

2024-2025
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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Wednesday,
March 19, 2025

Meeting Location:
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560
Closed Session 6:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Mario Gutierrez, President
Robert Vincelette, Vice President
Sunni Hepburn, Clerk
Adrienne Rendon, Member
Justin Wright, Member
Adrian Arellano, Student Board Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Location: 2601 Rosamond Blvd.,
Conference Room, Rosamond, CA

I. Call to order – (time)

1. Comments from the public pertaining to closed session items:

II. Closed session

ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ TIME: ____

A. Review Student Personal Device Policy

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association

C. Discussion of Student Matters: Education Code sections 35146 and 48918(c)

D. Public Employment: Certain Personnel Matters: Government Code § 54957.1(a)(5)
DISCIPLINE/Dismissal/Employment/Release/Assignment/Reassignment/Complaint

Any action taken in closed session will be reported publicly at the end of the closed session as required by Government Code Section 54954.5.

III. Reconvene into open session at: _____ TIME

ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano

SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright,
Arellano

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____ TIME: ____

IV. Action determined in closed session:

V. Procedural Issues: A recording of this meeting is being made and shall be kept for 30 days as a public record (as applicable).

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: _____

B. Roll Call - Members Present:

____ Mario Gutierrez, President ____ Robert Vincelette, Vice President ____ Sunni Hepburn, Clerk

____ Adrienne Rendon, Member ____ Justin Wright, Member ____ Adrian Arellano, Student Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano

SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette,
Rendon, Wright, Arellano

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____

VI. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

A. Robotics Competition Update: *Kim Schmidt*

B. Youth Basketball Presentation: *Diana Tunnell*

C. Recognition Teachers of the Year: *Leanne Hargus*

D. RTA report: CSEA report:

E. Student Board Member: *Adrian Arellano*

F. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*

G. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*

H. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*

I. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*

J. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines* *February Attendance Recognition*

K. Board Member Communications:

L. Sub-Committee Communications/Updates:

Comments from the Public: Members of the public may address the Board on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board by submitting presentation requests to the secretary or an email. Members of the public are strongly urged not to mention personnel by name and are reminded that they do not have immunity from legal action if personnel is named. The Board may limit each speaker to 3 minutes with a total of 20 minutes per topic.

VII. Consent items A-F

ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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- A.** Ratify March MIDA \$599,454.18
- B.** Approve Purchase Orders 250727-250766, Purchase Vouchers 250828-250898
- C.** Approve Tip Top Arborists Proposal RES East Campus Tree Impeding Electrical Conduit – \$3,740
- D.** Approve Donation of \$385 to RHECC Senior Class – *Rosamond Chamber of Commerce*
- E.** Approve University of Phoenix School Affiliation Agreement for Student Teachers
- F.** Approve San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Service Agreement for CTE Teacher

VIII. General

A. Student Personal Device Policy – *Wexler* **PRESENTATION**

B. Approve the Southern Kern Unified School District Transportation Plan – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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C. Approve Resolution 24-25-13 of the Board of Trustees of SKUSD Authorizing the Issuance and Sales of its 2024 Election General Obligation Bonds, 2025 Series A in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$28,000,000 and Approving Certain Other Matters Relating to Said Bonds – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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IX. Business and Operations

A. RTA Sunshine Proposal to SKUSD dated March 13, 2025 for 2024-2025 – *Gaines* **INFORMATIONAL**

Proposal of the Rosamond Teachers Association/CTA/NEA to the Southern Kern Unified School District Public School Employer for the 2024-2025 Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Recess Business Meeting/**Open** Public Hearing: Time: _____

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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Public Hearing Comments:

Close Public Hearing/Reconvene into Regular Session: Time: _____

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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IX. Business and Operations (Continued)

B. Approval of Award of Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. for the Southern Kern Unified School District Tropico Middle School Landscape, Drainage, and Parking Lot Upgrade Project (SKUSD-TMS-LDPU) in the amount of \$1,118,683.00 – *Irving* ACTION

The Bids were opened on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Two (2) General Contractors submitted a sealed bid. Medallion Contracting, Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the project. The following are the results of the Bid Opening.

