



Regular Board of Education Meeting/Reunión ordinaria de la Junta de Educación
03/11/2026 06:00 PM
Open Session Begins at/La sesión abierta comienza a las 6PM
In-Person Attendance & Via Live Stream on YouTube/Asistencia en Persona y
Transmisión en YouTube
Marigold School/Escuela Marigold, 2446 Marigold Ave., Chico, California 95926

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Rebecca Konkin, Board President - Trustee Area 1
Gayle Olsen, Board Vice President - Trustee Area 2
Tom Lando, Board Member - Trustee Area 4
Eileen Robinson, Board Member - Trustee Area 5

Non-Voting Members

Gregory Blake, Superintendent
Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

Absent

Teisha Hase, Board Clerk - Trustee Area 3

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:01 p.m. Board President Konkin called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at Marigold Elementary School, 2446 Marigold Avenue, Chico, and announced the Board was going into Closed Session.

A. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

A. Call to Order

At 6:03 p.m. Board President Konkin called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order and stated the Board had been in Closed Session.

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

Board President Konkin stated no action was taken in Closed Session.

C. Flag Salute

Board President Konkin led the salute to the flag.

4. STUDENT REPORTS

Chico Junior High School's Principal John Gunderson introduced I-Tech Instructor Wes Bill. A presentation was shared by Mr. Bill's students highlighting I-Tech I, I-Tech II, and I-Tech III class projects.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOGNITION

At 6:15 p.m. Chico Junior High School's Principal John Gunderson presented the Superintendent's Award to Marcy Reise (Classified) and Maya Price (Certificated).

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 6:19 p.m. CSEA Chapter #110's President Kelley Serl shared her appreciation for the partnership between CSEA Chapter #110 and Chico Unified School District. Last year, they partnered to participate in the State's CSESAP (Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program). Reported that 244 classified employees participated in the program and acknowledged Marie Hartman and the Payroll Department for their help in making this program successful.

Kelley Serl presented the CSEA member-to-member award recognition to Wendy Billingsley, Office Manager at John McManus Elementary.

Superintendent Greg Blake introduced Erica Sheridan, Chico High School Principal, who shared that Chico High School received the California Distinguished School Award for this year.

7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

At 6:25 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to public comment. Six speakers spoke for a total of eighteen minutes. One student spoke regarding an out-of-state field trip for the Robotics Club at Chico High School. One speaker spoke regarding Chromebook usage and security issues. Three speakers spoke regarding parents' rights. One speaker spoke regarding summer reading loss and recommended a summer reading program.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

At 6:42 p.m. Board President Konkin asked if anyone would like to pull a Consent Item for further discussion. No items were pulled. A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion made by: Gayle Olsen

Motion seconded by: Eileen Robinson

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

A. GENERAL

1. The Board Approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 2/18/26
2. The Board Approved the Items Donated to the Chico Unified School District

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. The Board Approved the Expulsion of Students with the Following IDs: 86139, 86169, 91134, 97069, 100476, 106695, 107012 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
2. The Board Approved the Chico Unified School District Monthly Enrollment Update (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
3. The Board Approved the School Field Trip Requests (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
4. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for Junior High Schools, "CTE Career Exploration" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)

5. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for Junior High Schools, "Level Up Lab: Coding, Game Design & Animation" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)

C. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. The Board Approved the Account Payable Warrants (Submitted by Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent Business Services)
2. The Board Approved the Contracts (Submitted by Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent Business Services)
3. The Board Approved the Charter Schools Measure K and C Projects Requests (Submitted by Julie Kistle, Director Facilities & Construction)
4. The Board Approved the 2026-27 Transportation Services Plan (Submitted by Bob Ontiveros, Transportation Manager)
5. The Board Approved Resolution 1718-26, Interfund Borrowing Between Funds (Submitted by Charise Bromley, Director Fiscal Services)
6. The Board Approved the Measure E, K, & C Bond Oversight Committee Annual Reports for 2024-2025 (Submitted by Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent Business Services)
7. The Board Approved the 2024-25 Measure E, Measure K, and Measure C General Obligation Bond Audit (Submitted by Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent Business Services)
8. The Board Approved the Declaration of Surplus Property (Submitted by Charise Bromley, Director Fiscal Services)

