



**August 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**  
**08/13/2025 - 07:00 PM**  
33122 Valle Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD ROOM  
Closed Session 6:00 p.m. | Open Session 7:00 p.m.

## MEETING MINUTES

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**CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.**

### Attendance

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#### Voting Members

Lisa Davis, President  
Judy Bullockus, Vice President  
Gila Jones, Clerk  
Jennifer Adnams, Trustee  
Krista Castellanos, Trustee  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D., Trustee  
Lisa Zollinger, Trustee

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Davis called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Adnams, Bullockus, Castellanos, Davis, Jones, and Pritchard  
Absent: Trustee Zollinger

President Davis reported that staff pulled agenda items 4.D-2, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, and 11.J, Deletion of Board Policy 6173, *Advanced Academics and Critical Thinking*.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by: Jennifer Adnams  
Motion seconded by: Judy Bullockus  
Voting:  
Lisa Davis - Yes  
Judy Bullockus - Yes  
Gila Jones - Yes



Jennifer Adnams - Yes  
Krista Castellanos - Not Present  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 5-0-2 by a roll call vote to adopt the regular Board agenda.

### **3. CLOSED SESSION COMMENTS**

The Board recessed to Closed Session to discuss: Student Readmission; Conference with Labor Negotiators; Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; Public Employee Employment/Appointment; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

### **4. CLOSED SESSION (as authorized by law)**

#### **A. STUDENT READMISSION**

On agenda item A-1, Trustees voted 6-0-1 to approve staff recommendations on the following case:

Case No. 2025-006

Motion made by: Judy Bullockus

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

#### **B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

No reportable action.

#### **C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

On agenda items C-1 through C-4, Trustees voted 6-0-1 to approve staff recommendations on the following cases:

ADR Case No. 20250619

ADR Case No. 20250625

ADR Case No. 20250702

ADR Case No. 20250707

Motion made by: Jennifer Adnams

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones



Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes  
Judy Bullockus - Yes  
Gila Jones - Yes  
Jennifer Adnams - Yes  
Krista Castellanos - Yes  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

**D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

On agenda item D-1, Trustees voted 6-0-1 to approve the staff recommendation on the following case:

OAH Case No. 2025030459

Agenda item D-2 was pulled by staff.

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Judy Bullockus

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes  
Judy Bullockus - Yes  
Gila Jones - Yes  
Jennifer Adnams - Yes  
Krista Castellanos - Yes  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

**E. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT**

Agenda item E-1, Trustees voted 6-0-1 to appoint Christopher Nguyen, Principal of Don Juan Avila Middle School, effective August 14, 2025.

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes  
Judy Bullockus - Yes  
Gila Jones - Yes  
Jennifer Adnams - Yes  
Krista Castellanos - Yes  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

**F. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

On agenda item F-1, Trustees voted 6-0-1 to approve staff recommendation on the following case:



Resolution No. 2526-01c

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

## **5. OPEN SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **6. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

President Davis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees Adnams, Bullockus, Castellanos, Davis, Jones, and Pritchard

Absent: Trustee Zollinger

President Davis reported that staff pulled agenda items 4.D-2, Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, and 11.J, Deletion of Board Policy 6173, *Advanced Academics and Critical Thinking*.

## **7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joy Schnapper, President, Capistrano Unified Education Association (CUEA).

## **8. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

President Davis asked Colleen Hayes, Manager II - Board Operations/Superintendent's Office, to read the report out of Closed Session.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Dr. Christopher Brown, Superintendent, reported that all principals returned to work a few weeks ago along with teachers returning earlier this week and this morning. He commented on education teacher training that has been taking place, including AI training. He mentioned that today the District welcomed new educators, including teachers, counselors, nurses, and psychologists who all came to learn about CUSD as they embarked on their new careers. Dr. Brown stated that one of the District's focus areas is "belonging and engagement." He stated it is not only for the students, and encouraged everyone to get involved at their school sites and to volunteer, join the PTSA, and follow their school's social media accounts. He thanked all the teachers, classified staff, administrators, and numerous parent volunteers who helped to prepare for the start of the new school year. He concluded by saying that he is personally excited about



spending this next year visiting schools and meeting students, families, and staff.

Trustee Davis recognized CUEA and CSEA employee retirements.

## 10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Non-Agenda Items)

Per Board Policy 9323, *Meeting Conduct*, the speaker time was reduced to two minutes per individual.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Maryann Margheim
- Rudi Krause
- Bradley Zieminski
- Mary
- Linda
- Lisa H.
- Gina Hsiang
- Lisa Meyers
- Haithan Abul
- Pam

## 11. DISCUSSION ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-01, RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 90-2 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TALEGA), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 90-2 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TALEGA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-01, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 90-2 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Talega), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 90-2 of the



Capistrano Unified School District (Talega) For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-02, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR IMPROVEMENT AREA NO. 2002-1 OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 90-2 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TALEGA), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 90-2 IA OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TALEGA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Judy Bullockus

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-02, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 90-2 Improvement Area No. 2002-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Talega), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 90-2 IA of the Capistrano Unified School District (Talega) For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-03, RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-1A OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PACIFICA SAN JUAN), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-1A OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PACIFICA SAN JUAN) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Jennifer Adnams

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes



Krista Castellanos - Yes  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-03, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 98-1A of the Capistrano Unified School District (Pacifica San Juan), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 98-1A of the Capistrano Unified School District (Pacifica San Juan) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 3 of the Resolution.

