

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Bruno called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ballin, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Uribe

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference With Real Property Negotiators Scott Loehr & Richard Putnam (G.C. §54956.8)

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

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - 6:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Bruno.

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.

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: Anderson

Second: Uribe

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (continued)

There were no public comments. There was discussion by the Board. There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as amended: pull Consent Agenda Item #3 & 23 for separate consideration.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Pope

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Warriner, Assistant Principal, recognized Dudley Elementary's Classified Employees of the Year, Terri Gunther and Susie Sutter, and Teacher of the Year, Dawn Dodson. Dawn Dodson is also the Center Joint Unified School District Teacher of the Year. Dawn was presented with a plaque as part of the recognition. Terri and Susie will receive their plaques at their site. There was a video of students thanking the three of them.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. CUTA – Venessa Mason & Heather Woods, Co-Presidents, noted that they are back as Co-Presidents and this is their last year as Co-Presidents. Mrs. Mason handles everything TK-6 and Special Ed, and Mrs. Woods handles 7-12 and any activities that need to be done. Mrs. Woods noted that there was not a lot to report other than that school is back, everything is happening, and it's a good start so far. They will meet with the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources tomorrow. CUTA will meet for negotiations next week.

2. CSEA – Niesha Harris-Knott, President, did not have a report.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Reporting** – Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Education, reported that there were no complaints to report.

2. **Human Resources Update** – Chris Borasi, Director of Human Resources & Student Services, reported on the following:

- we have hired 48 new certificated staff
 - o 18 K-6 teachers, 6 Transitional Kindergarten teachers, 12 secondary teachers, 5 Special Education teachers, 1 Elementary Assistant Principal, 1 Middle School Counselor, and 1 Speech Language Pathologist
- we still have vacancies
 - o 2 TK teachers, 1 Secondary Science teacher, 1 Middle School Special Education teacher
- this summer HR and the Curriculum Department partnered for our first annual Center Commitment Orientation. It was a 2-day training for our new teachers. He thanked Becky Lawson for organizing, our administrative team that presented, and our teacher panel.
- we still have some Classified vacancies
 - o Mechanic II
 - o Bus drivers
 - o Para-educators (we have hired 9 ISPH since March 1)

3. **Facilities Update** – Richard Putnam

- we are in the last stages of Center High modernization; we are doing some of the final tweaks.
- one of the last items will be to give Center Court Lane a fresh slurry coat and paint during the October Break.
- moved MHS to this location; everyone is moved in. They will still need to get some furniture.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- The Maintenance and Grounds Department has been running every which way this summer to get everything done.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Public Comments In-Person: None

Public Comments Online: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from June 11, 2025 Special Meeting
2. Approved Adoption of Minutes from June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
3. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
4. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
5. Approved Hard to Fill Positions for the 2025-2026 School Year
6. Approved CJUSD Employees Certified for Expulsion Hearings for 2025-2026 School Year
7. Approved Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Service Agreement between the Center Joint Unified School District and Catalyst Family for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) at Rex Fortune Elementary
8. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Schools:
 - #8 Point Quest – Central Valley
 - #2 Point Quest – Depot Park
 - #3 Point Quest – El Dorado
 - #4 Northern California Preparatory School
 - #10 Aldar Academy
 - #13 Capitol Elementary
 - #14 Capitol Academy
9. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agencies:
 - #6 Amergis
 - #12 Covelo
10. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 - #5 JabberGym
11. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 - #20 Lake House Speech
12. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 - #7 Point Quest, Pediatric Therapies
13. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 - #9 CCHAT
14. Ratified 2025-2026 Master Contract for Non-Public Agency:
 - #11 Easter Seals
15. Approved Service Agreement with Booster Enterprises, Inc to Host Fun Run - Fortune
16. Approved College and Careers Access Pathways Partnership Agreement (Dual Enrollment Agreement) with Sierra College
17. Ratified Contract with CORE Learning for ELA Site Implementation and Coaching Services – Spinelli
18. Ratified Contract with CORE Learning for OL & LA Modules of Professional Development – Spinelli
19. Approved 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement# Math2026_009 with Sacramento County Office of Education
20. Approved 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement# Math2026_010 with Sacramento County Office of Education
21. Ratified Site 4-Year License with Curriculum Associates for i-Ready Personalized Learning Math License – Spinelli

