



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

*Board of Education Members*

*Eric Waterbury, President*

*Art Cota, Clerk*

*Sonia Zarate*

*Cheryl Argetsinger*

*Drew Becker*

*Joe Dewsnup*

*Ben Taylor*

*Wednesday, February 4, 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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Online participants will enter in "View Only Mode" purely to avoid accidental unmutings. Indicate in the Q and A or via using the Raise Hand tool that you wish to speak on an item and the meeting host will bring you in as a Contributor to the meeting. This will allow you to unmute yourself and speak on an item or in public comments.

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: Certificated Administrators Information
    - A. Michael Pilakowski
    - B. Rhiannon Treat – McKinley Student Enrollment – 336
    - C. Chirs Schmidt – Sycamore Student Enrollment – 435
    - D. Minden King – Wilson Student Enrollment – 586
    - E. Rikki-Lee Burrech – GHS Student Enrollment – 676
    - F. Maggie Daugherty – Esperanza Student Enrollment - 19
  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 January 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 Board Resolution #07-2526 – Adopting the Certificated Seniority List](#) (Julie Vang)
 

(BACKGROUND: The District Superintendent may be recommending particular kinds of services reductions due to declining enrollment. This reduction of positions may result in staff layoffs. California Education Code Section 44955(b) provides that in the event of certificated layoffs, employees must be terminated in reverse order of seniority.)

B. [Approve Board Resolution #08-2526 – Adopting Tie-Breaking Criteria for 2026-27 School Year](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: The Board is required to adopt tie-breaking criteria for certificated individuals with the same seniority date.)

C. [Approve Board Resolution #09-2526 – Adopting the Classified \(CSEA\) Seniority List](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: The Gridley Unified School District's Superintendent may be recommending the reduction of particular kinds of services to meet the needs of the district. This reduction of hours and/or positions may result in classified staff layoffs. California Education Code Section 45308 provides that in the event of a classified employee layoff, employees must be terminated in reverse order of seniority.)

D. [Approve GUSD 2026-27 Employee Work Calendars](#) (Julie Vang)

(BACKGROUND: The employee work calendars for all employees for the 2026-27 school year has been developed and reviewed based on the approved instructional calendar. The employee work calendars include the following: Classified 9 months, Classified 10 months, Classified 10 months alternate, Classified 10 months special education, Classified 11 months, Classified 12 months, Certificated 183 days, Certificated 193 days, Certificated 195 days, Certificated 205 days, Certificated 215 days, Certificated 219 days and Certificated 225 days.)

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 January 21, 2026](#)

B. [Personnel](#)

1) Certificated

- a) Letter of resignation for purposes of retirement for Anne Sisney, Elementary Intervention Teacher (#105), 1.0 FTE at Wilson Elementary School effective June 6, 2026
- b) Ratify employment for the following Summer School Program for Summer 2026:
  - a. Sarah Moore – Summer School Site Coordinator (50% stipend)
  - b. Maria Diaz – Summer School Site Coordinator (50% stipend)
- c) Ratify employment for the following coaching / extra duty stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year:
  - a. Robert Bonnifet – Assistant Varsity Track and Field Coach, GHS
  - b. Zach Kuykendall – Volunteer Golf Coach, GHS
- d) Approve the following 6/5th teaching assignments for the period effective February 2, 2026 through June 5, 2026:
  - a. Karen Medina – Special Education, GHS
  - b. Jordan Davis – Special Education, GHS

2) Classified

- a) Ratify employment for Sierra Brown, Instructional Aide (#332), 6.5 hours per day, 4 days per week and 5.5 hours per day, 1 day per week at Gridley High School effective February 2, 2026

- b) Ratify employment for the following coaching stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year:
  - a. Alex Torres – Track & Field Assistant Coach, GHS
  - b. Ana Gloria Luevano – Track & Field Assistant Coach, GHS
  - c. Drew Becker – Volunteer Golf Coach, GHS
  - d. Clark Stowe – Volunteer Golf Coach, GHS
- C. Donations and Gifts
  - 1) To comply with Board Policy 3290, the Board and District appreciates and accepts the following donations:
    - a) Gridley High Parents Club for GHS Wrestling - \$431.20
    - b) Gridley Education Foundation for GHS Girls Soccer - \$200.00
- D. 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) MOU – BOCE/TPYE
    - b) Herren Talks
    - c) Pacific Pure water Systems – Sycamore
    - d) Pacific Pure Water Systems – GHS
    - e) Group Sales - Oregon Shakespeare Festival
    - f) GUSD/GTA MOU – Waive Article 10.3.5 for the 2026-27 School Year Recruitment
- E. Fundraisers
  - 1) To comply with Board policy 1321, Board approval is required for all fundraising activities. The following fundraising requests has been submitted for approval:
    - a) McKinley Read-a-Thon – 2/13/26
- F. Over Night/Out of State Conference/Field Trip Request
  - 1) To comply with Board Policy 6153, Board approval is required for all overnight fieldtrips. The following overnight fieldtrips is submitted for approval:
    - a) Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, OR – 4/16 – 4/17/26

## 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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