



**DUNSMUIR**  
**Joint Union High**  
**School District**

Est. 1911  
100 Years of Academic and Athletic Excellence

Jacob Mekeel, Superintendent/Principal

**Board of Trustees**  
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**DUNSMUIR JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNING BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 4:00 P.M.**  
**August 12, 2026**  
**DUNSMUIR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**5805 High School Way, Room 106, Dunsmuir, CA 96025**

**Mission**

*To provide a comprehensive, rigorous and innovative education; empowering students to think critically, obtain and analyze information to synthesize solutions of life's challenges and complexities.*

**Vision**

*Graduates leave the school inspired to continue learning and motivated to become responsible citizens who contribute positively to society.*

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY** Disability related aides or services to enable persons with disabilities to participate in public meetings are available. In addition, members of the public needing translation services during the Board meeting should contact the Superintendent 530.235.4835 one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

Per BB §9324 a recording may be made of this meeting.

**Open Session**

**A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mariella Hines  
Amanda Johnson  
Jeremiah LaRue  
Jean E. Rogers  
Brian Wilson

Jacob Mekeel, Superintendent/Principal  
Shannon Cash, Chief Business Official

Student Board Member, Arianh Nova

**B. ADJUSTMENTS AND OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Action)**

*Additions to the Agenda must meet requirements as set forth in the Brown Act*

**Subsequent Need:** *The legislative body may act upon an item not appearing on a regular agenda upon a finding by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, or by unanimous vote if less than two-thirds (2/3) but more than a quorum of members are present, that there is a need for immediate action and the needs for action came to the attention of the agency after the agenda was posted.*

**Emergency Situation:** *If by a majority vote the legislative body determines prior to any such action the "an emergency situation" exists and that prompt action is required, they may take action on an emergency item not appearing on the posted agenda. The emergency situation exception is for an agenda that has already been posted, in contract to an emergency meeting.*

### C. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*Speakers may be limited to 3 minutes on each agenda item with the total time for public comment on each agenda item limited to 20 minutes. BP §9323(c). Please be aware that this is a private meeting held in a public place and the Board is prohibited by law from taking action on any item presented if it is not listed on the agenda.*

- **Items listed on the Agenda:** Under this item, the public is invited to notify the Board President which items listed on the agenda they would like to comment on and will be allowed to do so when the item comes up.
- **Items not listed on the Agenda:** Items not listed on the Agenda and are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, the public is invited to notify the Board President they would like to address the Board under this item. Please note that the law requires no action or discussion be undertaken on any item not listed on the agenda, therefore, only a brief response will be provided by the Board or staff.

A Dunsmuir resident addressed the board to move or cancel a bus stop located next door to her home.

### D. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

*These action items are of a routine nature or items for which no discussion is anticipated and are acted upon by a single vote. Board Members may request that any item be removed and given individual consideration.*

1. Warrants Registry Summary: Ratify commercial warrants as summarized
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting/s
3. Date and Location of the next three scheduled Board Meetings with Agenda Items, November 11<sup>th</sup> moved to November 18<sup>th</sup> due to observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday
4. Gifts, Grants and Bequests BP 3290
5. Financial Report – Quarterly  
(October, January, April, and June (under separate cover))

Brian Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Amanda Johnson.

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

### E. BOARD RECOGNITION

1. Student of the Month, Resume in September
2. Adult Ed Graduate, Ireland Padula

### F. REPORTS

1. Forest Management Report  
None
2. Student Board Member  
Mr. Nova reported on Back to School night attendance, activities as well as the first day of school
3. Faculty and Classified Staff Report/s  
Ms. Belzer reported on her job duties and classified negotiations
4. Business Report  
Mrs. Cash reported on the 24/25 and 25/26 Audits
5. LCAP Report  
Mr. Mekeel that the LCAP meeting dates are being set for the 26/27 school year.

**6. Principal/Superintendent Report**

Mr. Mekeel reported on additional after school programs being offered this year. The implementation of new googles calendars and how they will be used and which ones will upload automatically to the website was also introduced by Mr. Mekeel. Lastly Mr. Mekeel was proud to announce that 13 girls attended the volleyball meeting today after school.

|                     | 26/27  |     |        |     |        |     |          | 25/26  |       |        |     |        |     |          |
|---------------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|----------|--------|-------|--------|-----|--------|-----|----------|
|                     | DHS    |     | CDS    |     | I.S.   |     | Adult Ed | DHS    |       | CDS    |     | I.S.   |     | Adult Ed |
|                     | Enroll | ADA | Enroll | ADA | Enroll | ADA | Enroll   | Enroll | ADA   | Enroll | ADA | Enroll | ADA | Enroll   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> day | 38     |     |        |     |        |     |          | 40     |       |        |     |        |     |          |
| To Date             |        |     |        |     |        |     |          |        |       |        |     |        |     |          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 39     | 36.35 | 0      |     | 2      |     | 7        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 38     | 33.90 | 0      |     | 2      |     | 7        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 38     | 30.73 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 37     | 30.21 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 35     | 31.60 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 35     | 31.54 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 36     | 30.3  | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 36     | 29.35 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>     |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 36     | 31.5  | 0      |     | 3      |     | 7        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>    |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 38     | 33.74 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 6        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>    |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | 38     | 32.54 | 0      |     | 3      |     | 6        |
| P1                  |        |     |        |     |        |     |          |        | 33.54 |        |     |        |     |          |
| P2                  |        |     |        |     |        |     |          |        | 33.07 |        |     |        |     |          |
| Annual              |        |     |        |     |        |     |          | Annual |       |        |     |        |     |          |

**G. ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION****1. 2026-27 Staff, Student and Parent Handbook AR 4.19.5 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Jeremiah LaRue moved to approve the 2026-27 staff, student and parent handbook and waived the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, seconded by Brian Wilson.

