the Board of Trustees' Agreements.

5. Announcement of any action taken in Closed Session or items to be approved in Open Session that were reviewed in Closed Session

The Board took action in Closed Session by unanimous vote of all Trustees present to deny the complainant's appeal of the District's investigation findings. Further, the Board adopts the investigation findings as its own, and directs the administration to notify the complainant of this decision.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA AND H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There were no public comments for section G. Consent Agenda and H. Community Engagement.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda minus G.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 11-26 purchase orders #3 The YMCA of Superior CA and #4 The YMCA of Superior CA.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

1. Business Services

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 11-26

b. Approve Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment and Furniture

2. Educational Services

3. Human Resources

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 26-12

b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 26-12

4. Board Meeting Minutes:

- a. Approve December 18, 2025 - Annual Organizational Meeting

5. Resolutions

- a. Approve Resolution 24-26: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 19, 2026

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Recognition: 2025 Board President Deborah Bautista Zavala

The Board President and Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin recognized outgoing Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala for her service and dedication as a WJUSD School Board Trustee. She was presented with a gavel award to recognize her service as the 2025 Board President.

2. Presentation: Resolution 24-26: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19, 2026

Trustee Rodriguez presented Resolution 24-26: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19, 2026, to Pioneer High School Black Student Union students and the Woodland High School Black Student Union Advisor.

I. STUDENT REPORTS

1. Report from High School Student Representatives

Pioneer High School Student Representative Tarneet Sran shared information about Pioneer HS events.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Alexandra Clark, Iayne Manzanares, Willow Fowler, Valyan Carr, Zovory Benning, and Irie Carr shared concerns with the potential of removal of 7th period.

K. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA President Rebecca Rossiter shared information regarding CSEA activities.

3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA activities.

4. Report from Board Members

The board directed the Superintendent to bring back the requested item “Implementation to Move High School Schedules to 6 Periods Effective 2027-2028 School Year” back as not only an Information item but as an Information/Action item at the January 22, 2026 Regular Board meeting after verifying with legal if the agenda planning team’s decisions override a Trustee’s request for future items. This request was made by Trustee Rodriguez Mojica and supported by the following 4 Trustees - Trustees Bautista-Zavala, Villagrana, Garcia, and Rodriguez-Mojica.

Trustee Brubaker shared a Board report.

5. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Rodriguez shared an update from the Superintendent's Evaluation Team.

L. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information: Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Written Report)

The information item “Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints” was presented as a written report.

M. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Action: Approve Award of Contract for Category 1 E-Rate Funding

Motion was made to approve the Award of Contract for Category 1 E-Rate Funding.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - No

Motion Passed

2. Information/Action: Review Proposed Budget Adjustments, Reductions, and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion was made to eliminate #51 (\$80,000) Migrant TOSA, #52 (\$65,000) Paraprofessional I

(Migrant), #53 (\$165,000) Administrator of Professional Development, #54 (\$40,000) Paraprofessional I (Newcomer) on slide 9 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - No

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - No

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #18 (\$20,000) Other Timesheets, #19 (\$270,000) Site Fund, #20 (\$20,000) Materials and Supplies, #21 (\$35,000) Youth Development Network on slide 12 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #23 (\$125,000) Professional Learning Community (PLC), #24 (\$18,000) Pathful Exploration Platform, #25 (12,000) Trans Family Contract, #26 (\$120,000) Data Dashboard, and #27 (\$20,000) C Esch Consulting on slide 13 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #32 (\$196,000) Director of College & Career Readiness on slide 12 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #29 (\$46,000) Secondary English Language Development on slide 12 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Laura Brubaker

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #33 (\$88,000) Technology Specialist, #34 (\$89,000) Admin Secretary IV (Special Education), #35 (\$41,000) Warehouse Distribution Specialist I, #36 (\$181,000) Risk Manager, #37 (\$70,000) Personnel Technician, #38 (\$99,000) Payroll Benefits Technician, #39 (\$130,000) Custodian I/II, #40 (\$160,000) Assistant Principal, and #41 (\$63,000) Administrative Secretary III from slide 14 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Not Present

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate 2 EL Specialist positions, #42 (\$48,000) English Learner Specialist and #43 (\$48,000) English Learner Specialist on slide 12 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Laura Brubaker - No
Bibiana Garcia - No
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - No
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Motion was made to eliminate #30 (\$723,500) CAFE Specialists, and #31 (\$102,000) CAFE Special Programs Manager on slide 13 of the presentation.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Laura Brubaker - Yes
Bibiana Garcia - No
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - No
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

The Board directed the Superintendent to bring back two options regarding #28 (\$900,000) Paraprofessional I (Literacy) to the next Regular Board meeting on January 22, 2026, that would reduce some paraprofessionals and allow one at each school and support at lower performing schools.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item not on the agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on non-agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. This is a comment period only, and the law does not allow the Board of Trustees to take

action on any item not explicitly posted on the agenda in advance. However, Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Gretchen Smurr shared concerns with students being passed when they are not prepared.

Kyle Pease shared concerns about the removal of 7th period from our high school programs.

O. INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (requires request form completed)

P. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

Q. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

R. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk