REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EAST NICOLAUS JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
2454 Nicolaus Avenue, Nicolaus, CA 95659

Monday, February 9, 2026
6:00 p.m. Closed Session
Approx. 6:30 p.m. Open Session
Closed Session to follow

1. CALL TO ORDER

Time: 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC SESSION—ROLL CALL FOR

	Present	Absent
Tom Engler (President)	X	
Jill Bramhill (Clerk)	X	
David Fales	X	
Jeff Moore	X	
Erin VanDyke	X	

PRESENT: Neil Stinson, Rebecca Gillespie, Maria Foster, Mayra Bautista, Kevin Coulter, Tommy DeGeorge

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Time: 6:02 p.m.

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- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – *Government Code Section 54957.6*
  Designated agency representatives: Neil Stinson, Rebecca Gillespie, Maria Foster
  Employee Organization: ENTA
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation - One case

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Action taken: Nothing to report out.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AGENDA

Motion: Moore Second: Fales Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

7. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

7.1 School Safety Plan – Stinson reported on annual update that must be done by March 1st. Some updates, staffing, etc. Sent to compliance review. Possible change May/June and would need to reapprove. Evacuation plan also changed (pg 23). Non-Lethal self-defense? Do we have? Is there Staff Training for it?

7.2 Transportation Plan – Stinson stated this plan is updated annually. The only changes were demographics, everything else remains the same.

7.3 Mid-Year LCAP – Stinson reviewed, stated there is no approval needed, but the State decided we needed to do a mid-year update this year. Updated demographics, metrics, etc.

7.4 CSBA Board Policy updates (January, 2026 list) – Part 2, major change to be noted is response to immigration. Board was sent electronic version.

7.5 DOC / Inter-District Class size cap / Lottery discussion – DOC discussion on board policy, discussed class size limit to 90 with extension to 95 to balance grade levels. Nothing on paper, board direction on class size. Will need to adopt board policy in resolution format. Engler recommended BP

approval over 90 up to 95. Stated that 300-315 is where ENHS is comfortable with budget. One certificated teacher for every 15 kids. Are we decreasing staffing or do we keep staffing as is and decide projections? Discussed a resolution where our "sweet spot" is 300-315, cap based on enrollment. Before we get to DOC, we need to do class sizes and DOC. The logical starting spot – 90 kids per class. Questioned what we looked like financially at 315 vs. 330. Fales stated he feels DOC is a different issue. Wants a lottery.

8. REPORTS / UPDATES

8.1 Student Representative – No report

8.2 Athletic Director – Spring sports; V & JV schedule is complete as of now. Softball is done. Kyler planning a Freshman Tourney, no team numbers yet, no paperwork and Baseball trying to use ASB funds. Track & Field still looking for a coach. We thought last year's coach would be returning but will not due to personal reasons. Golf met and had a meeting today. Spring is Boy's Golf. Girls will practice with Boys. Girls golf season is in the Fall and it's possible we could have a Girl's team if there are enough girls interested. Boys Basketball will opt out of tournament play. Girls will opt in and will likely have a home game. Grade checks will go out tomorrow.

8.3 Director of Guidance – Gillespie reported 8th Grade Preview day was great. Registration is open, they schedule to meet with me. All students have received course request forms for next year. {Mrs. G provided a written report; see at end of meeting minutes}

8.4 Board of Trustees – Development issue may be off the table. Engler spoke to developer and they stated Sutter Pointe is 100% age restricted development at this stage.

8.5 Superintendent/Principal – Stinson reported that any new build construction requires solar and battery backup. There are 2 significant leaks in both main lines on both baseball fields, 4 or 6" main. Gym lighting continues to have issues; we continue to repair/update them as the drivers/ballasts go out. Dave has been fixing them as needed. He identifies and marks which ones are being replaced. We have an immediate opening for a Track coach. March 1st we will be opening new positions. Staff voted for our Educator of the Year awards; Taylor Tollenaar and Tommy DeGeorge were selected by the staff. They will be honored at a ceremony/dinner. Wrestling is having an outstanding year. Student discipline report: Admin has felt an increase in incidents. 51 out of 300 kids are having discipline issues, including classroom disruptions, student interactions, a lot of teasing/bullying/harassment. Trying to address it as it happens. Fales commented if we could look into a continuation school. Neil stated that is more for credit deficient and not discipline. {Stinson provided written report/notes, see at end of meeting minutes}

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the Consent Agenda may be acted upon through one motion. Board Members may request that individual items be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

9.1 Approval of Warrants & Expenditures / January, 2026 - $199,306.47

9.2 Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2026

Motion: VanDyke Second: Bramhill Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Review and Approve the CSBA Board Policy Updates (November, 2025 list / presented Jan 2026)

Motion: VanDyke Second: Bramhill Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10.2 Review and Approve the 2025-2026 ENHS School Safety Plan

Motion: VanDyke Second: Fales Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10.3 Review and Approve the 2025-2026 ENHS Transportation Plan

Motion: Fales Second: Moore Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10.4 Review and Approve the change to Spanish Curriculum for Spring 2026 Semester

Motion: Bramhill Second: VanDyke Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10.5 Review and Approval of Phase II – Server Installation / Caliber Networks {approval contingent on insurance approval}

Motion: Fales Second: Moore Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

10.6 Review and Approval of Resolution #2526-V Intent to Initiate a Transition from At-Large to By-Trustee Area Board Elections Commencing with ~~the 2026 Board~~ Future Elections

Motion: Fales Second: Bramhill Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

11. FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Sutter Pointe
11.2 ENTA / ENJUHSD CBA
11.3 ENHS 2025-26 2nd Interim Report
11.4 Superintendent Evaluation
11.5 2024-2025 Annual Audit
11.6 DOC / Class size cap
11.7 Non-Lethal self-defense

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

13. CLOSED SESSION Time: 8:12 p.m.

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- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- (*Government code 54956.9*)
  Existing Litigation (*Government code 54956.9(d)(1)*
  Sutter County Case No. CVCS23-0000492
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE - pursuant to *Government code 54957*
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - *Government Code Section 54957.6*
  Designated agency representatives: Neil Stinson, Rebecca Gillespie, Maria Foster
  Employee Organization: ENTA

RECONVENE – CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT Time: 10:30 p.m.

Action taken: Nothing to report out.

14. ADJOURNMENT Time: 10:31 p.m.

Motion: Fales Second: Moore Vote: 5-0 Abstentions: None

Board President

Board Secretary / Clerk

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Board Meeting
Superintendent Update- Feb 9 2026

Facilities- Any new building construction requires new solar and new battery backup.
-- Leaks in main lines at both the baseball fields are being addressed.
-- Continue to address issues with lighting in the gym.

Staffing: Immediate opening for Head Track Coach-

-Plan is to begin advertising and reaching out to potential candidates on March 1st for positions open in 2026-27 school year.

Wrestling Having an outstanding season once again. Participated at the Mid Cals in Gilroy, home dual meet vs. RV SVL league Finals- 3 league champions- 2nd place overall in boys/3rd in girls- Division meet this week on the road to state.

Girls BBALL – currently 4th in points and would host a first round game.

Boys BBALL- Well out of the playoff eligibility by our policy.

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Board Meeting – 2/9/26

Learning Director Presentation

- 8th Grade Preview Day -0 went well, leadership students from both ASB and Ag classes walked with about 65 students around campus and showcased our various programs. They all ended in the SSC where the heard information on class selection and their future at EN.
- Registration has started and intakes/interviews are happening. Each incoming student meets with me to talk about courses, future plans, and lets me know a little about themselves. I have had about 10-15 so far.
- ELPAC Testing takes place tomorrow and will require our designated ELD students to complete a four-part assessment on their ability to use and comprehend the English language.
- Honor Roll and Principal's List went off wonderfully. We dressed up for this one and themed it to Frozen. Mrs. Lauppe was Olaf and I was Elsa. I think the kids really enjoyed it. We even had a safe snowball fight.
- We had our 3rd round of department meeting where staff brought data from their classrooms and it was analyzed.
- All students have their course requests and they are due by Thursday. I have inputted about 100 of them so far.

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