Medallion Contracting, Inc., Lancaster, CA – \$1,118,683.00

Coast Construction Group, Lancaster, CA – \$1,261,866.00

The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (the “Act”) adopted on September 16, 2008 (BSA-23-08/09, Resolution No. 15-2008/09) provides an alternative method for public agencies to obtain bids and perform public projects. **For projects of more than \$200,000, formal bidding procedures will be followed (PCC 22032(c)).** If no bids are received, the District may negotiate a contract or use their own workforce. The award of contract and use of own workforce “force account” is still subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Medallion Contracting, Inc.

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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C. Approve Change in Contract with Coast Construction Group Order Number 001 for the After-School Program at Rosamond Elementary School (F&M Job No. 3000.150) Total Change of \$27,000.76 – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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D. Approve Southern Kern Unified School District Cabling Upgrade: Internal Connections E-Rate Funding Year 2025-2026 E-Rate Year 28 Form 470 #250016457 Estimate #12339 (RFP No. 2025-01 Board Approved on Wednesday, February 5, 2025) – *Wexler* ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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E. Second Interim Report – *Irving* PRESENTATION

Existing statutes require school districts to prepare interim budget reports twice a year. Budgets are based on budget actuals and projections as of October 31st and January 31st.

F. Accept filing of the Second Interim Report – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____	SECOND: Hepburn, Gutierrez, Vincelette, Rendon, Wright, Arellano
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X. Personnel Items

A. Approve the following listed personnel items – *Hargus*

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

The following personnel items, which may include hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated and classified employees are presented for Board approval. All personnel meet the necessary credentialing and/or certification requirements as required by the State or notification timelines, as appropriate.

<u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Gonzalez, Jessica	3/20/2025	\$1 \$17.37	Campus Safety Officer	TMS	Hire
Grimes, Maeyll	3/20/2025	\$1 \$18.12	SPED Paraeducator 1:1	RES	Hire
Olmedo, Rafael	3/20/2025	\$1 \$17.58	Custodian	RHECC	Hire
Ontiveros, Sadie	3/20/2025	\$1 \$17.37	Campus Safety Officer	TMS	Hire
Reinard, Jessica	3/20/2025	\$1 \$17.37	Campus Safety Officer	RHECC	Hire
Riley, Sean	3/20/2025	\$6 \$42.05	Systems Administrator/Technology Coordinator	DO	Promotion
Gonzalez, Dianna	3/20/2025	\$1 \$18.12	Speech Path Paraeducator/SPED Paraeducator	RES	Transfer
Loera, Laura	3/20/2025	---	Custodian	RHECC/ WES	Transfer
Ruiz, Ana	3/20/2025	\$1 \$18.12	ASES Instructor/SPED Paraeducator	RES	Transfer
Grina, Shawna	3/3/2025	---	ASES Instructor	TMS	Terminated
Ayala, Jenny	3/28/2025	---	ASES Instructor	WES	Resign
Cabrera, Carolina	3/19/2025	---	Campus Safety Officer	TMS	Resign
Monzon, Gaddy	3/27/2025	---	Custodian	RHECC	Resign

<u>CLASSIFIED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Valencia, Oscar	3/20/2025	2% \$1,127.36	Assistant Coach – Boys Soccer	TMS	Hire

<u>CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Reed, Destinee	03/20/2025	Hire
Gallardo, Michele	03/20/2025	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Baird, Jacqueline	2/28/2025	---	6 th Grade Teacher	TMS	Resign

X. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>CERTIFICATED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Espalabra, Ana Regina	3/20/2025	\$70HR	Home Hospital Teacher	DO	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Mariotti, Mariah	03/20/2025	Hire
Dolino, Santrell	03/20/2025	Hire
Vanderpool, Tiffany	03/20/2025	Hire

<u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR</u>			
Kristina Swartzentruber	Patricia Gamez	Jennifer Adams	Marie Lopez
Brenda Valdez	Jamie M. Doran	Regina Luna	Maria Sussman
Nayely Moya	Raymond Moya	Peggy Garcia-Moreno	Patricia L. Sgherzi
Gabriela Alonza			

XI. Adjournment

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Arellano	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____	Arellano
PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ____ TIME: ____	