



HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governing Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

June 18, 2025

Board of Trustees

Ben Abatti Jr., President

Julie Duarte, Clerk

Kevin Grizzle, Member

Larry Iten, Member

Jared Garewal, Member

Superintendent

Celso Ruiz

Assistant Superintendent

John Paul Wells



**REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

CLOSED SESSION 5:00 P.M, OPEN SESSION 6:00 P.M.

Holtville Unified School District, Board Room, 621 East 6th Street., Holtville, CA. 92250

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1. PRELIMINARY

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present Absent

Ben Abatti Jr., President

Julie Duarte, Clerk

Kevin Grizzle, Member

Larry Iten, Member

Jared Garewal, Member

2. MODIFICATIONS OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, IF ANY.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Vote: ____ - ____

**3. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE
CLOSED SESSION AGENDA.**

At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the closed session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A) Negotiations with the CSEA Chapter 338 – Pursuant to Government Code Section 3549.1

*B) Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency
Negotiator: Superintendent; Employee organization: Holtville Teachers Association*

5. REPORTABLE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

6. RECOGNITIONS

HHS Track & Swim CIF athletes – CJ Johnston

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA AND ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.

At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the open session agenda or items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Public comment will not be taken during the Board's consideration of an item on the open session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, unless an item has been placed on the published agenda, there shall be no action taken. The Board may 1) acknowledge receipt of the information, 2) refer to staff for further study, or 3) refer the matter to the next agenda.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A) Report on Local Indicators – Mr. Velazquez*
- B) CAASPP & ELPAC Test Results Update – Mr. Velazquez*

9. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board is asked to approve the following items:

- A) Approve the 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

*(Mr. Velazquez) Pg. *****

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

- B) Approve the 2024-25 Estimated Actuals/2025-26 July Budget**

*(Mr. Wells) Pgs. *****

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

- C) Approve Board Resolution 2024/25-008 Regarding the 2025-26 Education Protection Account**

(Mr. Wells) Pgs. 3-6

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call Vote: Abatti: _____ Duarte: _____ Grizzle: _____ Iten: _____ Garewal: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

- D) Approve Board Resolution 2024/25-009 Designating Celso Ruiz, Superintendent, to be its chief negotiator and designated representative in negotiations with the Holtville Teachers Association**

(Mr. Ruiz) Pg. 7

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call Vote: Abatti: _____ Duarte: _____ Grizzle: _____ Iten: _____ Garewal: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

- E) Approve Board Resolution 24/25-010 Designating Celso Ruiz, Superintendent, to be its chief negotiator and designated representative in negotiations with the California School Employees Association**

(Mr. Ruiz) Pg.8

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call Vote: Abatti: _____ Duarte: _____ Grizzle: _____ Iten: _____ Garewal: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Vote: _____ - _____

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10. FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE

Monday, June 23, 2025, is the next Special Board Meeting (if needed)

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. CLOSED SESSION if needed

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****** A copy is available at the District Office and/or online www.husd.net**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Holtville Unified School District is to ensure a standards-based curriculum that promotes excellence in academic, social and emotional growth for every student through the establishment of strong parent/school/community partnerships in a stable and safe learning environment.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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ACTION/DISCUSSION

*HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024/25-008*

REGARDING THE 2025-26 EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the voters approved temporary sales and income tax increases with Proposition 30 on November 6, 2012; and voters approved Proposition 55 on November 8, 2016 which allowed the sales tax increase to expire in 2016 while extending the increased income tax rates through 2030.

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 added Article XIII, Section 36 to the California Constitution effective November 7, 2012; and Proposition 55 amended Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution effective November 8, 2016 and commencing on January 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Article XIII, Section 36(e) create in the State General Fund an Education Protection Account to receive and disburse the revenues derived from the incremental increases in taxes imposed by Article XIII, Section 36(f) of the California Constitution;

WHEREAS, before June 30th of each year, the Director of Finance shall estimate the total amount of additional revenues, less refunds that will be derived from the incremental increases in tax rates made pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36(f) that will be available for transfer into the Education Protection Account during the next fiscal year;

WHEREAS, if the sum determined by the State Controller is positive, the State Controller shall transfer the amount calculated into the Education Protection Account within ten days preceding the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, all monies in the Education Protection Account are hereby continuously appropriated for the support of school districts, county offices of education, charter schools and community college districts;

WHEREAS, monies deposited in the Education Protection Account shall not be used to pay any costs incurred by the Legislature, the Governor or any agency of state government;

WHEREAS, a community college district, county office of education, school district, or charter school shall have the sole authority to determine how the monies received from the Education Protection Account are spent in the school or schools within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the governing board of the district shall make the spending determinations with respect to monies received from the Education Protection Account in open session of a public meeting of the governing board;

