

2025-2026
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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Wednesday,
September 3, 2025

Meeting Location:
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560
Closed Session 5:20 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
Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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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: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ TIME: _____

A. Reinstate Expulsion for Student #15-24-25 5:20 p.m.

B. Reinstate Expulsion for Student #55-23-24 5:40 p.m.

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

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

E. 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: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette,

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___ TIME: _____

Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch

IV. Action determined in closed session:

A. Student Petition for Reinstatement #15-24-25

_____ to deny re-instatement

_____ to permit re-instatement

_____ to permit conditional enrollment in a traditional school program or another education program

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___

B. Student Petition for Reinstatement #55-23-24

_____ to deny re-instatement

_____ to permit re-instatement

_____ to permit conditional enrollment in a traditional school program or another education program

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___

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 _____ Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

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

SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn,

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE _____

Rendon, Wright, Finch

VI. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

- A. Hope Squad Presentation: *Sheryl Taylor*
- B. Robotics Presentation: *Kimberly Schmidt*
- C. RTA report: CSEA report:
- D. Student Board Member: *Aliyah Finch*
- E. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*
- F. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*
- G. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*
- H. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*
- I. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines* *August Attendance Recognition*
- J. Board Member Communications:
- K. 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-O

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	

- A. Approve Minutes May 21, 2025; May 22, 2025; May 28, 2025; May 29, 2025; June 2, 2025; June 3, 2025; June 11, 2025; June 18, 2025; July 7, 2025; July 8, 2025; July 16, 2025; August 6, 2025; August 20, 2025
- B. Ratify August EOM \$3,068,140.28
- C. Approve Purchase Orders 260298-260345, Purchase Vouchers 260143-260287
- D. Approve RHECC & TMS Cadet Corps Leadership Training San Luis Obispo September 5-7, 2025
- E. Approve TMS Camp Keep Los Osos, CA October 6-10, 2025
- F. Approve Donation of Clothes & Shoes Valued at \$367 to Parent & Community Center – *Brenda Fleeks*
- G. Approve Donation of \$1,000 for Student Prizes Parent & Community Center – *Kern Family Health Care*
- H. Approve Donation of Classroom Supplies Valued at \$140 to RES – *Kaila Kassens*
- I. Approve NATS In-Plant Inspection DSA #03-125115 at RHECC – \$5,200
- J. Approve Assess for Success Consulting, Inc. Ken O’Connor – \$12,000
- K. Approve Coast Construction Group RHECC Classroom Power Upgrades – \$21,640.70
- L. Approve A-Z Bus Sales Quote #COLI1826 2024 or Newer Bus for SPED – \$149,019.57
- M. Approve Thinking Maps, Inc. QT-000483 Licenses and Teacher’s Guide Manuals – \$55,130.26
- N. Approve Integrated Inspection Proposal for DSA In-Plant Inspection of Shade Structure for WES – \$2,850
- O. Approve RHECC Trip to Washington DC March 1-5, 2026

VIII. General

- A. Approve Revised 2025-2026 18 Months SKUSD Board of Trustees Board Meeting Calendar: Changed Wednesday, June 3, 2026 to Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – *Gaines* ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. Williams Settlement requires each school in the district to have sufficient textbooks, eBooks, or Instructional materials, or both, that are aligned to the content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605 for I, II, III, IV. – *Dr. Mendez* INFORMATIONAL

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

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

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

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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B. Approve Resolution #25-26-02 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2025-2026 School Year – *Dr. Mendez* ACTION

Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials means, “each pupil, including English Learners, has a standard aligned textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.” This specifically applies to four subject areas: reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science. *EC* Section 60119(c)(1)

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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X. Business and Operations

A. Approve the Request to Proceed with the Site Contract Bid for the Rosamond High Early College Campus Boys and Girls Lockers Room Building – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	

B. Approve the Project Work Authorization No. 2025-2 between Flewelling & Moody, Inc. and Southern Kern Unified School District for Architectural Services for a New 64,000 square foot school and associated site work – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___	

XI. Personnel Items

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

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

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>
Solis Gomez, Siomara	9/4/2025	\$8 \$24.07	Campus Safety Officer/Custodian	WES	Promotion
Quinonez, Dameon	7/1/2025	\$2 \$18.93	Groundskeeper	MAINT	Salary Correction
Bradley, Carleton	8/20/2025	---	Paraeducator, SPED	ALIS	Resign

