



MEETING MINUTES

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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

Absent

Rogelio Villagrana

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

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:01 p.m. in the Board Room.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

Motion was made to approve the 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 - Not Present

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - 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.

No one came forward when the Board President requested comments on the Closed Session agenda.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:25 p.m.

1. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code 54957:

a. Principal, Freeman Elementary School

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

3. 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 6:02 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 Brubaker 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.

6. BOARD ACTION - Approve the Appointment/Employment of the Following Positions:

a. Principal, Freeman Elementary School

Motion was made to approve the appointment of Steven Brown for the position of the Principal of Freeman Elementary School.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Motion Passed

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no public comments for section G. Consent Agenda.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comment:

Stacey Mounce shared concerns regarding the reduction of coaching stipends.

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 1-26.

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

Motion Passed

1. Business Services

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 1-26

Motion was made to approve the Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 1-26.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Abstain

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Educational Services

a. Approve Resolution 1-26: Annual Course Based Independent Study Certification of Courses

b. Approve Pioneer High School and Woodland High School Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Applications for 2025-2026

c. Approve Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Grant Application for 2025-2026

3. Human Resources

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 26-1

b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 26-1

4. Board Meeting Minutes:

a. Approve June 24, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

H. 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.

I. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA President Rebecca Rossiter was not present at the meeting.

3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA activities.

4. Report from Board Members

Trustees Richardson Fowler and Brubaker shared information regarding the California Association of Black School Educators (CABSE) 2025 Conference they recently attended. Trustee Bautista Zavala shared concerns regarding the coaching stipend change and extended an invitation to the California Latino School Board Association (CLSBA) Unity Conference in September.

5. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Bautista Zavala shared updates from the latest Collaborative for Woodland Youth (CWY) meeting and that the August CWY meeting would be canceled.

J. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Study Session Focused on Improving Student Outcomes

The third study session "Focused on Improving Student Outcomes" was presented by Trustee Rodriguez-Mojica, Douglass Middle School Principal, Cristina Morel, Lee Middle School Principal, Shelley Friery, Cache Creek High School Director, Lore Carillo, Woodland High School Principal, Gerald Salcido and Pioneer High School Principal, Heather King.

2. Information: Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Written Report)

The information item "Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints" was presented as a written report.

K. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Discuss Board Advocacy of \$811 Million Federal Funding Freeze for California Schools Already Appropriated by Congress

The Board of Trustees are in support of bringing a draft advocacy resolution as an actionable item to the August 21 Regular Board meeting.

L. 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.

Kristina Vannucci shared concerns with the parent engagement at Woodland HS and the events being held during the work day, which make it inequitable and difficult for families to participate.

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

N. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin announced that the August 5, 2025, Regular Board meeting may start at 4:00 p.m. due to a pending Closed Session item that needs to be reviewed, and that Trustee Garcia will not attend the Special Board meeting scheduled for August 23, 2025.

O. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk