

Wheatland School District Statement on Transparency and Board Agendas

The Wheatland School District and its Board of Trustees remain committed to full transparency, open governance, and compliance with the Brown Act. Recent anonymous claims have questioned the accuracy of our agendas and the availability of information. We take these concerns seriously and wish to clarify the facts.

Board Agendas

Board agendas are not “Mr. Guensler’s Agendas.” They are official Board documents, prepared according to law and reviewed by the Board. The Wheatland School District Board has participated in Brown Act trainings and fully supports public participation in the governance process.

Agenda Documentation

Some supporting materials, including the Unaudited Actuals, were not posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting because they were not yet finalized. This was due to the complexity of closing the books and the fact that our new Chief Business Official is learning prior systems while also handling a serious family matter. To ensure transparency, these items were not be voted on tonight; instead, a special meeting will be held on Monday to properly address them.

Board Packets

All Board packets are posted online and are available to the public. Anyone may download, review, or print them at any time.

Negotiations

Items 5.8 and 5.9 on the agenda are *sunshine items*. These items simply outline the topics to be negotiated with the union, as required by law. They are not contracts and do not include salary schedules. No agreements have been reached, and rumors of an 8% raise are entirely inaccurate.

Public Records and Transparency

The District follows the Public Records Act, and requests—along with responses—are posted online to ensure transparency and efficiency. This is a standard practice across California and is not retaliation or an attempt to discourage requests. All policies are vetted through legal review and formally adopted by the Board.

Financial Accountability

The District undergoes an independent financial audit every year. These audits consistently return clean reports with no findings of misconduct. Oversight and accountability are part of our ongoing commitment to the public.

Commitment to Students and Families

This year marks the Superintendent’s 16th year of service to Wheatland, during which time the District has experienced remarkable academic growth and student achievement. Our schools remain in high demand, with enrollment so strong that we must regularly turn families away due to space limitations. Currently, 363 students transfer into Wheatland—equivalent to the size of an entire school. Families choose Wheatland because of the strength of our academic programs, the safety and support of our school environments, and the dedication of our exceptional staff. The Board of Trustees and administration remain focused on what matters most: serving students and families. We are proud of our record, open in our operations, and always willing to engage in constructive dialogue based on facts.

Wheatland School District – *Committed to Students, Families, and Community*