XI. Personnel Items (Continued)

<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, Dianna	8/19/2025	---	Paraeducator, SPED	RES	Resign
Sical, Maria	8/20/2025	---	Paraeducator, SPED 1:1	TMS	Resign
Vermillion, Cassondra	8/20/2025	---	Campus Safety Officer	WES	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>
Gonzalez, Stephanie	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	WES	Hire
Jones, Gary	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	RES	Hire
Luna, Reyna	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	TMS	Hire
Kluczkowski, Mary	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	RHECC	Hire
Grimes, Maeyll	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Enrichment – Lego Education	RES	Hire

<u>CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Porter, Trinity	9/4/2025	Hire
Naranjo, Monica	9/4/2025	Hire
Wheeler, Catherine	9/4/2025	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>
Winchell, Dennison	8/25/2025	C4/S11 \$92,244	SDC M/M Teacher	TMS	Hire
Jordan, Nicole	8/1/2025	C4/S5 \$76,125	4 th Grade Teacher	WES	Column Increase
Campbell, Edward II	8/4/2025	C6/S4 \$78,969	RSP Teacher	RHECC	Salary Correction
Denton, Kayleigh	8/11/2025	C6/11 \$98,626	SDC M/M Teacher	RES	Column Increase
Boltron, Walter	9/1/2025	C6/S11 \$98,626	Biology Teacher	RHECC	Column Increase
Gonzalez, Karen	8/4/2025	C3/S3 \$66,587	4 th Grade Teacher	RES	Salary Correction
Hopkins, Cristina	8/11/2025	C6/S9 \$93,011	6 th Grade Teacher	TMS	Salary Correction
Patz, Alayna	6/6/2025	---	6 th Grade Teacher	TMS	Resign

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<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Ament, Cody	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Morris, Rebecca	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Borne, Esmeralda	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Del Riego, Brenda	9/4/2025	\$2,311.08	Induction Support Provider (x1)	DO	Hire
Vogenthaler, Janessa	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Osterle, Andria	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire

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Deal, Rhonda	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Saavedra, Felipe	9/4/2025	\$2,311.08	Induction Support Provider (x1)	DO	Hire
Varela, Sarah	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Walker, Paul	9/4/2025	\$6,933.24	Induction Support Provider (x3)	DO	Hire
Hansen, Andrew	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Karr, Veronica	9/4/2025	\$6,933.24	Induction Support Provider (x3)	DO	Hire
Shevlin, Edward	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Blackburn, Matthew	9/4/2025	\$2,311.08	Induction Support Provider (x1)	DO	Hire
Vigil, Sandra	9/4/2025	\$2,311.08	Induction Support Provider (x1)	DO	Hire
Ponce, Jareny	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Salazar, Ramon	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Jones, Andrea	9/4/2025	\$2,311.08	Induction Support Provider (x1)	DO	Hire
Atkinson, Carmen	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Black, Brittanie	9/4/2025	\$4,622.16	Induction Support Provider (x2)	DO	Hire
Johnson, Basilisa	9/4/2025	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Alternative to Suspension	RHECC	Hire
Johnson, Basilisa	9/4/2025	4% \$2,311.08	Folklorico Dance Teacher	DO	Hire
Riley, Mark	8/13/2025	\$13,000	Prep Buyout- Auto	RHECC	Hire
Caffey, Elizabeth	8/13/2025	\$13,000	Prep Buyout- Yearbook	RHECC	Hire
Rogers, Vyvian	8/13/2025	7% \$4,044.39	Grade Level Chairperson-4 th Grade	RES	Hire
Sinclair, Diann	9/4/2025	3% \$1,733.31	Oral Language Coordinator	RES	Hire
Feinstein, Jodi	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Science Fair Coordinator	RES	Hire
Irvine, Kayla	9/4/2025	4% \$2,311.08	AVID Site Coordinator	RES	Hire
Lyons, Ellie	9/4/2025	\$13,000	Prep Buyout- Alternative to Suspension	TMS	Hire
Burgess, Heather	8/13/2025	8% \$4,622.16	Theatre Director	RHECC	Hire
Roth, Mari	8/13/2025	\$2,500	FFA Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Roth, Mari	8/13/2025	\$2,500	Livestock Show Team Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Boltron, Walter	8/13/2025	3% \$1,733.31	Junior Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
You, Rong	9/4/2025	3% \$1,733.31	Mathletes	RHECC	Hire
Ferrandini, John	8/13/2025	8% \$4,622.16	Band Director	TMS	Hire
Del Riego, Brenda	8/13/2025	\$2,311.08	Mentor Teacher (x2)	TMS	Hire
Salazar, Ramon	9/4/2025	\$13,000	Reading Foundations-Prep Buyout	TMS	Hire
Alitagtag, Jovan	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Sophomore Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Davis, Donyae	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Boys Basketball	TMS	Hire
De Dios, Don Al	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Girls Basketball	TMS	Hire
Pikkel, Landon	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Girls Soccer	TMS	Hire