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

22. Approved Newsela ELA Subscription Agreement – McClellan
23. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
24. Approved Disposal of Broken or Obsolete Science Equipment – Center High
25. Approved Change Order #05 for Center High School Modernization Project between Landmark Constructors, Inc. and Center Joint Unified School District
26. Approved Out-of-State Travel for Verkada One Conference in Chicago, Illinois – R. Putnam & E. Graham
27. Approved Professional Service Agreement with Woolpert for 2025-26 School Attendance Boundary Locator
28. Approved Disposal or Surplus of Kitchen Equipment:
 - Metro small red rolling food warmer - Asset Tag #033946CJUSD
 - Metro tall red rolling food warmer model no. C539-HDC-U - Asset Tag #033585CJUSD
 - Norlake milk cooler - Asset Tag #003554CNUSD
 - Metro small red rolling food warmer - Asset Tag #034260CJUSD
29. Approved 2024-2025 Proposition 28: Art and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report
30. Approved 2025-2026 Consolidated Application
31. Approved 2025-2026 Title III Budget Plan
32. Ratified Agreement for Participation for Child Care Services between Center JUSD and Catalyst Family, Inc.
33. Approved Agreement with Crowe LLP for Audit Services for School Facility Program
34. Ratified Ground Lease Extension Agreement between Center Joint Unified School District and Sunrise Recreation and Park District for a portion of Oak Hill Elementary, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027
35. Approved Payroll Orders: June & July 2025
36. Approved Commercial Warrant Registers (Vendor Warrants): June 2025
37. Approved Commercial Warrant Registers (Vendor Warrants): July 2025

There was a motion to bring the Consent Agenda Items, minus items #3 & #23, to the floor.

Motion: Pope
Second: Ballin

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

Motion: Ballin
Second: Anderson

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

3. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
- There was a motion to bring the Consent Agenda Item #3 to the floor.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Uribe

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION (continued)

There were no public comments. Trustee Bruno noted that he pulled this item due to a personal connection. There were no other comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #3.

Motion: Pope
Second: Uribe

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

23. Approved Purchase of New Computers from Apple Inc. for Computer Lab in ICT Classroom
There was a motion to bring the Consent Agenda Item #23 to the floor.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

There were no public comments. Trustee Pope pulled Item #23 because it's a purchase of Apple Inc. equipment and her son works for Apple, so she will abstain. There were no other comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #23.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Pope

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING: Notification of Compliance with Education Code §60119 for Funds Received under Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program.

There was a motion by Trustee Uribe, with a second by Trustee Pope, to open the Public Hearing. The public hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Loehr noted that this Public Hearing is the opportunity for the public to comment on the following two board items, which relates to access to curriculum. The first item will certify that all of our students have access to the core curriculum and books, and the second item is the resolution of the certification. There were no public comments. There were comments from the Board. There was a motion by Trustee Anderson, with a second by Trustee Ballin, to close the Public Hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

A. APPROVED - Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

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 Business Item A.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Pope

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

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

B. APPROVED - Resolution #2/2025-26: Statement of Assurances Instructional Materials Fund

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

Motion: Pope

Second: Uribe

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

Motion: Uribe

Second: Ballin

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)

Noes: None

C. APPROVED - Resolution #1/2025-26: Agreement for Purchase of Real Property for new Elementary Site in Sierra Vista Development in Roseville

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

Motion: Uribe

Second: Pope

Mr. Loehr noted that this is for an agreement to purchase property in the Sierra Vista portion of the district for our next elementary school. There were no public comments. There were questions and comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Business Item C.

Motion: Pope

Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Estrada (*Student Board Rep*)

Noes: None

D. Anti-Choking Suction Device (ACSD) - Discussion

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

Motion: Anderson

Second: Uribe

Mr. Loehr noted that at the last meeting, in June, Trustee Anderson asked that there be a discussion about this topic. Our liability insurance carrier noted that using the proven techniques of the Heimlich Maneuver, or back thrusts, would need to be primary. If the Board voted and chose to start using these devices in our schools, we would need to be trained on them and then signage in our cafeterias. There is not a lot of clinical research on this. There were no public comments. There were comments from the Board.