**D. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-04, RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-1B OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PACIFICA SAN JUAN), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-1B OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PACIFICA SAN JUAN) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Gila Jones  
Motion seconded by: Judy Bullockus  
Voting:  
Lisa Davis - Yes  
Judy Bullockus - Yes  
Gila Jones - Yes  
Jennifer Adnams - Yes  
Krista Castellanos - Yes  
Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes  
Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-04, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 98-1B of the Capistrano Unified School District (Pacifica San Juan), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 98-1B of the Capistrano Unified School District (Pacifica San Juan) For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**E. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-05, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-2 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LADERA), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 98-2 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LADERA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.



Motion made by: Jennifer Adnams

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-05, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 98-2 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Ladera), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 98-2 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Ladera) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**F. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-06, RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (RANCHO MADRINA), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (RANCHO MADRINA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Jennifer Adnams

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-06, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Rancho Madrina), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Rancho Madrina) For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**G. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-07, RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**



**CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ACTING AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (WHISPERING HILLS), AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 OF THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (WHISPERING HILLS) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Judy Bullockus

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-07, Resolution of Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Whispering Hills), Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 of the Capistrano Unified School District (Whispering Hills) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the Board will designate the amount set forth in the David Taussig & Associates Annual Report as set forth in Section 4 of the Resolution.

**H. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-09, PRELIMINARY 2024-2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED ACTUALS)**

President Davis recognized Clark Hampton, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, to introduce the item. Clark Hampton recognized Philipa Townsend, Assistant Superintendent, Fiscal Services, to present the item.

Motion made by: Judy Bullockus

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Yes

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 6-0-1 by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2526-09, Preliminary 2024-2025 Financial Statements (Unaudited Actuals).

**I. ADVANCED PLACEMENT DATA PRESENTATION**



President Davis recognized Dr. Gregory Merwin, Associate Superintendent, Education and Support Services, to introduce the item. Dr. Gregory Merwin, recognized Dr. Meg Ervais, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, Grades 6-12, and Alternative Education, to present the item.

This is an information only item and no Board action is necessary.

#### **J. DELETION OF BOARD POLICY 6173, ADVANCED ACADEMICS AND CRITICAL THINKING**

This item was pulled by staff.

#### **K. FIRST READING BOARD POLICY 6173, (FORMERLY 6176) EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

President Davis recognized Dr. Gregory Merwin, Associate Superintendent, Education and Support Services, to present the item.

Trustee Pritchard left the dais at 8:57 p.m.

Motion made by: Judy Bullockus

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Not Present

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 5-0-2 to waive the second reading of Board Policy 6173, *Education for Homeless Children*, and bring the item back on Consent to the September 17, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Per Board Policy 9311, *Board Policies*, if action is taken to waive the second reading with less than a unanimous vote of the total Board, the policy shall be resubmitted for ratification on Consent at the next Board meeting.

#### **L. FIRST READING BOARD POLICY 6020, PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT**

Motion made by: Gila Jones

Motion seconded by: Jennifer Adnams

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Not Present



Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 5-0-2 to waive the second reading of Board Policy 6020, *Parent/Guardian Involvement*, and bring the item back on Consent to the September 17, 2025, regular Board meeting.

Per Board Policy 9311, *Board Policies*, if action is taken to waive the second reading with less than a unanimous vote of the total Board, the policy shall be resubmitted for ratification on Consent at the next Board meeting.

## **12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board or staff request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. The staff recommend approval of all Consent Calendar items.

The following speaker addressed the Board:

- *Samantha Tarr spoke regarding agenda item 16.A, School Board Minutes - July 16, 2025, Regular Board meeting*

## **13. CONSENT CALENDAR - Business and Support Services**

### **A. DONATION OF FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **B. PURCHASE ORDERS, COMMERCIAL WARRANTS AND PREVIOUSLY BOARD-APPROVED BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

### **C. AGREEMENTS AND BIDS**

### **D. RESOLUTION NO. 2526-08, ADOPTING THE 2024-2025 ACTUAL GANN LIMIT AND THE 2025-2026 ESTIMATED GANN LIMIT**

## **14. CONSENT CALENDAR - Curriculum and Instruction**

### **A. 2025-2026 DATA COLLECTIONS OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION AND REPORTING SYSTEM**

### **B. NATIVE AMERICAN PARENT AND STUDENT COMMITTEE 2025-2026**

## **15. CONSENT CALENDAR - Human Resource Services**

### **A. FOURTH QUARTER REPORT – WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION UNIFORM COMPLAINT**



**B. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/EMPLOYMENT - CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES**

**C. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/EMPLOYMENT - CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES**

**16. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**A. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES - JULY 16, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by: Judy Bullockus

Motion seconded by: Gila Jones

Voting:

Lisa Davis - Yes

Judy Bullockus - Yes

Gila Jones - Yes

Jennifer Adnams - Yes

Krista Castellanos - Yes

Gary Pritchard, Ph.D. - Not Present

Lisa Zollinger - Not Present

The motion carried 5-0-2 to adjourn the meeting.

President Davis announced the Board meeting adjourned in memory of Dr. Daniel Burch, past CUSD teacher and administrator, at 9:06 p.m.



Gila Jones, Clerk of the Board



Christopher Brown, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent