



MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement

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Attendance

Voting Members

Deborah Bautista Zavala, President
Noel Rodriguez, Vice President
Laura Brubaker, Clerk
Bibiana Garcia, Board Member
Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica, Board Member
Rogelio Villagrana, Board Member

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

The Superintendent pulled item H.1. Presentation: Resolution 18-26: Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month – November 2025. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Not Present

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on Closed Session Agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Jessica Duarte and Izzabella Tafoya shared concerns regarding the contract negotiations.

Melissa Sumpter shared concerns regarding the shortage of Special Education teachers, support staff, and low wages at WJUSD.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:13 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:01 p.m.

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Dr. Rebecca Toto: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6

2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Land Acknowledgment Statement

Trustee Richardson Fowler delivered the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. Equity Statement

Trustee Rodriguez delivered the Equity Statement.

4. Board of Trustees' Agreements

Trustee Rodriguez-Mojica delivered the Board of Trustees' Agreements.

5. Announcement of any action taken in Closed Session or items to be approved in Open Session that were reviewed in Closed Session

The Board President announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA AND H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There were no public comments for section G. Consent Agenda and H. Community Engagement.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

Izzabella Tafoya, Marlene Molina, and Socorro Lizarraga shared concerns about contract negotiations.

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

1. Business Services

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 8-26

2. Human Resources

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 26-8

b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 26-8

3. Board Meeting Minutes:

- a. Approve October 23, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

4. Resolutions

- a. Approve Resolution 18-26: Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month – November 2025
- b. Approve Resolution 19-26: Native American Heritage Month – November 2025
- c. Approve Resolution 20-26: Adoption Month - November 2025
- d. Approve Resolution 21-26: Recognition of Veterans Day – November 11, 2025

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 1. Presentation: Resolution 18-26: Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month – November 2025

This item was pulled.

- 2. Presentation: Resolution 21-26: Veterans Day - November 11, 2025

Trustee Villagrana presented Resolution 21-26: Veterans Day - November 11, 2025 to Vietnam War Veteran, Ramon Urbano.

I. STUDENT REPORTS

- 1. Report from High School Student Representatives

Pioneer High School Student Representative Nicole Pimintel Solorio shared information about Pioneer HS events.

Cache Creek High School Student Representative Melody Calis shared information about Cache Creek HS events.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

There were no public comments for items on the agenda.

K. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA member Abby Gratzner-Owens shared information regarding CSEA on behalf of WEA President, Rebecca Rossiter.

3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA activities.

4. Report from Board Members

Trustees Brubaker, Rodriguez, Villagrana, Rodriguez-Mojica, Richardson Fowler, and Bautista Zavala shared a Board Report.

5. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Rodriguez shared that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee met to start the process of preparing for the evaluation.

L. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information: Report on Woodland Joint Unified School District Literacy Framework

Public Comment:

Abby Gratzner-Owens shared concerns regarding the lack of library feedback/information in the Literacy Plan.

Carolanne McLennan shared concerns regarding staffing and referenced Board Policy 4000.

The information item "Report on Woodland Joint Unified School District Literacy Framework" was presented by Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Gracie Guerrero and Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Christina Lambie. The Board directed staff to conduct a needs assessment of the District's libraries and to include a library component in the Literacy Plan. In addition, staff will formalize professional development for librarians and bring the revised item back as an action item for approval on the Consent Agenda. The Superintendent will also add a review of the Literacy Plan to the Governance calendar twice a year.

M. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Information: Update of Boundary Study

The information item "Update of Boundary Study" was presented by King Consulting Director of Demographics, Rob Murray.

N. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Approve Provisional Intern Permit: Multiple Subject

Motion was made to approve the Provisional Intern Permit: Multiple Subject for Maria Guadalupe Hernandez as an EL Project Specialist.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

O. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Information: Review 2026 Board Meeting Schedule Draft

The information item "Review 2026 Board Meeting Schedule Draft" was presented by Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin. The Board directed staff to make the following edits to the 2026 Draft Board Meeting Schedule; remove the word "Special" from the January 15 meeting, and move the Tuesday, June 23 meeting to Thursday, June 25.

P. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item not on the agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on non-agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. This is a comment period only, and the law does not allow the Board of Trustees to take action on any item not explicitly posted on the agenda in advance. However, Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

Q. INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (requires request form completed)

R. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

S. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, November 20, 2025 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

T. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk