



**Gridley Unified School District
Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Board of Education Members

Eric Waterbury, President

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Wednesday, October 7, 2026

6:00 PM Closed Session

6:30 PM Open Session

District Office Board Room

429 Magnolia Street

Gridley, CA 95948

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Los participantes en línea ingresarán en el "Modo de solo visualización" simplemente para evitar que se active el silencio accidentalmente. Indique en las preguntas y respuestas o mediante la herramienta Levantar la mano que desea hablar sobre un tema y el anfitrión de la reunión lo incorporará como colaborador a la reunión. Esto le permitirá activar su silencio y hablar sobre un tema o en comentarios públicos.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As agenda items are discussed by the Board during the Open Session of the Board Meeting, audience participation is permitted. The President will recognize those members of the audience who wish to speak.

The President will set a time limit on each person's remarks if he/she feels it necessary. Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for individual comments. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to twenty (20) minutes. With Board consent, the president may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The president may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add. Generally, the President will ask Board Members for the remarks prior to recognizing requests to speak from the audience. At the President's discretion, agenda items may be considered in an order other than numerical order.

Closed Sessions may convene before, after or during the Meeting. Closed Session items may include personnel, litigation, and negotiations and/or student's discipline.

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum
3. Public comments relative to Closed Session agenda items

4. Recess to Closed Session
 - A. Personnel
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section § 54957, the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of, performance, discipline, resignation, retirement or dismissal of a public employee(s)
 - B. Labor Negotiations
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section §54957.6, the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to consider salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of benefits for District's represented and unrepresented employees.
 - C. Real Property
 - 1) Update on real property pursuant to Government Code §54956.8
 - D. Pending Litigation
 - 1) In accordance with Government Section 54956.9(a)(d)(2), the Governing Board will meet in Closed Session to confer with, and receive advice from legal counsel and the superintendent regarding significant exposure to litigation.
5. Recall to Order
6. Pledge of Allegiance and Order of Agenda
7. Report from Closed Session Information
8. Reports: Certificated Administrators Information
 - A. Rikki-Lee Burresch – GHS Student Enrollment - 691
 - B. Maggie Daugherty – Esperanza Student Enrollment - 14
 - C. Michael Pilakowski
 - D. Rhiannon Treat – McKinley Student Enrollment - 298
 - E. Minden King – Wilson Student Enrollment - 578
 - F. Chris Schmidt – Sycamore Student Enrollment - 429

* Student Enrollment Numbers are as of 9/28/26 *
9. Superintendent's Report Information
10. Comments from the Board of Trustees Information
11. Comments from the audience (Items not included on the Agenda may be introduced by members of the audience; however, no formal action will be taken at this time.) Information
12. INFORMATION ITEM(S): Information
 - A. [Conduct Second Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated August 2026](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: California School Boards Association provides districts with a recommended board policy manual and publishes legal updates for board policies. The attached Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits needs to be approved to bring the district's policy manual up to date.)

B. [Review Quarterly Complaints Relative to the Williams Lawsuit](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: One of the requirements of the Williams Lawsuit is a review by the Board of the quarterly report of complaints relative to the following:

1. Sufficiency of instructional materials
2. Cleanliness, Safety and Maintenance of facilities
3. Teacher vacancy or mis-assignment)

C. [Public Hearing Confirming Compliance with the Requirements of Ed Code Sections 60119 and 60422\(b\) Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2026-27 School Year](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: A public hearing must be held to allow the public to comment on the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials.)

13. **ACTION ITEM(S):**

Action

A. [Approve Board Resolution 08-2627. Confirming Compliance with the Requirements of Ed Code Sections 60119 and 60422\(b\) Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2026-27 School Year](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: All districts are required to publicly adopt a resolution attesting to the sufficiency of instructional materials in schools and informing the public of any deficiencies in materials and plans to address those deficiencies.)

B. [Approve the Tentative Agreement with GTA and GUSD](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: The GTA and the District negotiation teams reached a tentative agreement for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school year. The final agreement was reached through a number of collaborative bargaining sessions. The revisions to the salary schedule would be: July 1, 2026 3.2% increase to the salary schedule; July 1, 2027 3.0% increase to the salary schedule. A yearly increase to the Health and Welfare Cap of \$1,200.00 beginning July 1, 2027 and a one-time payment of \$1,400.00 prorated by FTE.)

C. [Approve the Meet and Confer between the School Psychologists and Gridley Unified School District \(GUSD\)](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: The School Psychologist and the District negotiation teams reached a tentative agreement for the 2026-2027 and 2027-28 school year. The final agreement was reached through the collaborative bargaining process. The revisions to the salary schedule would be: Effective July 1, 2026 a 3.2% increase to the salary schedule; July 1, 2027 3.0% increase to the salary schedule. A yearly increase to the Health and Welfare Cap of \$1,200.00 effective July 1, 2027 and a one-time payment of \$1,200 prorated by FTE for the 2026-27 school year.)

D. [Approve the Tentative Agreement between Confidential and GUSD](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: Confidential and the District negotiation teams reached a tentative agreement for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school year. The revisions to the salary schedule would be: July 1, 2026 3.48% increase to the salary schedule; July 1, 2027 3.0% increase to the salary schedule. A change in step placement from 21 to 23 for Payroll Tech and step 9 to 11 for Admin. Secretary. A yearly increase to the Health and Welfare Cap of \$1,500 for 2027-28

and a one-time payment of \$1,500.00 for 2026-27. An increase to the Degree Stipend: AA \$400.00, BA \$600.00 and MA \$1,000.00.)

- E. [Approve Adoption of Novel *Sunrise on the Reaping* for Sycamore Advanced ELA 8 Class.](#)
(Michael Pilakowski)
(BACKGROUND: To increase the rigor expected of students in the Advanced ELA 8 course and build on the students' previous exposure to *The Hunger Games*, teaching staff recommend adding the prequel novel *Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins to the approved novels list at Sycamore, limited to use in the Advanced ELA 8 course.)
- F. [Approve Gridley Unified School District 2027-28 school year calendar for Certificated 183-day staff members](#) (Justin Kern)
(BACKGROUND: The employee work calendar for Certificated 183-day staff school year has been developed and reviewed by administration and GTA as required annually. This calendar will be used to develop the instructional calendar for the 2027-28 school year.)

14.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action

The following items are to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda. A member of the Board of Trustees may request any items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for individual action. All remaining items may be approved by a single action of the Board. District administration recommends approval of the following Consent Agenda items, contingent necessary clearances prior to start.

A. [Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2026](#)

B. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
- a. Naomi Payne – Saturday School Teacher, GHS
 - b. Connie Quist - Saturday School Teacher, GHS
 - c. Tiana Scott – After School Tutoring Teacher, Sycamore
 - d. Mindy Tuft – After School Tutoring Teacher, Sycamore
 - e. Jennifer Polo – Leadership Team Member, Wilson
 - f. Nicole Fanning – Leadership Team Member, Wilson
 - g. Rebecca Rutter - Leadership Team Member, Wilson
 - h. Angela Andes - Leadership Team Member, Wilson
 - i. Dennis Jackson – PLC Team Leader, Wilson
 - j. Lori Parks – MTSS Team Member, Wilson
 - k. Jamie Wellborn – CTE Coordinator, GHS (50% stipend)
 - l. Eric Stark – Tutoring Supervisor, GHS
 - m. Nathan Link – Credit Recovery Teacher, GHS (50% stipend)
 - n. Courtney Jordan - Credit Recovery Teacher, GHS (50% stipend)
 - o. Kayla Sanchez – MTSS Team Member, McKinley
 - p. Aisha Riaz – MTSS Team Member, Wilson
 - q. Cameron Besser – MTSS Team Member, Wilson
 - r. Angela Andes – Elementary ASB Advisor, Wilson
 - s. Phebe Daddow - Environmental Science Camp Teacher, Wilson
 - t. Simeon Allison – Environmental Science Camp Teacher, Wilson
 - u. Angela Andes - Environmental Science Camp Teacher, Wilson
 - v. Amanda Jackson - Environmental Science Camp Teacher, Wilson
- b) Approve 6/5th assignment for Dustin Vaughn, Alternative Education Teacher, at Esperanza Alternative High School effective October 10, 2026 through December 18, 2026

2) Classified

- a) Letter of resignation for Angela Campos, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#393), 6 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.5 hours per day, 1 day per week at Wilson Elementary School effective October 1, 2026
- b) Letter of resignation for Maribel Gonzalez, Noon Duty Supervisor (#401), 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Sycamore Middle School effective October 5, 2026
- c) Letter of resignation for Maribel Gonzalez, Noon Duty Supervisor (#462), 0.75 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective October 5, 2026
- d) Ratify employment for Maribel Gonzalez, Instructional Aide (#312), 5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective October 5, 2026
- e) Ratify employment for Susie Orozco, Noon Duty Supervisor (#348), 1 hour per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective October 5, 2026
- f) Ratify employment for Trina Smith, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#330), 6.75 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week at Wilson Elementary School effective October 5, 2026
- g) Ratify employment for Amber Mendenhall, Instructional Aide, Adult Transition (#516), 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School (Adult Transition Program) effective October 5, 2026
- h) Approve the following walk-on coaches / extra duty stipends for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Jake Wilson – Flag Football, Girls Volunteer Coach, GHS
 - b. Lourdes Delgado – CTE Coordinator, GHS (50% stipend)
 - c. Linda Lopez – GIBT Event Gate, GHS
 - d. Patty Ramos – GIBT Event Gate, GHS
 - e. Linda Lopez – Football Gate, GHS
 - f. Angelina Hopoate – Football Gate, GHS
 - g. Angelica Hernandez – Volleyball Gate, GHS
 - h. Lourdes Delgado – Boys Basketball Gate, GHS
 - i. Angelina Hopoate – Girls Basketball Gate, GHS
 - j. Lourdes Delgado – Wrestling Gate, GHS
 - k. Angelina Hopoate – Boys/Girls Soccer Gate, GHS
 - l. Angelina Hopoate – Substitute Gate (all sports), GHS
 - m. Lourdes Delgado – Substitute Gate (all sports), GHS
 - n. Angelica Hernandez – Substitute Gate (all sports), GHS
 - o. Lourdes Delgado – CIF Playoff Games Gate (all sports), GHS
 - p. Angelina Hopoate – Flag Football Gate, GHS
 - q. Chasity Black – Volunteer Swim Coach, GHS
 - r. Lourdes Delgado – Translation Services Stipend, GHS
 - s. Jimmy Ripley – Wrestling Coach, GHS
- i) Approve the following student workers for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Angela Mendez – Student Worker, GHS
- j) Approve recommendation to add hours to Amber Mendenhall, Instructional Aide, Adult Transition (#516) from 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week to 6.25 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.1 hours daily average), at Gridley High School (Adult Transition Program) effective October 8, 2026

E. Contracts

- 1) To comply with Ed Code 17604, no contract made pursuant to the delegation and authorization shall be valid or constitute an enforceable obligation against the district unless and until the same shall have been approved or ratified by the governing board, the approval or ratification to be evidenced by a motion of the board duly passed and adopted.
 - A) [MOU - Butte County SELPA](#)
 - B) [Gallery Design-Build Order Agreement](#)
 - C) [BusRight](#)
 - D) [MOU – GUSD/Psychologist Substitute Rate](#)

F) Fundraisers

1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities.

The following fundraising requests have been submitted for approval:

- a) [Sycamore 10th Annual Color Run – TBD](#)
- b) [Sycamore Selling Food/Drinks at School Dances – 26/27 School Year](#)
- c) [GHS Boys Soccer Selling World Finest Chocolate Bars – October – November 2026](#)
- d) [GIBT 2026 Selling Sponsorships – September – December 2026](#)
- e) [Sycamore CJSF Barnes and Nobles Book Fair – November 7, 2026](#)
- f) [GHS Boys Soccer Car Wash – October 17, 2026](#)

H. Over Night/Out of State Conference/Field Trip Request

1) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight field trips.

The following overnight field trip(s) have been submitted for approval:

- a) [GHS Ag Superior Region Roadshow, Sparks, NV – 10/9 – 10/10](#)

15. Adjourn

Please Note: Interpreter available for Spanish speaking community wanting to attend Board of Trustees meetings. Please call 846-4721 ext. 8104 for information. Agenda in Spanish available 24 hours prior to meeting.

Aviso: Interprete disponible para los de la comunidad hispana que desean atender juntas de la mesa directiva. Para mas información por favor de llamar 846-4721 extensión 8104. Agenda en español disponible 24 horas antes de la junta.

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