

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Ballin called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ballin, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Pope, Mr. Uribe (*arrived at 5:24p.m.*)

Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent
Mike Jordan, Director of Educational Services
Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities
Lisa Coronado, Director of Fiscal Services
Chris Borasi, Director of Human Resources & Student Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator, (Chris Borasi), Re: CSEA and CUTA (G.C. §54957.6)
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent (G.C.§54957)

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

CLOSED SESSION - 5:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - 6:07 p.m.

Trustee Ballin read the following statement:

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

FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Ballin.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator, (Chris Borasi), Re: CSEA and CUTA (G.C. §54957.6)
 - No action was taken during Closed Session.
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent (G.C.§54957)
 - 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: Bruno
Second: Uribe

There were no public comments. There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as amended: pull Consent Agenda Items #22 and #16 for separate consideration.

Trustee Ballin noted that Student Board Representative, Vanessa Estrada, was not in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Pope
Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Ballin, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

RECOGNITIONS

1. North Country Elementary School, Teacher of the Year & Classified Employee of the Year Mrs. Seivert, Principal, recognized Joelle Freitas as their Teacher of the Year and Kate Ballin as their Classified Employee of the Year. Joelle and Kate were each presented with a plaque as part of their recognition.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. CUTA – Venessa Mason & Heather Woods, Co-Presidents – Venessa Mason reported that CUTA adopted the contract so that will be coming in May for approval. Next month they will also share their replacements as President. CUTA will be meeting a day before the next board meeting to discuss salaries.
2. CSEA – Amy Roenspie, President, did not have a report.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Williams Complaint Report, Quarter 3** – Mike Jordan, Director of Educational Services, reported that there was nothing to report.
2. **Human Resources Update** – Chris Borasi, Director of Human Resources and Student Services,
 - Classified-
 - we currently have 155 paraprofessionals; 102 are district employees and 53 are contracted staff.
 - We continue to look to hire :
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Mechanic
 - Bus drivers
 - Certificated-
 - We are looking to hire:
 - 1 secondary vacancy, currently being filled by contracted employee
 - 1 open Kindergarten position at Spinelli Elementary, currently being covered by a long term sub
 - The district is looking at 26-27 numbers carefully.
 - We are looking to hire:
 - 1 Independent Study teacher
 - 2 high school math teachers

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- 1 middle school math teacher
- 2 elementary special education teachers
- 1 middle school special education teacher
- 2 high school special education teachers
- 1 Transitional Kindergarten teacher at Fortune Elementary
- a 1st grade teacher at Spinelli Elementary
- 1 elementary teacher at Fortune
- 1 elementary teacher at Dudley
- In February we brought 21.6 FTE certificated positions to be eliminated, which affected 23 employees. Currently we only have a 0.5 FTE position being laid off. All other affected employees will be offered a position within the district.
- For Classified there was 2.5 FTE brought forward for elimination in February, which affected 3 employees. We are now down to 1 currently position being laid off.
- Negotiations:
 - a tentative agreement has been ratified with CUTA membership and will come forward next month.
 - They agreed on language on six different articles
 - They are leaving Salary open as they continue to bargain conversation this year
 - a tentative agreement has been ratified with CSEA membership and will come forward next month.
 - They agreed on language on eighteen different articles
 - The salary schedule also remains open
- Thanked both CSEA and CUTA for agreeing to wait until the Governor's May Revise comes out to provide the best possible package for our employees while protecting services and resources to our students, and hopefully eliminating the loss of staff in future out years.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Public Comments In-Person:

Faith Stuckey, student at CHS, shared concerns regarding a teacher not returning to Center High School.

Lorenzo D'Amico, student at CHS, shared concerns regarding a teacher not returning to Center High School.

Steffanie Bledsoe, parent, shared concerns regarding a teacher not returning to Center High School.

Robbie Bledsoe, student at CHS, shared concerns regarding a teacher not returning to Center High School.

Public Comments Online: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
3. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
4. Approved 2026-2027 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Services (ELOP) Agreement between CJUSD and North Highlands Recreation and Park District
5. Approved Luminous Minds, Inc. Professional Development Trainings for Expanded Learning
6. Approved 2026-2027 AVID Center Products and Services Quote/Order – Center High & Riles MS
7. Ratified Professional Services Agreement: Dr. Ayman Damen – to review and approve written medical orders

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION (continued)

There were no public comments. There were questions and comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Consent Agenda #22.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Pope

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

16. Approved Facilities Master Plan
There was a motion to bring the Consent Agenda #16 to the floor.

Motion: Ballin
Second: Pope

There were no public comments. There were comments from the Board. There was a motion to approve Consent Agenda #16.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Uribe

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. TABLED - 2026 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off Election for Subregion 6-B (Sacramento County)

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

Motion: Uribe
Second: Pope

There were no public comments. There were comments from the Board. There was a motion to Table Business Item A.