XI. Personnel Items (Continued)

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<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Pikkel, Landon	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Girls Volleyball	TMS	Hire
Salazar, Ramon	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Cross Country	TMS	Hire
Soriano, Bryall Kenneth	9/4/2025	6% \$3,466.62	Head Coach – Boys Volleyball	TMS	Hire
Hillman, Kristina	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	ALT. ED	Hire
Hopkins, Cristina	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	TMS	Hire
Long, Tania	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	RES	Hire
Perkins, Ethan	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	RHECC	Hire
Shevlin, Edward	9/4/2025	\$5,000	CCSPP Site Representative	WES	Hire
Junio, Nerissa	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Enrichment – Lego Education	TMS	Hire
Thompson, Katie	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Enrichment – Lego Education	WES	Hire
Thomson, Paulene	9/4/2025	2% \$1,155.54	Enrichment – Lego Education	WES	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Hutto, Nichole	9/4/2025	Hire
Onochie, Isabella	9/4/2025	Hire
Arias, Vivian	9/4/2025	Hire
Schumacher, Christopher	9/4/2025	Hire
Dunner, Michael	9/4/2025	Hire
Bonilla Zavala, Vladimir	9/4/2025	Hire
Firsick, Kelsi	9/4/2025	Hire
Root, Debra	9/4/2025	Hire
Rodgers, Monique	9/4/2025	Hire
Gonzalez, Dianna	8/20/2025	Hire
Prine, Brian	9/4/2025	Hire

<u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>			
Lupita Montano	Lasharna Walker	Megan K. Pearl	Eugenia Gonzalez
Fernanda Aparicio	Sharon Diaz	Jailin Moreno	Laura L. Castro
Martha Flores Moreno	Crystal Castanon	Christina Verde	Craig Tunnell
Nubia Covarrubias	Annette Arentzoff	Briana Capilla	Melissa Chamorro
Dalia Knod	Brooke Waxman	Celina Z. Barajas	Veronica Ponce
Kimberly Arellano	Alyssa Ellis	Satoka Erb	Alejandra Rojas
Eric Grabosky	Brittney Grabosky	Jasmine Lopez	Ashleigh B. Sagarang
James Landolt	Deserae Carvalho	Jeanette K. Landolt	Catherine Hansen
Maria Prudencio Ruiz	Marisol Garcia	Rhiannon Jimenez	Tejera L. Navarro
Tonya T. Albrent	Ernesto N. Rojas Ruiz	Maudy Y. Linares	Christina Rini

XI. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>			
Cassandra Chavez	Roberto Lopez	Joel Kinney	Janet Hall
Jenna Mozee	Vanessa Ponce	Regina Luna	Stephanie Sanchez
Jamie L. Reiss	Jessica M. Montano	Luiz J. Garcia III	Claire Garcia
Jazzmin Dickey	Lourdes Ortega	Stacey L. Diaz	Ashley E. Logan
Maria Guerrero	Danielle Paul	Daniza Avila	Gloria Lay
Jada Early	David McWilliams	Preston Gamble Jr.	Malik A. Rivers
John Marquez	Taylor Ferguson	Taylor Hanlon	Nancy Ward
Genevieve Collins			

XII. Adjournment

ACTION

MOTION: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ PREFERENTIAL STUDENT VOTE ___ TIME: _____	SECOND: Gutierrez, Vincelette, Hepburn, Rendon, Wright, Finch
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