



**Gridley Unified School District
Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Board of Education Members

Eric Waterbury, President

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Wednesday, September 16, 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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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: ASB/FFA Information
 - A. Wilson Elementary School
 - B. Sycamore Middle School
 - C. Esperanza High School
 - D. Gridley High School
 - E. Gridley High School FFA
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. [Conduct First Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits updated August 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.)

13. ACTION ITEM(S):

Action

- A. [Approve FFA Program of Work \(POW\) for the 2026-27 School Year](#) (Rikki-Lee Buresch)
- (BACKGROUND: Successful FFA Chapters understand that success is the result of planning carefully, then carrying out the plans. They organize their plans through a written Program of Work that defines chapter goals, establishes functioning committees and outlines the steps students will take to meet the goals. The Program of Work is tailored to meet the unique needs of the local chapter, members and community. The Program of Work is more than a calendar of events. The POW embeds specific goals for the entire chapter that encourage members to work together to build a stronger chapter, better community and develop leadership within themselves.)
- B. [Approve Board Resolution 04-2627 Authorization to Teacher Under Education Code 44256\(b\) for the 2026-27 School Year](#) (Julie Vang)
- (BACKGROUND: Each year districts are required to certify that their teachers are teaching in their credential area. One mechanism for a district to authorize a teacher to teach a subject other than the subject specified on their credential is by Ed Code authorization. Ed Code specifies what a teacher must do to qualify to teach outside the area of their credential.
- The teacher listed on this resolution has coursework in the subject areas they are teaching but are not authorized on their current credential to teach these subjects in a departmentalized classroom. The coursework they have in this area allows them to teach these classes under Education Code 44256(b).)
- C. [Approve Board Resolution 05-2627 Authorization to Teacher Under Education Code 44263 for the 2026-27 School Year](#) (Julie Vang)
- (BACKGROUND: Districts are required to certify that their teachers are teaching in their appropriate credential area each year. One mechanism for a district to authorize a teacher to teach a subject other than the subject specified on their credential is by Education Code through Local Board Authorization. Education Code specifies what a teacher must do to qualify to teach outside the area of their credential.
- The teacher listed on this resolution has coursework in the subject area(s) they are teaching but are not authorized on their current credential to teach these subjects in a departmentalized classroom. The coursework they have in this area allows them to teach these classes under Education Code 44263)
- D. [Approve Board Resolution #06-2627 adopting the 2025-26 GANN Limit Calculation](#) (Heather Naylor)
- (BACKGROUND: School districts are required annually to calculate the Appropriations Limit Calculation (GANN Limit) to ensure that the growth in government spending does not exceed the growth in population and inflation.)
- E. [Approve Certification of the Unaudited Actuals for the 2025-26 School Year](#) (Heather Naylor)
- (BACKGROUND: The Unaudited Actuals reflect the close out financial reports for the 2025-26 school year prior to the independent audit. The amounts are subject to change should the auditors find any discrepancies. Also, this year the County Treasurer hasn't closed the cash and given out final year end reports.)

- F. [Approve the Education Protection Account \(EPA\) expenditures for 2025-26 and the estimated budget for 2026-27](#) (Heather Naylor)

(BACKGROUND: With the approval of Proposition 30 on November 6, 2012, an account has been set up to track the Education Protection Account (EPA). The funds are shifted from the Revenue Limit to resource 1400 which in turn requires a budget to be developed and approved by the Board of Trustees.)

- G. [Approve Board Resolution 07-2627 for Designating Positions Subject to Membership in the California State Teachers' Retirement System](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: Assembly Bill 1997 amended the Teachers' Retirement Law and established new requirements governing positions subject to membership in the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) on July 1, 2027. Education Code section 22156.07 provides that a position at a school district may be a position subject to membership when the District's governing board designates the position in a resolution adopted at a public meeting and requires the holder of the position(s) to possess a valid credential, license, or certificate authorized by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or the State Department of Health Care Services.)

- H. [Approve Prop 28 Annual Report](#) (Michael Pilakowski)

(BACKGROUND: As part of the Proposition 28 annual requirements to annually plan and implement arts and music education in schools, the District is required to create, approve, and post an annual report using a specified template.)

14.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action

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 September 2, 2026](#)

- B. [Direct Expenditure Warrants](#)

1) Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The supplement reflects expenditures from August 2026.

- C. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Letter of resignation for Courtney Jordan, Paid Intern Mentor, at Gridley High School effective August 24, 2026
- b) Approve the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a) Stephanie Olson – Paid Intern Mentor, McKinley
 - b) Nathan Link – Paid Intern Mentor, GHS
 - c) Jessika Galloway – Athletic Director, GHS
 - d) Jennifer Link – HS Activity Director, GHS
 - e) Zachary Stark – Leadership Advisor, GHS
 - f) Zachary Stark – CSF Advisor, GHS
 - g) Elizabeth Ayon – HS Yearbook, GHS
 - h) Ethan Jacobsen – HS Band, GHS
 - i) Ethan Jacobsen – Pep Band Director, GHS
 - j) Connie Quist – Choir (50% stipend), GHS

- k) Connie Quist – Drama Coach (50% stipend), GHS
- l) Ethan Jacobsen – Choir (50% stipend), GHS
- m) Ethan Jacobsen – Drama Coach (50% stipend), GHS
- n) Amber McIntire – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- o) Jennifer Link - Leadership Team Member, GHS
- p) Molly German – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- q) Jamie Wellborn – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- r) Courtney Jordan – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- s) Karen Medina – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- t) Jasmine Ramos – Leadership Team Member, GHS
- u) Elizebeth Ayon – Link Crew, GHS
- v) Elizebeth Ayon – Interact Club, GHS
- w) Karen Medina – Home Hospital Teacher, District-wide
- x) Courtney Jordan – Induction Mentor, GHS
- y) Dustin Vaughn – Lead Teacher, Esperanza High School
- z) Samantha Stone – Leadership Team Member (MTSS), Esperanza High School
- c) [Approve Revision of CTE Coordinator Stipend Job Description](#)
- 2) Classified
 - a) Letter of resignation for Crystal Robinson, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#341), 6.5 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.3 hours average daily) at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
 - b) Rescission of employment for Maria Bermudez, Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#486, one-on-one support), 6.5 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.2 average daily hours), at Gridley High School effective August 31, 2026
 - c) Ratify employment for Karina Alejo, Noon Duty Supervisor (#212), 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at Wilson Elementary School effective September 14, 2026
 - d) Ratify employment for Kelsey Giachello, Instructional Aide (#334), 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, at Gridley High School effective September 14, 2026
 - e) Ratify employment for Jeramiah Harris, Instructional Aide (# 531), 5.5 hours per day, 4 days per week, and 4.75 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.35 average daily hours), at Wilson Elementary School effective September 14, 2026
 - f) Approve the following walk-on coaches for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Tammy Carr – Assistant Athletic Director
 - b. Gus Stogsdill – Freshman Coach, Football, Boys, GHS (revised to 50% stipend from 100% stipend)
 - g) Approve the following student workers for the 2026-27 school year:
 - a. Alagaesia Ann Browning – Student worker (Tutor), GHS
 - b. Ezra Bowling – Student worker (Tutor), GHS
 - c. James Woolery – Student worker (Tutor), GHS
 - h) Approve recommendation to add new position Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#540), from 3.5 hours per day, 5 days per week at McKinley Primary School effective September 17, 2026
 - i) Approve recommendation to add hours to Instructional Aide, Specialized Classroom (#330, one-on-one support) from 6 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (5.9 average daily hours) to 6.75 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week (6.5 average daily hours) at Wilson Elementary School effective September 12, 2026
- D. [Donations and Gifts](#)
 - 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
 - a) [QUOTA INT of Gridley for Girls Tennis - \\$300.00](#)
 - b) [Gridley High Parents Club for GHS Swim - \\$1,000.00](#)

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) [Schreder & Associates Project Management Contract](#)
- B) [Walberg, Inc. Change Order\(s\) – CCO #1 & CCO #2](#)
- C) [City of Gridley Electrical Construction Services Contract](#)
- D) [Sannar Land Surveying Contract](#)
- E) [Diana Pontarolo Education Specialist Consulting and Coaching Contract](#)
- F) [GUSD/CSEA MOU – Vocational Work Experience Program with Impact Solutions](#)
- G) [GUSD/CSEA MOU – Reduction of Vacancy Posting Period](#)
- H) [GUSD/CSEA MOU – Stipend Payment for Chef Ann Apprenticeship Trainers](#)
- I) [GUSD/CSEA MOU – Employment of Student Workers](#)
- J) [GUSD/CSEA MOU – Translation Services Stipend](#)

F) Fundraisers

- 1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities. The following fundraising requests have been submitted for approval:

- a) [GHS Swim Team – Car Wash – 9/26/26](#)
- b) [GHS Tennis – Car Wash – 9/19/26](#)
- c) [Sycamore Yearbook – Snack Bar Fundraiser at Volleyball/BB Games – 26/27 Season](#)
- d) [Sycamore Yearbook – Selling Popcorn at School Dances – 10/28 and TBA](#)

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) [Sycamore Middle School -](#)
 - [22 MagOne by Motorola BPR40 Radios w/Charging Stations](#)
 - [2 Motorola 6 Slot Charging Stations](#)
- b) [Wilson Elementary School Library – See List](#)
- c) [Sycamore Middle School Library – See List](#)
- d) [Gridley High School Library – See List](#)

H. Over Night/Out of State Conference/Field Trip Request

- 1) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight field trips. The following overnight field trip(s) have been submitted for approval:

- a) [Forestry Challenge, Santa Cruz, CA – 10/10 – 10/13/26](#)

15. 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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