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. The Board Approved the Certificated Human Resources Actions (Submitted by John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources)
2. The Board Approved the Classified Human Resources Actions (Submitted by Mike Allen, Executive Director Classified Human Resources)

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Charter Review Committee Recommendation - Blue Oak Charter School (Presented by Heather Sufuentes, Director Elementary Education)**
At 6:43 p.m. Director Heather Sufuentes shared that Blue Oak Charter School submitted a charter renewal petition for the 2026-2031 school years on January 21, 2026, and pursuant to California Education Code, the Chico Unified School District (CUSD) Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the renewal on February 18, 2026.

The CUSD Charter School Review Committee met to review the Blue Oak Charter Renewal Petition and is in support of renewal. A motion was made to approve the Blue Oak Charter Renewal petition.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Gayle Olsen

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Charter Review Committee Recommendation - Wildflower Open Charter School (Presented by Heather Sufuentes, Director Elementary Education)

At 6:46 p.m. Director Heather Sufuentes shared that Wildflower Open Charter School submitted a charter renewal petition for the 2026-2031 school years on January 21, 2026, and pursuant to California Education Code, the Chico Unified School District (CUSD) Board of Directors held a public hearing regarding the renewal on February 18, 2026.

The CUSD Charter School Review Committee met to review the Wildflower Open Charter Renewal Petition and is in support of renewal. A motion was made to approve the Wildflower Open Charter Renewal petition.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Rebecca Konkin

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

3. INFORMATIONAL: Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Presented by Heather Sufuentes, Director of Elementary Education)

At 6:48 p.m. Director Heather Sufuentes shared information regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This policy serves as a roadmap for families and is designed to ensure purposeful engagement with our sites. Board President Konkin stated that this is informational only and that no action is needed.

4. INFORMATIONAL: Student Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Meetings Update for the 2025-26 School Year (Presented by Directors Heather Sufuentes and Pedro Caldera)

At 6:51 p.m. Directors Heather Sufuentes and Pedro Caldera shared updates regarding the Student Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) meetings. They provided a summary of the feedback collected by students throughout the district.

At 7:08 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to Public Comment. One speaker spoke for a total of three minutes regarding the student selection process and the policies regarding the use of handheld digital devices at school.

Board President Konkin stated that this is informational only and that no action is needed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/ACTION: Extended School Year (ESY) - (Presented by Jennifer Skala, Director of Student Support Services)

At 7:09 p.m. Director Jen Skala shared that every summer the district offers an extended year program. The Board is requested to take action regarding the ability of Chico Unified School District to provide ESY (Extended School Year) services to identified students with disabilities, utilizing a 15-day schedule of five hours of instruction per day, equaling 80 hours of ESY instruction. A Public Hearing is required.

At 7:12 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

At 7:13 p.m. Board President Konkin closed the Public Hearing.

The Board is requested to take action regarding the ability of Chico Unified School District to provide ESY (Extended School Year) services to identified students with disabilities, utilizing a 15-day schedule of five hours of instruction per day, equaling 80 hours of ESY instruction. A motion was made to approve.

Motion made by: Gayle Olsen

Motion seconded by: Eileen Robinson

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

B. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Lease-Leaseback Agreement Amendment No.1- Pleasant Valley High School Building D Fire Rebuild

At 7:13 p.m. Director Julie Kistle introduced Facilities Planner and Construction Supervisor, Maria Campos, and shared that on August 20, 2025, the Board approved United Building Contractors (UBC) to perform Preliminary Services for the Pleasant Valley High School Building D Fire Rebuild Project. UBC provided a construction Guaranteed Project Cost (GPC) of \$5,163,845, and an overall total project cost of \$6,432,845. The project is set to begin during the week of Spring Break and is projected to be completed before the 2027 spring semester.

A motion was made to approve the Guaranteed Project Cost and Total Project Cost for Pleasant Valley High School Building D Fire Rebuild – Amendment No. 1.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Eileen Robinson

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27 & 2027-28 (Presented by Charise Bromley, Director Fiscal Services)

At 7:17 p.m. Director of Fiscal Services Charise Bromley spoke regarding a new agreement needed for auditing services. A motion was made to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the local firm, Horton McNulty & Saeteurn, LLP, (HM&S) for auditing services for the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 fiscal years.

Motion made by: Gayle Olsen

Motion seconded by: Eileen Robinson

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2025-26 Second Interim Budget (Presented by Jaclyn Kruger, Deputy Superintendent Business Services)

At 7:19 p.m. Director Marie Hartman, Director Charise Bromley, and Deputy Superintendent Jaclyn Kruger shared the 2025-26 2nd Interim Budget estimates a positive change in fund balance of \$534,093 for unrestricted programs and a negative change in fund balance of \$4,884,904 for restricted programs. The change in fund balance on the unrestricted side of the budget has improved due to increased ADA in prior year that will be used for current year funding as well as an overall tightening of budgets district-wide, based on current spending. The negative change in fund balance on the restricted side of the budget is largely due to one-time dollars received in prior years, which will be spent in the current year.

CUSD's ending general fund balance for both unrestricted and restricted programs is projected to be \$86,116,747 as of June 30, 2026. The unrestricted ending balance is estimated to be \$58,373,639 and the restricted ending fund balance estimated is \$27,743,108.

The Multi-Year Projection (MYP) currently shows the district will meet its economic reserve requirement and the local board reserve amounts in the current and subsequent two years. The 2025-26 2nd Interim Budget meets the definition of a "Positive" certification. A motion was made to accept the 2025-2026 Second Interim Budget.

Motion made by: Eileen Robinson

Motion seconded by: Tom Lando

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 1716-26, Elimination of Vacant Classified Positions Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds (Presented by Mike Allen, Executive Director of Classified Human Resources)

At 7:29 p.m. Executive Director Mike Allen provided an explanation of the classified positions no longer needed. A motion was made to approve Resolution 1716-26.

Motion made by: Eileen Robinson

Motion seconded by: Tom Lando

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando – Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 1717-26, Elimination of Vacant Classified Positions Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds (Presented by Mike Allen, Executive Director of Classified Human Resources)

At 7:32 p.m. Executive Mike Allen provided an explanation of the classified position no longer needed. A motion was made to approve Resolution 1717-26.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Rebecca Konkin

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando – Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Chico Unified Teachers Association and Chico Unified School District Negotiations Openers for the 2026-27 School Year (Presented by John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources)

At 7:34 p.m. Assistant Superintendent John Shepherd shared that Chico Unified School District (CUSD), would like to express appreciation for the collaborative and cooperative relationship with Chico Unified Teachers Association (CUTA) and the CUTA leadership. Given the success of the Interest-Based Bargaining format and the willingness to discuss all issues, CUSD and CUTA have jointly agreed not to open any specific article for the 2026-27 bargaining year. A motion was made to approve Agenda Item 9.C.3.

Motion made by: Gayle Olsen

Motion seconded by: Tom Lando

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Funding Source for Elementary Counselors Resulting in Status Change (Presented by John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources)

At 7:37 p.m. Assistant Superintendent John Shepherd stated that the Board approved a funding source shift for secondary counselors in 2025. It is requested that the Board approve the same funding source change for elementary counselors. In 2022, the Chico Unified School District (CUSD) received supplemental categorical funds to bolster the support mechanisms for student learning. Specifically, the CUSD utilized these funds to provide Social-emotional Support for students struggling to re-acclimate to in-person learning after the pandemic by adding 19 Wellness Counselor Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) staff. The funding source is set to expire at the end of the 2027-28 school year.

If approved, the Elementary Wellness Counselor funding source will be shifted to the General Fund beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

At 7:40 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to Public Comment. One speaker spoke for a total of three minutes regarding the importance of counselors at school sites.

A motion was made to approve Agenda Item 9.C.4, moving the funding of the Wellness Counselors.

Motion made by: Rebecca Konkin

Motion seconded by: Gayle Olsen

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

At 7:42 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

11. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO AGENDIZE ITEM

At 7:43 p.m. Board President Konkin reported that there were no Board Member requests to agendize an item.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 p.m. a motion was made, and Board President Konkin adjourned the meeting.

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Board Clerk



Superintendent