



**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, April 1, 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: Certificated Administrators Information
  - A. Chris Schmidt – Sycamore Student Enrollment - 433
  - B. Minden King – Wilson Student Enrollment - 581
  - C. Rikki-Lee Buresch – GHS Student Enrollment - 664
  - D. Maggie Daugherty – Esperanza Student Enrollment - 18
  - E. Michael Pilakowski
  - F. Rhiannon Treat – McKinley Student Enrollment - 334
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. [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)
  - B. [Conduct First Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated February 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.)

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 March 4, 2026](#)
- B. [Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2026](#)
- C. Personnel
  - 1) Certificated
    - a) Letter of resignation for Carol Avalos, Elementary Teacher (#98), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective June 6, 2026
    - b) Letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Sheila Nichols, Science Teacher (#123), 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School effective June 6, 2026
    - c) Ratify employment for Ryann Vierra, Ag Teacher (#356), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective July 1, 2026
    - d) Ratify employment for Phebe Daddow, Elementary Teacher (#156), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective August 24, 2026
    - e) Ratify employment for Marisol Torres, Social Science Teacher (#153), 1.0 FTE at Sycamore Middle School effective August 24, 2026
    - f) Ratify employment for Jordan Bowers, Elementary Teacher (#79), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective August 24, 2026
    - g) Ratify employment for Marissa Bertagna, Ed Specialist, MMSN (#144), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective August 24, 2026
    - h) Ratify employment for Naomi Payne, English Teacher (#127), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective August 24, 2026
    - i) Ratify employment for Crystal Kehle, Elementary Teacher (#85), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective August 24, 2026
    - j) Ratify employment for Jennifer Martin, Elementary Teacher (#94), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective August 24, 2026
    - k) Approve transfer request for Debie Foster, Elementary Teacher (#202), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School to Elementary Teacher (#100), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective the 2026-27 school year starting August 24, 2026
    - l) Approve transfer request for Christina Charlton, Elementary Teacher (#66), 1.0 FTE at McKinley Primary School to Elementary Teacher (#88), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective the 2026-27 school year starting August 24, 2026
    - m) Approve revision of medical leave of absence for Natalie Galicia, School Psychologist (#475), 1.0 FTE, District-wide, effective November 15, 2025 through March 31, 2026
    - n) Approve medical leave of absence for Devon Moulton, Ed Specialist (#82), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective January 5, 2026 through May 31, 2026
    - o) Approve medical leave of absence for Maggie Daugherty, Director of Student Services (#5), 1.0 FTE, district-wide, effective February 2, 2026 through February 17, 2026
    - p) Approve extension of medical leave of absence for Lisa Pound, Speech Language Pathologist (#72), 1.0 FTE effective February 15, 2026 through May 1, 2026
    - q) Approve medical leave of absence for Erica Resendez, Elementary Teacher (#88), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective February 15, 2026 through May 15, 2026
    - r) Approve medical leave of absence for Anna Sanders, CTE Health Science and Medical Technology Teacher (#134), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective March 16, 2026 through April 26, 2026
    - s) Approve revision to medical leave of absence for Jasmine Ramos, School Counselor (#38), 1.0 FTE at Gridley High School effective March 8, 2026 through August 9, 2026

- t) Approve medical leave of absence for Yadira Heredia, School Psychologist (#306), 1.0 FTE, District-wide, effective April 13, 2026 through April 17, 2026
  - u) Approve recommendation to add 0.40 FTE to Art Teacher position (#514, categorically funded), District-wide (Wilson Elementary and McKinley Primary School) effective the 2026-27 school year starting August 24, 2026
  - v) Approve the following extra duty stipends positions for the 2025-26 school year
    - a. Simeon Allison – Environmental Science Camp (Shady Creek) Teacher
    - b. Angela Andes – Environmental Science Camp (Shady Creek) Teacher
    - c. Amanda Jackson – Environmental Science Camp (Shady Creek) Teacher
    - d. Phebe Daddow – Environmental Science Camp (Shady Creek) Teacher
- 2) Classified
- a) Letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Debra Shackelford, Cafeteria Helper (#180), 4.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Nutrition Department effective June 6, 2026
  - b) Ratify employment for the following coaching stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year:
    - a. Arthur Garcia – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, GHS (50% stipend)
    - b. Dan Carmona – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, GHS (50% stipend)
    - c. Josh Sannar – JV Baseball Head Coach, GHS
  - c) Approve recommendation to add a new position for Instructional Aide (#531, one-on-one support), 5.75 hours per day, 4 days per week and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.55 daily average hours) at McKinley Primary School effective April 2, 2026
  - d) Approve extension of medical leave for Dora Rodriguez, Clerical Aide, Health Services (#33), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week in Health Services effective January 1, 2026 through January 14, 2026
  - e) Approve medical leave of absence for Stephanie Garcia, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#331), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at Sycamore Middle School effective January 5, 2026 through March 22, 2026
  - f) Approve medical leave of absence for Stacy Place, Cafeteria Helper (#291), 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at Nutrition Department effective January 5, 2026 through April 22, 2026
  - g) Approve medical leave of absence for Stan Massey, Campus Supervisor (#29), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School effective January 19, 2026 through January 29, 2026
  - h) Approve medical leave of absence for Richard Letterman, Night Custodian (#26), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School effective January 26, 2026 through March 19, 2026
  - i) Approve medical leave of absence for Stan Massey, Campus Supervisor (#29), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School effective February 23, 2026 through May 24, 2026
  - j) Approve medical leave of absence for Tobin Beach, Instructional Aide, Adult Transition (#502), 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Special Education Adult Transition Program (Gridley High School) effective February 26, 2026 through April 26, 2026
  - k) Approve medical leave of absence for Saira Romo, Office Clerk (#59), 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective March 9, 2026 through May 16, 2026
  - l) Approve medical leave of absence for Saira Romo, Office Clerk (#411), 3 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective March 9, 2026 through May 16, 2026
  - m) Approve medical leave of absence for Saira Romo, Office Clerk (#512), 1 hour per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective March 9, 2026 through May 16, 2026

- n) Approve unpaid leave of absence for Stephanie Garcia, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#331), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week at Sycamore Middle School effective March 23, 2026 through June 5, 2026
  - o) Approve medical leave of absence for Jennifer Arntzen, Speech Language Pathology Assistant (#55), 7 hours per day, 5 days per week at Special Education Department (McKinley Primary School) effective March 25, 2026 through April 13, 2026
  - p) Approve unpaid leave of absence for Richard Letterman, Night Custodian (#26), 8 hours per day, 5 days per week at Gridley High School effective April 1, 2026 through June 22, 2026
- D. Donations and Gifts
- 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
    - a) Schools First Credit Union for 2026 Staff Appreciation - \$3,300.00
    - b) MA2H for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Health & Wellness Fair - \$500.00
    - c) E. & C. Roach for GHS Track & Field - \$500.00
    - d) Mooney Farms for GHS Track & Field - \$100.00
- 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) [Mid Pacific Engineering, Inc. - Wilson Elementary](#)
    - b) [Mid Pacific Engineering, Inc. - GHS](#)
    - c) [Modern Building, Inc. - GHS Change Order](#)
    - d) [D&D Learning Spaces - Sycamore Furniture](#)
    - e) [San Joaquin Office of Education](#)
    - f) [BCOE/GUSD Agreement for Special Services - Count Play Explore Professional Learning](#)
- F. Fundraisers
- 1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities. The following fundraising requests has been submitted for approval:
    - a) [Sycamore Color Run - 4/3/26](#)
- G. 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) [GHS Library - See Book List](#)

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.

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