WHEREAS, the monies received from the Education Protection Account shall not be used for salaries or benefits for administrators or any other administrative cost;

WHEREAS, each community college district, county office of education, school district and charter school shall annually publish on its Internet website an accounting of how much money was received from the Education Protection Account and how that money was spent;

WHEREAS, the annual independent financial and compliance audit required of community college districts, county offices of education, school districts and charter schools shall ascertain and verify whether the funds provided from the Education Protection Account have been properly disbursed and expended as required by Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution;

WHEREAS, expenses incurred by community college districts, county offices of education, school districts and charter schools to comply with the additional audit requirements of Article XIII, Section 36 may be paid with funding from the Education Protection Act and shall not be considered administrative costs for purposes of Article XIII, Section 36.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The monies received from the Education Protection Account shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36 and the spending determinations on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the governing board of June 18, 2025;

2. In compliance with Article XIII, Section 36(e), of the California Constitution, the governing board of the Holtville Unified School District has determined to spend the monies received from the Education Protection Act as attached.

DATED: _____, 2025

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Model OB26-01 2025-26 July 1 Budget

Fiscal Year 2025/26

Fund 010 General Fund

Revenue	Description	Amount	Percentage of Sources
8000	Revenue Limit (Summary)	3,069,801.00	100.00%
Total Revenue		3,069,801.00	100.00%

Expenditure	Description	Amount	Percentage of Sources
1000 Certificated Salaries			
1100	Certificated Teachers' Salarie	2,305,349.36	75.10%
Total 1000		2,305,349.36	75.10%

3000 Employee Benefits			
3100		441,186.04	14.37%
3300		32,455.02	1.06%
3400		257,748.20	8.40%
3500		1,119.11	.04%
3600		22,805.40	.74%
3700		9,137.87	.30%
Total 3000		764,451.64	24.90%
Total Expenditure		3,069,801.00	100.00%

Starting Balance	.00
+ Revenues	3,069,801.00
- Expenditures	3,069,801.00
- Budgeted Reserves & Fund Bal	.00
= Unappropriated Balance	.00

Starting Balance	.00
+ Total Revenues	3,069,801.00
= Total Sources	3,069,801.00

Expenditure	Description	Amount	Percentage of Sources
1000	Certificated Salaries	2,305,349.36	75.10%
2000			%
3000	Employee Benefits	764,451.64	24.90%
4000			%
5000			%
6000			%
7000			%
- Total Expenditures		3,069,801.00	100.00%
- Total Budgeted Reserves and Fund Balance		.00	.00%
= Unappropriated Balance		.00	.00%

RESOLUTION 2024/25-009

Resolved that the Governing Board of the Holtville Unified School District hereby designates Celso Ruiz, Superintendent, to be its chief negotiator and designated representative in negotiations with the Holtville Teachers Association (“HTA”).

Resolved that Superintendent Ruiz full authority to negotiate on behalf of the Governing Board, but the Governing Board expressly reserves the right to ratify any tentative agreement.

Resolved that Superintendent Ruiz shall be the only individual who has the authority on behalf of the Governing Board to negotiate with HTA, and the only individual who has authority to make proposals and counter-proposals and to enter into tentative agreements.

Resolved that Assistant Superintendent John-Paul Wells, Board Member Jared Garewal, and Attorney Kate Reiche of Currier & Hudson, APC, also shall be on the negotiating team on behalf of the Governing Board.

Resolved that individual members of the Governing Board shall decline to negotiate with representatives of the HTA, and also shall decline to meet with such representatives on matters or items being negotiated or directly related to negotiations.

DATE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD: _____

Secretary to the Governing Board

RESOLUTION 2024/25-010

Resolved that the Governing Board of the Holtville Unified School District hereby designates Celso Ruiz, Superintendent, to be its chief negotiator and designated representative in negotiations with the California School Employees Association (“CSEA”).

Resolved that Superintendent Ruiz full authority to negotiate on behalf of the Governing Board, but the Governing Board expressly reserves the right to ratify any tentative agreement.

Resolved that Superintendent Ruiz shall be the only individual who has the authority on behalf of the Governing Board to negotiate with the CSEA, and the only individual who has authority to make proposals and counter-proposals and to enter into tentative agreements.

Resolved that Assistant Superintendent John-Paul Wells, Board Member Jared Garewal, and Attorney Kate Reiche of Currier & Hudson, APC, also shall be on the negotiating team on behalf of the Governing Board.

Resolved that individual members of the Governing Board shall decline to negotiate with representatives of the CSEA, and also shall decline to meet with such representatives on matters or items being negotiated or directly related to negotiations.

DATE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD: _____

Secretary to the Governing Board