



Regular Board of Education Meeting/Reunión ordinaria de la Junta de Educación

01/21/2026 06:00 PM

Open Session Begins at/La sesión abierta comienza a las 6PM (Closed Session Begins at/la sesión cerrada comienza a las 5PM)

In-Person Attendance and Via Live Stream on YouTube/Asistencia en Persona y Transmisión en YouTube

Marigold School/Escuela Marigold , 2446 Marigold Ave., Chico, California 95926

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Attendance

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#### Voting Members

Rebecca Konkin, Board President - Trustee Area 1

Gayle Olsen, Board Vice President - Trustee Area 2

Teisha Hase, Board Clerk - Trustee Area 3

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

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 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. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation*

B. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation*

C. *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*

D. *Update on Labor Negotiations*

### 3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

#### A. Call to Order

At 6:02 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**

Emma Wilson Elementary School's Principal Courtney Connelly introduced Music Instructor Holly Taylor. The Emma Wilson Ram Choir performed.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOGNITION**

At 6:10 p.m. Emma Wilson Elementary School's Principal Courtney Connelly presented the Superintendent's Award to Stacey Baker (Classified) and Stacy Hansen (Certificated).

Assistant Superintendent Tina Keene provided an update on the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) and upcoming charter school renewal timelines.

Superintendent Gregory Blake shared upcoming events. The Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) has a Career Technical Education (CTE) program open house. This event will be at the BCOE Carmichael building on February 6, 2026, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. The CUTA retiree recognition will be on May 11, 2026 at 4 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge. Superintendent Gregory Blake also shared that Chico Unified music instructor, Nora Hunter, was awarded the Educator of the Year for the Northern Section of CMEA (California Music Education Association).

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At 6:22 p.m. CSEA Chapter #110's President Kelley Serl and Vice President Holly Ponciano presented the CSEA member-to-member award recognition to Ben West in the Information Technology Department.

**7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

At 6:29 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to public comment. Three speakers spoke for a total of nine minutes. Two charter schools brought forward a charter renewal request. A student spoke regarding science class offerings for high school students.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

At 6:33 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: Eileen Robinson

Motion seconded by: Tom Lando

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

A. GENERAL

1. The Board Approved the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on 12/17/25
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: 77574, 93263, 93477, 95726, 106191 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
2. The Board Approved the Expulsion Clearance of Students with the Following IDs: 80829, 82431, 84583, 97753, 99707, 100419, 101563 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
3. The Board Approved the Chico Unified School District Monthly Enrollment Update (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
4. The Board Approved the Field Trip Request for Pleasant Valley High School Students to Audition for the NorCal Honor Band in Sonoma, CA from 2/5/26 - 2/7/26 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
5. The Board Approved the Field Trip Request for Pleasant Valley High School Ag Students to Compete at Fresno City College in Fresno, CA from 2/26/26 - 2/27/26 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
6. The Board Approved the Field Trip Request for Pleasant Valley High School Track and Field to Attend the Dublin Distance Fiesta Competition in Dublin, CA from 3/20/26 - 3/22/26 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
7. The Board Approved the Field Trip Request for Pleasant Valley High School Band and Choir to Perform at Disneyland in the Heritage Festival in Anaheim, CA from 3/26/26 - 3/29/26 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
8. The Board Approved the Field Trip Request for Pleasant Valley High School Track and Field to Attend the Stanford Invite in Palo Alto, CA from 4/3/26 - 4/4/26 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
9. The Board Approved the Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
10. The Board Approved the Drafts of the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for 2025-2026 (Submitted by Tina Keene, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services)
11. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for High Schools, "Advanced Business Entrepreneurship" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)
12. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request, "Advanced Business Marketing" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)
13. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for High Schools, "Business Entrepreneurship" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)
14. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal for High School, "Business Marketing" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)
15. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for High Schools, "Digital Art & Design 2" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)
16. The Board Approved the New Course Proposal Request for High Schools, "Shakespeare" (Submitted by Pedro Caldera, Director Secondary Education)

17. The Board Approved the Course Name Change Request from "Personal Finance" to "Money Management" at the High Schools (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 Resolution No. 1714-26, Accounting of Developer Fees for the Prior Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Submitted by Charise Bromley, Director Fiscal Services)
4. The Board Approved the Construction Projects- Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirement (Submitted by Julie Kistle, Director of Facilities & Construction)
5. The Board Approved the Chico Jr. High School and Sierra View Elementary School New Communication Systems (Submitted by Julie Kistle, Director of Facilities & Construction)
6. The Board Approved the Charter Schools Measure K and C Projects Requests (Submitted by Julie Kistle, Director of Facilities & Construction)

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)
3. The Board Approved the Updated 2026-27 Student Calendar (Submitted by John Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources)

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: Chico Unified School District Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELO-P) Plan for 2025-26 (Presented by Heather Sufuentes, Director of Elementary Education)**

At 6:35 p.m. Director Heather Sufuentes provided an overview of the ELO-P program expansion, staffing, safety and community partnership opportunities. A motion was made to approve the Chico Unified School District Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELO-P) Plan for 2025-26.

Motion made by: Gayle Olsen

Motion seconded by: Rebecca Konkin

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

**2. INFORMATION ONLY: 2025-26 Career and Technical Education Program Update (Presented by Tiffany Herringer, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education)**

At 6:42 p.m. Coordinator Tiffany Herringer shared information on the comprehensive Career Technical Education Pathways. Local partnerships, job shadowing, dual enrollment, and grants were discussed. Board President Konkin stated this is informational only, and no action is needed.

**3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Chico Unified School District 2025-26 EL Master Plan (Presented by Pedro Caldera, Director of Secondary Education)**

At 6:58 p.m. Director Pedro Caldera shared the English Learner (EL) Master Plan must be board-approved to meet Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) requirements. The plan must comply with federal and state laws regarding EL education. The next District English Learner Advisory Committee meeting will be tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at the Chico Unified School District Office. A motion was made to approve the Chico Unified School District 2025-26 English Learner Master Plan.

Motion made by: Teisha Hase

Motion seconded by: Tom Lando

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

**B. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: 2024-25 Independent Financial Audit (Presented by Charise Bromley, Director Fiscal Services)**

At 7:06 p.m. Director Charise Bromley stated that Chico Unified School District had four audit findings: one audit finding dealt with internal controls and the other three audit findings dealt with state compliance. The district has already addressed the findings noted in the report and made the necessary changes to ensure compliance going forward.

Two of the audit findings had a net fiscal impact to CUSD totaling \$245,401. The first audit finding resulted in a \$50,827 decrease to revenue, and the second finding resulted in a \$296,228 increase to revenue. These findings will show as a one-time increase to Unrestricted Revenue in the 2025-26 financial statements. A motion was made to adopt the financial audit for 2024-2025.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Teisha Hase

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Vote Not Recorded  
Gayle Olsen - Vote Not Recorded  
Teisha Hase - Vote Not Recorded  
Tom Lando - Vote Not Recorded  
Eileen Robinson - Vote Not Recorded

The motion passed (5-0).

**2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Measure C 65% Charter School Project Application Review (Presented by Julie Kistle, Director Facilities & Construction)**

At 7:18 p.m. Director Julie Kistle stated that on April 16, 2025, the Board approved the Measure C 65% Charter School Project Application Process and Rubric for selecting projects for the allocation of funds. The third funding window closed on December 30, 2025. The district received one application from Blue Oak Charter School for \$1,001,000. Right-sizing, proposed student population and Prop 2 funding opportunities were discussed.

At 7:24 p.m. Board President Konkin opened the floor to public comment. Two Blue Oak representatives spoke regarding funding and the school's next anticipated steps.

Board Vice President Olsen made a motion to table the decision until the overall funding, including any loans and Prop 2 funding, is definitive; seconded by Board Clerk Hase.

A substitute motion was made to accept the Blue Oak application of Measure C funds and allocate the \$1,001,000 to Blue Oak Charter School at this meeting. Board President Konkin called the vote for the current motion on the floor.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Rebecca Konkin

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - No  
Gayle Olsen - No  
Teisha Hase - Yes  
Tom Lando - Yes  
Eileen Robinson – No

The motion failed (2-3).

Board President Konkin stated the motion failed. The remaining motion on the floor is to table the decision until the overall funding, including any loans and Prop 2 funding, is definitive.

The Board discussed the motion and inquired into existing facilities and future plans. After discussion, Board Vice President Olsen withdrew her motion. Superintendent

Gregory Blake shared staff will schedule a Special Board Meeting dedicated to this one topic. Board President Konkin stated no Board action was taken on this item.

**C. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 1712-26, Elimination of Classified Staff Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds (Presented by Mike Allen, Executive Director Classified Human Resources)**

At 8:41 p.m. Executive Director Mike Allen stated the positions being eliminated are currently vacant. Board President Konkin opened the floor to public comment. One speaker came forward with a clarification question regarding the special education positions and the budget. A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 1712-26.

Motion made by: Teisha Hase

Motion seconded by: Gayle Olsen

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (5-0)

**2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Resolution 1713-26, Elimination of Classified Staff Due to Lack of Work or Lack of Funds (Presented by Mike Allen, Executive Director Classified Human Resources)**

At 8:49 p.m. Executive Director Mike Allen stated the list contained site-based school aide and parent classroom aide positions no longer needed by the school site.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Gayle Olsen

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

**D. BOARD**

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Revised/Updated/New Board Policies  
(Presented by Superintendent Greg Blake)**

At 8:51 p.m. Superintendent Gregory Blake stated the first reading was in December. Minor grammatical and punctuation corrections were made and Board Policy (BP) 6162.7 - Use of Technology Instruction was pulled for further review and will be brought forward at a later date. Board President Konkin asked if anyone would like to pull a Board Policy for discussion. Board Member Lando pulled BP 5141.5 - Mental Health and Board Clerk Hase pulled BP 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement. A motion was made to adopt all Board Policies except BP 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement and BP 5141.5 - Mental Health.

Motion made by: Tom Lando

Motion seconded by: Teisha Hase

Voting:

Rebecca Konkin - Yes

Gayle Olsen - Yes

Teisha Hase - Yes

Tom Lando - Yes

Eileen Robinson – Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

Superintendent Gregory Blake stated the pulled Board Policies will be brought back for consideration at the February 18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

**2. INFORMATIONAL: Exploration of Alternative Board Meeting Locations  
(Presented by Greg Blake, Superintendent)**

At 9:06 p.m. Superintendent Gregory Blake shared the District is exploring alternate meeting locations for the Board Meetings. One alternative location being considered is the Butte County Office of Education's Carmichael Building. Board President Konkin stated this is informational only and no action is required.

**10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were none.

**11. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO AGENDIZE ITEM**

Board President Konkin stated no requests were submitted for this meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:09 p.m. Board President Konkin adjourned the meeting.

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Board Clerk



Superintendent