



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

**Board of Education Members**

*Eric Waterbury, President*

*Art Cota, Clerk*

*Sonia Zarate*

*Cheryl Argetsinger*

*Drew Becker*

*Joe Dewsnup*

*Ben Taylor*

**Wednesday, September 2, 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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Online participants will enter in "View Only Mode" purely to avoid accidental unmutings. Indicate in the Q and A or via using the Raise Hand tool that you wish to speak on an item and the meeting host will bring you in as a Contributor to the meeting. This will allow you to unmute yourself and speak on an item or in public comments.

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
5. Recall to Order
6. Pledge of Allegiance and Order of Agenda
7. Report from Closed Session Information
8. Reports: Administrators Information
  - A. Minden King – Wilson Student Enrollment - 571
  - B. Chris Schmidt – Sycamore Student Enrollment - 429
  - C. Rikki-Lee Buresch – GHS Student Enrollment - 686
  - D. Maggie Daugherty – Esperanza Student Enrollment - 13
  - E. Michael Pilakowski
  - F. Rhiannon Treat – McKinley Student Enrollment - 297
  - G. Shelly Diaz
  - H. Ed White

\* Student Enrollment Numbers are as of 8/24/26 \*
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. **ACTION ITEM(S):** **Action**
  - A. [Approve Contract with AMS Telecom for GHS Cabling](#) (Michael Pilakowski)
 

(BACKGROUND: Earlier this year, GHS approved seeking bids for the next round of E-Rate supported infrastructure work to bring GHS up to standard. AMS was the winning bidder at the time, pending final approval by the district of a contract and contingent upon funding guarantee by the federal government. Federal funding has been committed. To move forward, GUSD board must approve the final contract with AMS Telecom.)
  - B. [Approve Board Resolution #02-2627 – Establishment of Student Activity Special Revenue Fund](#) (Heather Naylor)
 

(BACKGROUND: The district would like to open the student activity special revenue fund. The elementary schools will utilize this fund for all their ASB fundraising and expenditures.)

C. [Approve Board Resolution #03-2627 – Five-Year Facilities Master Plan](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: Education Code Section 17070.54 establishes requirements for programs administered by the Department of General Services (DGS) as staff to the State Allocation Board (SAB). The Gridley Unified School District intends to file applications for eligibility determination, file applications for funding, and/or certify information under the program within the School Facility Program (SFP))

D. [Approve 2026-27 Career Access Pathways \(CCAP\) Partnership Agreement](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: Gridley High School and Esperanza Alternative High School are investigating ways for students to explore college level material and receive credits prior to attendance. This will hopefully reduce non-academic course work periods by on-track students and allow for accruing college level credit prior to attendance.)

E. [Approve Change to the Board Meeting Calendar for December 2026](#) (Justin Kern)

(BACKGROUND: Due to a conflict with the December 9, 2026 board meeting this necessitates the need to change one board meeting date for the 2026 Calendar year.)

13.

**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 August 12, 2026](#)

B. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Ratify employment for Janie Jones, Ed Specialist (#537, MMSN), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective August 24, 2026
- b) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
  - a. Stephanie Olson – Paid Intern Mentor, McKinley
- c) Approve medical leave of absence for Taryn Deaton, English Teacher, 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School, effective approximately September 14, 2026 through December 18, 2026
- d) Approve medical leave of absence for Yadira Heredia, School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE, District-wide, effective approximately September 1, 2026 through September 28, 2026

2) Classified

- a) Letter of resignation for Yesenia Espinoza, Cafeteria Helper (#301), 2 hours per day, 5 days per week in Nutrition Department, effective August 31, 2026
- b) Letter of resignation for Yesenia Espinoza, Cafeteria Helper (#447), 1 hour per day, 5 days per week in Nutrition Department, effective August 31, 2026
- c) Letter of resignation for Whitney Pike, Instructional Aide (#519), 5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective August 31, 2026
- d) Letter of resignation for Diana Hoyle, Instructional Aide, Adult Transition (#515), 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
- e) Letter of resignation for Blanca Torres, Instructional Aide (#312), 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026

- f) Letter of resignation for Blanca Torres, Instructional Aide (#320), 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026
  - g) Letter of resignation for Blanca Torres, Noon Duty Supervisor (#209), 45 minutes per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026
  - h) Letter of resignation for Tobin Beach, Instructional Aide, Adult Transition (#502), 6.75 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.5 hours average daily) at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
  - i) Ratify employment for Tobin Beach, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#257), 6.75 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.55 hours average daily) at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
  - j) Ratify employment for Blanca Torres, Instructional Aide (#263), 4 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026
  - k) Ratify employment for Blanca Torres, Noon Duty Supervisor (#216), 2.25 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School, effective August 31, 2026
  - l) Ratify employment for Diana Hoyle, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#331), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at Sycamore Middle School effective August 31, 2026
  - m) Ratify employment for Maria Rodriguez-Guadiana, Night Custodian (#26), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School (Operations Department), effective August 17, 2026
  - n) Ratify employment for Whitney Pike, Instructional Aide (#204), 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026
  - o) Ratify employment for Yesenia Espinoza, Cafeteria Helper (#180), 4.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Nutrition Department (GHS primary site), effective August 31, 2026
  - p) Ratify employment for Salvador Sanchez, School Campus Supervisor (#539), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week effective August 31, 2026
  - q) Ratify employment for Holly Seim, Instructional Aide (#436), 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective August 31, 2026
  - r) Approve recommendation to add hours to Noon Duty Supervisor (#217), from 0.75 hours per day, 5 days per week to 1.25 hours per day, 5 days per week, at Wilson Elementary School effective August 31, 2026
  - s) Approve recommendation to add hours to Cafeteria Helper (#301), from 2 hours per day, 5 days per week to 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, at Nutrition Department effective October 1, 2026
  - t) Approve recommendation to add hours to Instructional Aide (#312), from 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week to 5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective September 3, 2026
  - u) Approve recommendation to add hours to Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#530, one-on-one support), from 3 hours per day, 5 days per week to 3.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective September 3, 2026
- C. Donations and Gifts
- 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
    - a) [Free Haircut Event – See List](#)
    - b) [Gridley High Parents Club for GHS Flag Football - \\$2,500.00](#)
- D. 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) [Perry Weather Quote](#)
    - b) [MOU – Butte County SELPA LEA's](#)
    - c) [Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services – Rising Star Sped Academy](#)
    - d) [Extreme Weather Protocols Plan](#)
    - e) [Erik Nielson PT Contract](#)

- f) [Arbiter](#)
- g) [Color New Corp – Wilson Exterior Painting](#)
- h) [Alliant University/GUSD MOU Student Teacher / Intern Placements](#)
- E. 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 ASB – Boo-Grams Fundraiser – 10/19/26 – 10/30/26](#)
    - b) [Sycamore ASB – Holiday Candy Grams – 12/7/26 – 12/18/26v](#)
    - c) [Sycamore ASB – Valentine’s Candy-Grams – 2/1/27 – 2/12/27](#)
    - d) [Sycamore ASB – Leprechaun Candy Grams – 3/8/27 – 3/17/27](#)
    - e) [Sycamore School Dances – 9/9/26, 10/28/26 & 2/17/27](#)
- F. Surplus
  - 1) Board policy 3270 allows staff to identify district property that is unusable, obsolete, or no longer needed by the district to be declared surplus so that disposal and/or public sale can proceed.
    - a) [I-LAMi-100 Laminating Machine at the District Office](#)
    - b) [62 Blue Upholstered Wooden Chairs at Sycamore Middle School Library](#)

14. 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.

08/28/2026 jm