Motion: Pope
Second: Bruno

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

B. APPROVED – First Reading: Policies, Regulations, and Exhibits

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

Motion: Bruno
Second: Anderson

Administrative Regulation 3440 - Inventories
Board Policy 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards
Exhibit (1) 4119.21 - Professional Standards
Exhibit (1) 4219.21 - Professional Standards
Exhibit (1) 4319.21 - Professional Standards
Board Policy 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions
Board Policy 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
Board Policy 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity
Administrative Regulation 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity
Board Policy 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements
Board Policy 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

- Administrative Regulation 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit
- Board Policy 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
- Board Policy 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
- Administrative Regulation 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
- Exhibit (1) 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
- Exhibit (2) 6173 - Education for Homeless Children
- Board Policy 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth
- Administrative Regulation 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth
- Board Policy 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families
- Administrative Regulation 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families
- Administrative Regulation 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students
- Board Policy 6173.4 - Education for American Indian Students
- Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings and Notices
- Board Bylaw 9320.1 - Remote Meetings and Attendance
- Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials
- Board Bylaw 9323 - Meeting Conduct

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

Motion: Bruno
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

PUBLIC HEARING: The Board held a Public Hearing regarding the consideration and adoption of a resolution regarding the adoption of a Developer Fee Study and the Increase of the Statutory School Fee (Level 1 School Fees). President Ballin opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

C. APPROVED - Resolution #20/2025-26: Adoption of a Fee Justification Study and the Increase in School Facilities Fees and Adoption of CEQA Notice of Exemption

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

Motion: Pope
Second: Bruno

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

Motion: Uribe
Second: Bruno

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope, Uribe
Noes: None

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Vanessa Estrada was not available to report

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Anderson

- noted that she is looking forward to the Purple Cord dinner tomorrow night.
- asked for clarification on a policy

Mr. Bruno

- was a judge for the Oral Language Faire. It is a fun tradition, and he looks forward to it in the future.
- toured Spinelli Elementary and Center High School.
- noted that he is looking forward to the Purple Cord Dinner tomorrow night.
- noted that they have seen the Panorama Survey and are taking it to heart.
- noted to those asking for better health care or pay raises, we hear you.
- noted that the district he works in has sent layoff notices to approximately everyone at the district office and he is fighting it. He appreciates that CJUSD is not in that position. We have really good guidance and we move carefully to try to stay fiscally solvent.
- thanked those in the audience for speaking tonight. Even though the board is not allowed to comment, they do hear them.

Mrs. Pope

- noted that she will be attending the Purple Cord/Top Ten Dinner tomorrow night at Center High.
- noted that tomorrow night will be the Riles Middle School Open House and 20th Anniversary. Thanked Mr. Homesley and Kat Brooks for their work in preparation for the event.

Mr. Uribe

- noted that he will be attending the Riles Open House and 20th Anniversary.
- is looking forward to the Purple Cord dinner. He thanked the staff for putting this on for the students.
- attended the Fortune Elementary School Oral Faire. Was very impressed with the work put in to that.
- North Country Elementary had a Cultural Fair. He was impressed with the talent and organization
- noted that he is impressed with this district and is blessed to be here.

Mr. Loehr

- attended most of the events that were listed tonight.
- thanked the students and Mrs. Bledsoe for speaking tonight.
- noted that the board had authorized the sale of bond funds. If conditions are right, it will go out to the market tomorrow morning.
- missed the CHS Bite of Reality event but noted that it made the news today.
- noted that there will be cultural presentations in Ms. Caldwell's class coming up next week.
- noted that we are on the home slide of the school year. It is a tiring time. He thanked those here, and at home, for all that they do every single day to get us to the finish line.

Mr. Ballin

- toured Spinelli Elementary and Center High School. He thanked the principals for taking time out of their schedules to show them what is best about their campuses.
- noted that he will be attending the Purple Cord Dinner and Riles Middle School's Open House tomorrow night.
- noted to the Representatives for CSEA and CUTA that it is a hard time to go through. The best course of action will be to know where the money is. He thanked the members for their patience.