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

**2. 2026-27 Fall Coaches**

Jeremiah LaRue moved to approve hiring Mason Mekeel as the 2026/27 head girls volleyball coach, with Board President, Jean E. Rogers acting as the designee to supervise Mr. Mekeel. Seconded by Amanda Johnson

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | nay |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 4-1

Amanda Johnson moved to approve the hiring of Carlos Flores as the 2026/27 assistant girls volleyball coach, seconded by Brian Wilson.

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

**3. 2026-27 Stipends**

Jeremiah LaRue moved to approve the 2026-27 Stipend Schedule. Seconded by Amanda Johnson.

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

**4. Resolution 26-27-04 NCSIG Bylaw Amendment**

Amanda Johnson moved to approve Resolution 26-27-04 to amend the Northern California Schools Insurance Group (NCSIG) bylaws as presented. Seconded by Jeremiah LaRue

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

**L. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Siskiyou County Board of Education Agenda/Minutes Reviewed
2. Calendar of Events Updates - **Check Web Site for updates**

**M. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

*The Board may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. The Board may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report. The Board may request reports back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.*

Jean Rogers addressed the board to discuss the lack of attendance of board members.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

*Under this item on the Agenda, the public is invited to address the Board regarding items that are on the Closed Session. Speakers are limited to three minutes each. The Board is not allowed under law to take action on matters that are not on the agenda.*

None.

**I. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Instructions:

- Items to be addressed in Closed session must orally be announced by referring to the section number (Government Code § 54957.7(a).)
- The Board must reconvene in open session, where it may be required to report votes and action taken in Closed Session as required by section (Government Code § 54957.1.)

The Board went into Closed Session at 4:39 P.M.

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| <b>Closed Session</b> |
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**A. ROLL CALL**

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| Mariella Hines  |        |
| Brian Wilson    |        |
| Jean E. Rogers  |        |
| Jeremiah LaRue  |        |
| Amanda Johnson  |        |
| Ariah Nova, SBM | Absent |

Jacob Mekeel, Superintendent/Principal  
Shannon Cash, CBO

- B. Ed Code § 35146, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, Ed Code § 49069 et. Seq. No reportable action
    - 1. **CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTER**
  - C. Government Code § 54957
    - 1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** No reportable action
      - a. Confidential/Classified Management Employee/s
      - b. Classified Employee/s
      - c. Certificated Employee/s
      - d. Board of Trustees
      - e. Superintendent
      - f. Principal
    - 2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT** No reportable action
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    - 3. **RETIREE BENEFITS** No reportable action
      - § 54957.6 Negotiations with CTA
      - § 54956.9 Pending Litigation
  - D. Government Code § 54957.6
    - 1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
      - a. **Classified Employees**
        - i. Request to rescind settlement negotiations from Fall of 2025 was received
          - 1. The Board agreed to allow staff to work on the salary schedule to find consistency (step/column increases and year advancements between steps as long as the amount negotiated on and settled in the fall does not change). The board is awaiting to hear how negotiations at the table go.
      - b. **Unrepresented Employees**
- E. Education Code sections § 35146, §48918, §48900 et.seq., §48912(b) and §49060 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. section §1232g
  - 1. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE OR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS**
    - a. No reportable action.
- F. Government Code § 54956.9 and § 54956.9 (d) (1) No reportable action
  - 1. a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Name of Case: 0
  - b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Specific number of cases: 0
- G. Government Code § 54956.9
  - 1. **CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS**
    - a. No reportable action.

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| <b>Open Session</b> |
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- J. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**  
*Announcement of any reportable actions taken in Closed Session.*

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:01 p.m.  
 Jeremiah LaRue moved to approve the amendment to the 2026-27 through 2027-28 Superintendent contract to remove the monthly vehicle allowance and in exchange offer a district vehicle in order to transport students to and from school from the Lakehead area as well as other District business.  
 Seconded by Amanda Johnson.

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| Hines   | aye | LaRue  | aye |
| Rogers  | aye | Wilson | aye |
| Johnson | aye | SBM    | aye |

Motion carried 5-0

### ADJOURNMENT

*Regular meetings shall be adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Action may be taken at the end of the meeting to extend past 10:30 P.M. or adjourned to a later date if needed. BP § 9323*

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

Next regular meeting of the Dunsmuir Joint Unified High School District will be held on August 12, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

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G.C. § 54957.5

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Board Secretary