E. APPROVED - Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2025-2026

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

Motion: Ballin

Second: Uribe

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

Mr. Borasi noted that for the Declaration of Need, the Commission and the Department of Education asked that we bring this to the Board with the approximate number of positions that we might need teachers who might not be fully credentialed, that would qualify for an emergency permit in case it came down that we didn't have fully certificated personnel. There were no public comments. There were questions from the Board. There was a motion to approve Business Item E.

Motion: Uribe
Second: Ballin

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

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Student Board Representative – Vanessa Estrada

- Freshman Orientation was held this summer and a lot of Freshmen came out. There was a mini-Club Rush; there were a few clubs that helped show the students what clubs they could get in with.
- Senior Chalk Walk was August 5; they made the front of the school look very beautiful, fun, and exciting.
- Senior Sunrise was that Friday.
- Seniors that wrote a letter, remember that you will get that letter back at Senior Sunset.
- Spirit Week was last week: Monday - Black & White Day; Tuesday – Jersey Day; Wednesday – Adam Sandler Day; Thursday – Gone Fishing; Friday – Clash of Color
- Friday was the Welcome Back Rally; Seniors won the spirit stick. Sophomores finished with a close second.
- Varsity and JV football had a scrimmage at Dixon High School last Friday.
- Freshmen, JV, and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams had a scrimmage on Saturday .
- Club Rush was held today.
- Miss Estrada noted that she hopes Center students and families get involved, and learn what the students are doing.
- Back to School Night is tomorrow.
- First football home game is August 22.
- Freshman tailgate will be on August 29.
- Girls Volleyball first game is August 28 at East Nicolaus High School; games will be every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Fall Blood Drive will be on September 11.
- Seniors have a class meeting on September 16 during 2nd period.
- She noted that she is excited for how their start of the year has turned out; hopes that more people get involved.

Mrs. Anderson

- welcomed everyone back; we are off to a good start.
- attended the Back to School Bash; it was a huge hit. Ryan Miranda's team did a great job.
- wished everyone a good year coming.
- noted that we need to send a huge thank you to the Lion's Club.

Mr. Ballin

- noted that it was a short summer for him.
- welcomed everyone back.
- noted that he is excited to see our community's children gaining education from our various astute and brilliant teachers and staff.
- noted that he hopes that our Seniors do well and wishes them the best.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

- attended the Back to School Bash on July 29; it was very well attended. Thank you to all who participated.
- attended North Country's Back to School event on August 5. Thanked everyone who helped with that event.
- welcomed everyone back and looks forward to working with everyone in the school year.

Mrs. Pope

- welcomed everyone back and noted that she hopes everyone had a nice summer.
- welcome Miss Estrada. It was noted that she did a good job on her first board report.

Mr. Uribe

- noted that Miss Estrada did a good job.
- noted that the Back to School Bash was incredible. The outreach infrastructure that we have is incredible and very well done, very well coordinated. Ms. Coronado did a good job directing traffic.
- extended kudos to our Superintendent and our construction people for the work done this summer.
- noted that he looks forward to working with everybody.

Mr. Loehr

- welcomed Miss Estrada. It was a pleasure meeting with her the other day, and she did a great job.
- thanked Ryan Miranda and his staff for the Back to School Bash and making it happen.
- noted that we are off to a great start.
- thanked everyone for their effort that they put in, especially the McClellan High School, Center High School and Annex people, for dealing with a move just prior to the start of school.
- noted that this morning he met with Congressman Bera, who represents part of our district. They talked about concerns or issues we may have as a district related to federal funding, how it's coming in or not coming in. Mr. Loehr felt like Congressman Bera heard what they were saying. We will need to prepare for impacted programs.
- noted that it has been a smooth start to the school year.

Mr. Bruno

- welcomed Student Board Representative Estrada and looks forward to working with her.
- noted that he attended the Back to School Bash. He shared an example of a community member sharing an idea that was implemented, and we welcome that.
- noted that he attended the All Staff Day meeting. Seeing the different sites, school spirit, and everyone coming together, it's a really good time.
- is looking forward to a good year and working with everyone.
- he noted that he is really proud to be a part of this district because they are all amazing.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. *Future Meeting Dates:*
 - i. *Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 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:*
 - None

CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION – The Board did not return to Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:47 p.m.

Second: Pope

Vote: General Consent

Respectfully submitted,

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

Delrae Pope
Board of Trustees Clerk

Adoption Date