SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Large Conference Room
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001

October 20, 2026
ADOPTED MINUTES

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Shasta Union High School District was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Trustee Wilson in the Shasta Union High School District Large Conference Room. Trustee Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Luke Wilson, Mike Bridges, Ron Zufall and Joe Ayer were present. Also present: Superintendent Owen Crosby, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Jason Rubin, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services Leo Perez and Associate Superintendent of Business Services Jenny Bickley.

RES. 26-235 That the Board approve the agenda, as presented. (Motion Bridges, second Ayer, carried 4-0)

RES. 26-236 That the Board approve a field trip request, as follows: SHS Medical Club travel to Lima, Peru 6/26/27 -7/4/27. (Motion Bridges, second Zufall, carried 4-0)

RES. 26-237 That the meeting adjourn. (Motion Bridges, second Ayer, carried 4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There was no comment.

DISCUSSION:
Animals at School: Owen Crosby provided background regarding public comment requesting that the Board consider allowing service dogs in training on campus. Dr. Crosby stated that the District researched school districts that permit service dogs in training and presented a draft policy inquiring if this would be something the Board would be interested in bringing back for a formal reading. The Board reviewed the language which addressed eligibility, handler responsibilities, health and safety, removal procedures, and liability and insurance requirements.

Trustee Zufall inquired about potential liability claims and the District's exposure. The language on liability and insurance is aligned with the District's facility use agreements. Trustee Ayer requested that the policy clearly specify that handlers must be affiliated with a certified service dog training organization.

There was general consensus in favor of allowing service dogs in training on District property. Administrative Regulation 6163.2 Animals at School will we brought back to the Board for a formal first reading at the regular November Board meeting.

Student Transfers: Owen Crosby provided background on the discussions he has had with various staff members regarding enrollment and student transfers. The Board reviewed the proposed application windows for intradistrict open enrollment, noting that current practice does not enforce the timelines in Board Policy. Dr. Crosby proposed revising the application window for intradistrict transfers from January 1 through March 15 for the following school year at comprehensive high schools. He noted that the fall semester can be very busy and the spring application window would be more accommodating for staff and families. Leo Perez explained that counselors begin enrolling students from feeder schools in January, with curriculum fairs occurring during that time and student registration beginning in February.

Trustee Zufall recommended following the sites' recommendations. Dr. Crosby emphasized the importance of communicating the proposed changes to staff. Trustee Ayer stressed the importance of ensuring parents receive clear and timely communication. Trustee Zufall raised concerns regarding classroom capacities at Foothill High School (FHS). Discussion continued on capacity limits, transfer exceptions and data on why students transfer between schools. Board Policy 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment will we be brought back to the Board for a formal first reading at the regular November Board meeting.

Trustee Ayer left the meeting at 6:04p.m. and returned at 6:06p.m.

Local Control and Accountability Plan: Leo Perez presented the current Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Infographic, explaining how the District's four goals align with the eight state priorities. He stated that next year will be the first installment of the three-year LCAP plan and recommended maintaining broad goals rather than developing overly specific goals. He reviewed the actions associated with each goal and how progress is measured, emphasizing that the actions are intended to collectively support the goals rather than create multiple, narrowly defined goals. Mr. Perez asked whether the Board had feedback regarding the proposed goals or actions.

Trustee Zufall inquired about how current assessment scores compare to pre-COVID levels. Mr. Perez reported that the District is beginning to move ahead of pre-COVID performance levels. He credited the Professional Learning Community (PLC) process with contributing significantly to this progress, noting that the focus is not on changing the process but on finding ways to better facilitate the work. Dr. Crosby noted the importance of attendance and the potential to recover Average Daily Attendance (ADA) through the implementation of the LCAP action items. Discussion continued on campus security and the anonymous student reporting system and the steps taken to investigate reports. Trustee Zufall raised safety concerns regarding the condition of the sidewalk between Ace Hardware and the David Marr Theater, noting that the uneven surface creates difficulties for individuals wearing heels, elderly pedestrians and individuals with disabilities. Dr. Crosby stated that the sidewalk has been an ongoing safety issue and that the District would contact the city to discuss possible solutions.

Field Trip Request: Leo Perez shared that students participating in the SHS Medical Club have an opportunity to receive a group scholarship to help offset the cost of a field trip to Lima, Peru. He recommended that the Board approve the trip to ensure students do not miss the scholarship application window. Additional supporting documentation will be reviewed once submitted by the teacher.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.

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Mike Bridges, Clerk
Board of Trustees

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Owen Crosby, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees

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