SUTTER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
May 13, 2026

1. Call to Order

President Allen Jaynes called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sutter Union High School District to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Career and Counseling Center of Sutter Union High School.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Allen Jaynes, President-Present
Vacancy, Vice-President
Doug Ahlers- Present
Dennis Richardson, Member-Present
Clifton Davis, Member-Present

A quorum was established

Staff Present

Jedsen Nunes, Superintendent
Rick Giovannoni, Principal
Stefanie Danna, Assistant Principal
Fran Ehrk, Director of Guidance
Dawn Heraty, Chief Business Official
Gayle Bradbury, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Recorder

Visitors Present

Erika Lemenager
Joy Phillips
Clay Gidel
Judy Mann
Scarlett Ocheltree
Dan Ocheltree
Garrett Fremd
Dominique Madrigal
Katie Zwissig
Manny Cardoza
Shawna Fremd
Robert Fremd Jr.
Cesar Mendoza
Gabby Alvarez
Morgan Ocheltree
Unknown

4. Acknowledgment of the Passing of Vice President Larry Munger

Superintendent Jed Nunes acknowledged the passing of Board Vice President Larry Munger and

expressed appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the students, staff, and community of Sutter Union High School District.

The Board held a moment of silence in his honor.

5. **Action Item:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-26/007 Declaring Vacancy and Making Provisional Appointment

The Board considered Resolution No. 2025-26/007 declaring a vacancy on the Board of Trustees and making a provisional appointment.

On motion by Mr. Ahlers and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-26/007 and provisionally appointed Erika Lemenager to the Board of Trustees of Sutter Union High School District.

The motion carried with the following vote:
Ayes: Jaynes, Ahlers, Davis
Noes: Richardson
Absent: None
Abstain: None

6. **Oath of Office**
Erika Lemenager was administered the Oath of Office by Superintendent Jed Nunes and was seated as Vice President of the Governing Board of Sutter Union High School District.

7. **FBLA Student Presentation – Landmarks of Legacy**

Students Garrett Fremd, Scarlett Ocheltree, and Dominique Madrigal, along with advisor Katie Zwissig, presented their "Landmarks of Legacy" project, which earned first place at the California FBLA Community Service Project competition. The students will represent California at the National FBLA Competition in June.

The project highlights seven historical landmarks throughout Sutter County. FBLA students designed, fabricated, and installed permanent historical signs at each location. They also created a travel guide brochure and road map featuring the landmarks. In addition, the students presented to local K-8 schools to help educate younger students about local history.

The goals of the project were to install seven permanent historical signs across Sutter County; design, print, and distribute a travel guide brochure containing a road map; present the project to local K-8 schools; preserve Sutter County history for future generations through the installation of the permanent historical landmark signs; promote interest in the community's roots through the implementation and promotion of the project; and encourage tourism in Sutter County by featuring these unique landmarks.

Community members attended the presentation and participated in a question and answer session following the presentation.

8. **Closed Session**
Superintendent Nunes announced the items to be discussed in the Closed Session.

A. Labor Negotiator, District's Designated Representative: Jedsen Nunes, Superintendent
Employee Organizations:
Sutter Education Association
Classified Employee Organization
Confidential Employees
Management

There were no public comments regarding Closed Session items

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:21 PM
The Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:20 PM

Report of Action Taken in Closed Session:
During the reporting out of closed session, the Board voted to add Item 17.1, Approval of the Classified Employee Organization Bargaining Agreement, and Item 18.4, Classified Settlement, Salary Schedule, and Related Disclosure, to the open session agenda for consideration and possible action.

9. Public Comment
There were no public comments

10. Consent Agenda:
Motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ahlers, to approve the Consent Agenda.

7.1 Minutes: Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2026
7.2 Warrants: Approval of Accounts Payable for April 2026
7.3 Consider/Approve: CIF Representatives to the League

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Abstain:0
Absent:0

11. Consider/Approve Employment of Certificated Staff: Joshua Barriga, Temporary Teacher, effective May 4, 2026, and Michael Conklin, Probationary Math Teacher for the 2026–2027 school year, effective August 5, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes:5
Noes: 0
Abstain:0
Absent: 0

12. Consider/Approve Employment of Classified Staff: Jessica Sowden, Bus Driver/Custodian, effective May 4, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ahlers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

13. **Action Item:** Accept the resignation of Brandon Supernaw, Teacher, effective May 1, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Abstain:0
Absent: 0

14. **Action Item:** Accept the resignation of Richard Giovannoni, Principal, effective June 30, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

15. **Action Item:** Consider/Approve the Appointment of Robert Bennette as Principal, effective July 1, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ahlers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

16. **Action Item:** Consider/Approve California Department of Education Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions, January 26, 2026.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ahlers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Abstain:0
Absent: 0

17. **Action Item:** Consider/Approve the tentative Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Sutter Education Association (SEA).

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ahlers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: Jaynes, Lemenager, Richardson, Ahlers, Davis
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

17.1. **Action Item:** Consider/Approve the tentative Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Classified Employee Organization.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ahlers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: Jaynes, Lemenager, Richardson, Ahlers, Davis
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

18. Action Item: Consider/Approve Settlement Salary Schedules, and related disclosure for:
18.1 Sutter Education Association
18.2 Confidential/Classified Management/Unrepresented
18.3 Administration
18.4 Classified Employee Organization

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ayes: Jaynes, Lemenager, Richardson, Ahlers, Davis
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

19. **Action Item:** June Board Meeting Date Change
The Board took no action on this item. The June Board meeting dates will remain as originally scheduled for June 10, 2026, and June 17, 2026.

20. **Communication**
20.1 Counseling Office Report: Ms. Ehrk

Mrs. Ehrk reported that the District held its Open House in April, including the EL Reclassification Ceremony. She thanked Mrs. Correa for her work coordinating the event. AP testing was completed today, and counselors continue meeting with students regarding dual enrollment opportunities.

Mrs. Ehrk and Mr. Nunes attended the Yuba College stole ceremony recognizing Alinah Lopez, who earned two AA degrees and will graduate on June 5.

Mrs. Ehrk reported that graduation preparations are continuing. She shared that the CTE Completers Ceremony will be held next Tuesday during 4th and 5th periods in the gym, the FFA Awards Dinner will be held Wednesday, and Scholarship Awards Night will take place Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Ehrk thanked Mr. Giovannoni for his work with the counseling office and wished him well in his future endeavors.

20.2 Sutter Union High School Report: Mr. Giovannoni

Mr. Giovannoni thanked Mr. Fyan for administering all AP testing. He reminded the Board that graduation will be held on June 5 and thanked everyone for their support over the past 12 years.

20.3 Athletic Report: Mrs. Danna

Mrs. Danna reported that campus has been busy with athletics. Baseball and softball are currently in the middle of playoffs. Softball won today and will play Lincoln High School on Friday. Baseball will play Woodland tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in a best-of-three series.

Mrs. Danna also reported that four track athletes qualified for Divisionals, two doubles tennis teams qualified for the section tournament next week, and three golfers qualified for Masters competition next week.

She shared that the District held Athletic Signing Day last week recognizing student athletes Richard Creer, Matthew Knox, and Justice White.

Mrs. Danna also reported that Physical Night was held this evening, and many coaches attended to provide information and sign students up for summer workouts.

20.4 Butte View Report:

Mr. Nunes reported on behalf of Butte View, sharing that staff and students are wrapping up the semester and preparing for the end of the school year. The Board was provided a handout regarding the garden project. Mr. Nunes noted that the project involved a great deal of effort and valuable learning opportunities, including integration into the science curriculum. He shared that the garden looks amazing and expressed appreciation to those who donated their time and materials, including The Grange, Grocery Outlet, Bicknell Farms, Unity Forest (Ryan Smith), Cheryl Hoke, Hillary Love, F&M Homes (Mary Page), Butte Sand & Gravel (Kyle Morehead), SUHS Ag Department, Home Depot (John Johnson), Coldwell Banker (Raquel McDonald), and Close Lumber.

21. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Nunes reported that the District is entering the season for award ceremonies and end-of-year activities. He shared that the District has signed a contract to have the tennis courts refinished and ready for next season.

Mr. Nunes reported that the fire alarm project is still in progress and awaiting DSA approval, but the District is continuing to move forward with the project. He also shared that he will be meeting with Mr. Taylor and Webb Construction tomorrow to review several campus items that need replacement.

Mr. Nunes acknowledged the contributions of Mr. Munger and shared that a brick will be dedicated in his honor. He also congratulated Mrs. Lemenager on becoming the District's newest Board member and

22. Adjournment

With no further business, Mrs. Lemenager moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0
Abstain:0
Absent:0

~~Allen Jaynes, President~~
Erika Lemenager, Vice President

Jedsen Nunes, Secretary

Doug Ahlers, Clerk