BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Working together with families, the community, and highly qualified staff, the Buckeye Union School District ensures that each student masters the knowledge and skills needed to maximize their academic and personal success in a global society.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Boardroom located at
5049 Robert J. Mathews Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762
(Please enter the Board Room from the rear of the building)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Kirk Seal, Jon Yoffie, Scott Masten, Ph.D., Melissa Keyzer
Superintendent, David Roth, Ph.D. / Assistant Superintendent, Jacqueline McHaney

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Public attendance is welcomed and encouraged. The district has taken the following steps in offering public comment:

1. **In-Person Public Comment**: Public comment may be offered in person during the board meeting.

2. **Written Public Comment**: Members of the public who are unable to attend and wish to address the Board can email the Board at *Board@BuckeyeUSD.org*. All correspondence will be shared with the entire Board as well as the Superintendent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Hanson-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS **Related to closed session agenda items only*

None

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **DISCUSSION -** Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

2. **DISCUSSION -** Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

3. **DISCUSSION -** Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the Certificated Site Management, Certificated District Office Management, including Superintendent, Classified Management, including Assistant Superintendent, and Confidential Employee Groups - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

Board Member Keyzer called the closed session to order at 6:05 p.m.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Seal moved to adjourn to open session at 6:50 p.m.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION *(7:00 P.M.)*

Board Member Hanson-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Hanson-Smith led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present: Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D.
Kirk Seal
Jon Yoffie
Scott Masten, Ph.D.
Melissa Keyzer

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Seal motioned to approve the agenda, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS **Related to non-agenda items only*

The Board has received public comment via written correspondence from the following individual(s) since the previous regular board meeting: None

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment: None

Public comment closed at 7:01 p.m.

X. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. 2024/2025 Annual Parent Survey - Districtwide Results *(presentation linked)*
   (David Roth, Ph.D, Superintendent)

   Superintendent Roth shared the results of the Annual Parent Survey. He was pleased that we received over 1,800 responses to many questions. Parent responses were overwhelmingly positive in all areas. However, we are continually looking at areas to further improve.

   Board member Yoffie inquired about the correlation between negative comments and those who rated items poorly. They asked clarifying questions about whether survey responses represented families of multiple children and noted that some parents may submit one survey for all children while others submit multiple entries.

XI. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
   - Superintendent Roth reported on a positive and smooth start to the school year, noting enthusiastic staff and families at back-to-school events, including ice cream socials and picnics hosted by school PTAs/PTOs.
   - Highlighted the newly renovated kindergarten playground at Buckeye Elementary, funded with support from the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE), featuring new play structures, shade covered sandbox, and turf.

- Provided an update on the Rolling Hills kitchen project, which is nearly complete pending final inspections, and will offer state-of-the-art equipment and improved efficiency for food service operations.
- Shared that the leadership team held an extended beginning-of-year meeting to focus on instructional priorities, future readiness, and characteristics of high-performing educational systems worldwide.
- Reflected on preparing students with skills needed in a rapidly changing environment, drawing connections to district initiatives such as technology integration.
- Concluded by noting a personal milestone of dropping off his daughter at college and credited the strong educational foundation she received in Buckeye Union School District.

2. Association Reports:
   - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - Amy Gargani reported on the positive start to the school year and shared concerns regarding rising insurance premiums, noting a 24.6% increase. Teachers are proactively discussing options and look forward to partnering with the district to address the issue.
   - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Charter Quarterly Reports:
   - California Montessori Project (CMP): Sara Meece & Matt Taylor *(presentation linked)*
   - Cottonwood Charter School: Cindy Garcia *(presentation linked)*
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
   - Board Member Keyzer reported on attending the Arts Integration and STEAM Conference over the summer, which highlighted the value of integrating art into curriculum alongside STEM subjects. Shared a book from the keynote speaker, Susan Maxim, co-author, and encouraged colleagues to review it as a resource for arts integration. Noted connections with Curriculum Director Rachelle Ball, who has been developing Prop 28-funded arts curriculum for all grade levels, and expressed excitement about expanding arts integration throughout the district.

Following all reports, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any report(s).

Public Comment: None

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the items(s). The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

1. Board Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2025
2. Board Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2025 (Special Meeting)
3. Personnel Update - August 20, 2025

4. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (4th quarter: May-July)
5. Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter Ending June 30, 2025
    - Memo from Treasurer-Tax Collector to Depositors to County Investment Pool
    - Memo from Treasury Quantitative Specialist to Treasurer-Tax Collector
    - El Dorado County Pooled Investment Portfolio Reports (summary)
    - El Dorado County Pooled Investment Portfolio Reports (detail)
6. Declaration of Surplus Items:
    - Buckeye Elementary (6/20/25)
    - Oak Meadow Elementary (7/23/25)
    - Rolling Hills Middle School (7/25/25)
7. Approval of Overnight Field Trip(s) for 2025/2026:
    - Camerado Springs, Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL) Program, Portola (September 19-21, 2025)
    - Silva Valley Elementary, Sly Park Outdoor Education (November 17-21, 2025)
8. Approval of Out-of-State Conference:
    - Valley View - Florida Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools (FLIBS) Conference, Florida (September 2025) *2 teachers
    - Valley View - International Baccalaureate Conference, Arizona (December 2025) *2 admin
9. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Buckeye Union School District and the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, RE: Shared Certificated Administrative Employee Services
10. Summary of Warrants (2024-2025): June 1-July 22, 2025 *(report linked)*
11. Summary of Warrants (2025-2026): June 30-July 31, 2025 *(report linked)*

The Board will accept Public Comment regarding any Consent Agenda item(s) prior to the Board's action.

Board Member Yoffie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

XIII. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment is welcomed prior to the Board's action on any of the following items or in response to any discussion item(s).

1. **ACTION -** Establish the First Day of School for the 2026-2027 School Year
(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

    Ms. McHaney reported that it is the Governing Board's responsibility to set the first day of school for each school year. Ms. McHaney noted the importance of aligning with the high school district calendar for our attendance and planning purposes. The administration and Buckeye Teachers' Association (BTA) will negotiate the

final calendar which will be brought forward in September. For 2026/2027, we ask that the Board approve the first day of school as Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Board Member Masten motioned to approve the first day of school as Wednesday, August 12, 2026, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hanson-Smith stated that this meeting stands adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Board Member Yoffie motioned to adjourn.
Board Member Seal seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approval Date:_____

By: _____ By: _____
Kirk Seal, Clerk David Roth, Ph.D., Secretary

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