MEETING MINUTES

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BELLEVUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION
3150 EDUCATION DRIVE
SANTA ROSA, CA 95407

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Attendance

Voting Members
Jamie Padilla, President
Irene Rosario, Vice-President
Lisa Reyes, Trustee
Adele Walker, Trustee
Bryan Iturbe, Trustee

1. Open Session 5:30 pm

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Padilla at 5:34 pm.

a. Roll Call

President Padilla: Present
Vice-President Rosario: Present
Trustee Reyes: Late
Trustee Walker: Present
Trustee Iturbe: Present

B. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

There was no public comment.

2. Adjourn To Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 pm.

A. Closed Session Agenda

a. Public Employment Performance Evaluation §54957 - Title: Superintendent

b. Public Employment § 54957

c. Conference with Labor Negotiator §54957.6

3. Reconvene to Open Session 6:30 pm

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:36 pm.

A. Roll Call

President Padilla: Present
Vice-President Rosario: Present
Trustee Reyes: Late
Trustee Walker: Present
Trustee Iturbe: Present

B. Flag Salute

Stacy Spector, Chief Administrative Officer, led the flag salute.

C. Report on Closed Session

There was nothing to report from Closed Session.

D. Consider Agenda Adjustment/Adopt Agenda

- We are moving Item 7C to the beginning of the Information/Discussion section to allow for our guests to present.
- And we are removing Item 8E as the attachment is inaccurate. This item will be

presented at the September meeting with the accurate attachment included.

4. Recognition

Michael Kellison introduced the idea of recognizing members of our community at the board level.

Stacy Spector further explained the process by which members of the community will be nominated and recognized. She also introduced "Impact Awards" as the official name for the recognition of members of the learning community.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Reports

A. California School Employees Association, Chapter 501

Amy Flores, President of CSEA reported that people are happy and that the bargaining unit held their first meeting of the year with a strong turnout. She also expressed that it is nice to have so many of our employees back at work.

B. Bellevue Education Association

Carrie Boyce, President of BEA, expressed that she was glad to have classified staff back and that she is concerned about having many district employees rehired. She expressed concern about summer school teacher mispayment and that repaying the district is hard. She encouraged the board to use funding to support kids. Additionally, she is looking forward to negotiations in September, is preparing to complete an MOU for prep for SDC teachers and wants to build a successful partnership with the district.

C. Principals

Principal Jacobson presented the beginning of the year report.

We have energetically and joyfully welcomed our Bellevue Union School District staff and students to the 2025–26 school year. Now, on this fourth day of school, our campuses continue to buzz with the excitement that only the beginning of a new school year can bring.

We launched the year last Monday with site-based professional development sessions, covering topics such as our Instructional Framework and Strategies, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and PE instruction. On Tuesday, all district staff gathered at Taylor Mountain for a district-wide kickoff. Our student Marimba players were a standout hit, and it was truly wonderful to have our Board members join us in this joyful celebration.

This week, our TK–2 students experienced their first STEAM classes, and Marimba instruction is now underway! Our 3rd graders are especially excited to be included in the Marimba program this year. In classrooms across the district, teachers are leading

community-building activities and team challenges to nurture our new classroom families and foster a positive school culture.

Our TK–K teachers are also collaborating with instructional assistants to develop the daycare schedule under our new early dismissal format. So far, both students and staff are adjusting well, and we are pleased to see the new schedule supporting the developmental needs of our youngest learners.

Across all campuses, we are fine-tuning master schedules, finalizing staffing, and attending to all the small but critical details that help our schools run smoothly.

Looking ahead, we're excited for a year filled with rich and unique learning opportunities. In addition to Marimba and STEAM, all grade levels will have access to garden-based education, supported by two full-time garden coordinators. Girls' Volleyball tryouts begin in just a few weeks, and exciting field trips are already on the calendar—some of which are made possible through our ongoing partnership with Sonoma County LandPaths.

And don't forget—Back to School Night is just around the corner on September 3. We warmly invite all of you to visit our school sites and celebrate the start of the new school year with us.

We are off to a strong start—filled with positive energy, collaboration, and optimism. We look forward to a very successful year together.

Thank you, and good evening.

D. Departments/Committees

Superintendent Kellison shared that this is a new section of the agenda, and it will be used to share information with the Board and community about what is occurring within the various departments of the district. Additionally, when committees are formed, reports on the status of the work of the committees will be shared in this section.

E. Board of Education

a. Correspondence

The Board did not receive any official correspondence.

b. District Calendar of Events

Superintendent Kellison presented the District Calendar of Events to the board and let them know that this would be included on a monthly basis so that they could see what was taking place across the district.

F. Superintendent

a. Enrollment Update

b. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

c. District Update

State of the District

Beginning of the Year Thoughts

As we begin a new school year together, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength and resilience of our Bellevue community. Each year brings new challenges and new opportunities, and it is through our collective commitment—families, staff, and students—that we continue to grow and thrive.

This year, we will be guided by three simple but powerful ideas:

- Learning from the past – We honor the lessons and experiences that have shaped us, using them to guide better decisions and stronger connections.
- Being here in the present – Every day matters. We will be intentional about showing up for each other, fully engaged and focused on the learning and well-being of every child.
- Planning for the future – Together, we will prepare our students for the opportunities ahead, ensuring they have the skills, confidence, and curiosity to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Our outlook for the year is one of optimism and hope. By working together, we can create a school environment where every student feels supported, challenged, and inspired. I look forward to partnering with you as we make this school year our best yet.

Here's to a great year ahead!

New Theme

Over the past few years, our district theme has evolved to reflect our growing vision and collective commitment. We began with "I Believe," focusing on each individual's power and potential. As our community deepened its connections, we embraced "Together," highlighting the strength and impact of working as one. This year, our theme, "Together with Purpose. United by Belief," brings these ideas together—celebrating both our shared commitment and our guiding belief in every student's growth and success. It reminds us that when we act together with intention, our possibilities are limitless.

Purpose. Belief. Together.

New Opportunities

This year, we are excited to launch a new STEAM program for TK–Grade 2 students, designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving through hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. For our upper elementary students, the beloved dynamic Marimba Music program continues for Grades 3–6, giving students a unique opportunity to explore rhythm, collaboration, and musical expression. Together, these programs support our commitment to engaging, well-rounded learning experiences for every student.

Strategic Focus and a Commitment to Our Students

As we begin a new school year, we remain deeply committed to our students and their growth. Every decision we make is guided by our strategic priorities, ensuring that teaching, learning, and support services are focused on what matters most: student achievement, safety, and well-being. By staying focused and working together, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities and experiences that help every student thrive.

There is a palpable excitement at each of our school sites, and we move forward with a shared belief that this will be an incredible year of learning, growth, and success together.

7. Information/Discussion

A. 45 Day Revised Budget

Tori Tuscano, Director of Business Services, provided context and rationale for the 45 Day Revised Budget. She shared that 2 items from the adopted state budget specifically impacted BUSD: Learning Recovery and Emergency Block Grant and the Student Support & Professional Development Block Grant (New Discretionary Block Grant). The net effect of these changes resulted in an increase of $614,526 in restricted revenue which will be reflected in the 1st Interim Budget report.

- Q1: The 2 grants can only be used for certain items?
- Answer: Yes: both are restricted funds.
- Q2: Is there any change to our fund balance?
- Answer: Yes, at the 1st Interim, there will be an update to show what has changed as a result of the positions that have come back, etc.

B. Summer Programming 2025

Suzanne Anderson, BUSD Summer School Principal, and Melissa Moore, Cool School Program, presented on the summer programs offered at Taylor Mountain in June and July of 2025.

C. Transportation Service Fair - Latino Service Providers

Stephanie Manieri presented information about a Transportation Fair being held at Taylor Mountain ES on Saturday, August 23rd.
It will be a family-friendly event with free food, DJ, interactive resource booths, a practice bus with tours, and raffles for local business establishments.
The goal is to raise awareness and provide opportunities for safer and more accessible roads for families.

8. Action

A. Consider Approval of Resolution No 1: Education Protection Account

Tori Tuscano, Director of Business Services, presented about the EPA, what it is and what it

does. Prop 30 increased tax rates, with that money going into the Education Protection Account. In BUSD, this accounts for approximately $316,000. This money can't be used for administrative salaries and benefits, and has to be used for certificated salaries and instruction. This money has been budgeted to pay for certificated salaries.

Motion made by: Adele Walker
Motion seconded by: Irene Rosario
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

B. Consider Approval of Resolution No 2: Proclamation of September as Attendance Awareness Month

Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services, presented information about Attendance Awareness month and shared that district chronic absenteeism rates have dropped significantly over the past four years.

Motion made by: Irene Rosario
Motion seconded by: Lisa Reyes
Voting:
Jamie Padilla - Yes
Irene Rosario - Yes
Lisa Reyes - Yes
Adele Walker - Yes
Bryan Iturbe - Yes

C. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Bellevue Union School District (BUSD) and California School Employee's Association (CSEA, Chapter 501) Regarding School Cook Hours for 2025-2026

Stacy Spector, Chief Administrative Officer, shared that BUSD and CSEA entered into an agreement to develop a MOU to keep school cook hours at 8 hours per day for the 2025-2026 school year. This decision was made based upon increases in enrollment.

Motion made by: Irene Rosario
Motion seconded by: Bryan Iturbe
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

D. Consider Approval of Bellevue Union School District Governance Calendar for 2025-2026

Superintendent Kellison presented the 2025-2026 Governance Calendar that spells out when the board should expect certain reports presented throughout the year. The governance calendar supports the board's goal of transparency.

Motion made by: Bryan Iturbe
Motion seconded by: Lisa Reyes
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

E. Consider Approval of Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report 2024-25

This item was moved to the September 2025 board agenda due to an incorrect attachment being included.

F. Consider Approval of Notice of Completion for Schaefer Engineering Inc. for the Taylor Mountain Elementary School Freezer Project

Bill Jereb, Director of Maintenance and Operations, shared that the Taylor Mountain Freezer project is complete and asked the Board to give the superintendent the authority to sign off on the Notice of Completion.

Motion made by: Lisa Reyes
Motion seconded by: Irene Rosario
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

G. Consider Approval of Notice of Completion for Park Planet Inc. for the Bellevue Elementary School Ball Wall Project

Bill Jereb, Director of Maintenance and Operations, shared that the Bellevue ES Ball Wall project is complete and asked the Board to give the superintendent the authority to sign off on the Notice of Completion.

Motion made by: Irene Rosario
Motion seconded by: Bryan Iturbe
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

H. Consider Approval of Change Order 01 for Central Valley Environmental for the Kawana Springs Abatement / Modernization Project

Bill Jereb, Director of Maintenance and Operations, shared that the Kawana Springs Abatement/Modernization project scope of work was altered resulting in some increases and decreases in anticipated costs and asked the Board to give the superintendent the authority to sign off on the Change Order.

Motion made by: Bryan Iturbe
Motion seconded by: Irene Rosario
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

I. Consider Approval of Williams Quarterly Report Report Summary (April 1-June 30)

Michael Kellison, Superintendent, reported that there were no complaints filed during the fourth quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by: Adele Walker
Motion seconded by: Lisa Reyes
Voting:

Unanimously Approved

J. Ratification of Bills and Warrants

The Board took action to approve the payment of bills and warrants as presented.

Motion made by: Lisa Reyes
Motion seconded by: Bryan Iturbe
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

9. Consent Calendar

The Board took action to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion made by: Adele Walker
Motion seconded by: Lisa Reyes
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

A. Contract - Maria Gabriela Porter - Bilingual Speech Pathologist

B. Contract - Lozano Smith, LLP Agreement for Legal Services

C. Contract - Fagen, Friedman and Fulfrost, LLP - Agreement for Legal Services

D. Contract - School and College Legal Services

E. Contract - Total School Solutions, Agreement for Consulting Services

F. Contract - Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) - Adaptive Physical Education

G. Contract - Kid's Hear- Nursing Services

H. Contract - Redwood Pediatric Therapy Associates- Occupational Therapy

I. Contract - b.e.e. Therapy - Speech Services

J. Agreement - Rincon Valley Partnership - Specialized Services

K. Agreement - SELPA - IEP Goal Book

L. Board Meeting Minutes

M. Board Personnel Transaction Form

10. Planning

The next meeting of the board will be on September 9, 2025. This will be a regular board meeting.

11. Reconvene to Closed Session as Needed

There was no need to return to Closed Session.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.