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, November 19, 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 6:25 p.m.

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

None

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. 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. 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

Board Member Seal called the closed session to order at 6:26 p.m.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Keyzer moved to adjourn to open session at 6:55 p.m.
Board Member Seal seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Board President Hanson-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. FLAG SALUTE

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

**Superintendent Roth suggested that the Board invite the Cadets from Clarksville to speak after Rolling Hills Middle School students*

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Rolling Hills Middle School Student Presentation
    - Students: William Parsley, President
      Maanya Bojja, Vice President
    - Students reported on school activities: First Friday spirit activities, Red Ribbon Week themes, Veterans Day rally with games and trivia, the fall after-school party with themed activity stations and a haunted house, increased club participation following the Club Fair, and ongoing student-led projects such as lunchtime passport support and the school mascot at rallies. They also highlighted upcoming events including Kindness Week, the school food drive, and the 12-day holiday countdown.

X. 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:

- Allison Phariss (email 11/6/25)

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment:

- Doug Parsley (BUSD Parent)

Public comment closed at 7:14 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Curriculum and Instruction, Inservice Day Update and ELA Adoption

(Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

Rachelle reported on recent Curriculum and Instruction activities, including October i-Day professional learning with sessions on AI in the classroom, follow-up ELA and math content trainings, TK-specific offerings, reading intervention training, Special Education 101, science of reading, behavior supports, and CPI certification. She provided an update on the middle school ELA Pilot "Take 2," noting the IMAC committee has reconvened, publisher screenings are completed, pilot teams are prepared, and the first pilot will begin in January. She also shared that elementary ELA will undergo a "soft pilot" of updated Magnetic Reading materials—available at no additional cost due to contract terms—to improve coherence between reading and writing. Additional updates included implementation of the Amira Reading Difficulty Screener for K–2, preparations for

the winter i-Ready reading and math diagnostics, new teacher trainings, strategy collaboration meetings at school sites, and ongoing instructional leader walks.

Board members discussed the science of reading model, asked clarifying questions about Magnetic Reading update costs, Amira testing logistics and duration, and the scope of i-Ready (reading and math). Trustees also inquired about the timeline of the middle school ELA pilot, and noted that the decision not to adopt as an outcome of the pilot 2 years ago was itself a successful outcome.

2. California Dashboard - District Presentation of State Dashboard Indicators

(David Roth, Ph.D, Superintendent)

Superintendent Roth reported on the California School Dashboard state indicators, including English language arts, mathematics, science, English learner progress, chronic absenteeism, and suspension; highlighted that ELA and math performance remain well above standard with science in the very high (blue) range; noted that the suspension rate is approximately 2% and remains a continued area of focus; reported strong English learner progress, targeted support for long-term English learners and socioeconomically disadvantaged students, and declining chronic absenteeism to approximately 6.3% districtwide (about 5.7% including charter programs); and shared comparison data showing the district currently ranks second in ELA and math achievement among approximately 60 comparable foothill/Sacramento-area elementary districts.

Board members asked clarifying questions regarding how dashboard numbers are reported (scale scores vs. percentages), subgroup sizes and color thresholds (including Hispanic/Latino classification, homeless and foster youth counts, and LTEL criteria), and the conditions that trigger differentiated assistance; administration discussed ongoing monitoring of subgroup data, identification and additional services for emergent LTELs, use of supplemental funds for targeted interventions, relationship- and home-visit-based strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism, and the district's goal to continue improving while remaining competitive with comparable districts such as Eureka Union and Rescue.

XII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - Upcoming break is welcomed by staff and students after a long fall stretch.
    - Reported on the District's Special Olympics Unified Sports soccer tournament at Silva Valley, highlighting strong participation, buddy support, uniforms, and an opening ceremony with students singing the national anthem.
    - Shared that Rolling Hills and Camerado held a spirited and competitive basketball game with positive sportsmanship between schools.
    - Noted strong Veterans Day activities at multiple sites, including Rolling Hills' event and a program at Valley View Charter Montessori featuring jazz band performances, student-served refreshments, and attendance by local

veterans, parents in active service, and community members despite heavy rain.
    - Continued Superintendent Coffees and PTO/PTA/PTC meetings at school sites; community engagement has remained constructive and supportive even when discussing challenging district issues.
    - Closed with appreciation for the community and Thanksgiving well-wishes.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Charter Quarterly Reports:
    - Rising Sun Montessori Charter School Report: Karl Zierhut
        i. The principal reported that the school successfully completed its Williams monitoring visit with positive findings in facilities and instructional materials. The school was again recognized as a STAR School by the Educational Results Partnership. Enrollment remains strong with additional classroom space added, expanded middle school electives (including Shoot360 basketball, CrossFit, and Spanish), and upcoming implementation of the California Reading Difficulties Risk Screener. State Dashboard results showed strong performance, including blue ratings in chronic absenteeism and math/ELA indicators, and CAASPP scores of 75.4% ELA, 65.5% math, and 68.4% science with no students in "standard not met."
    - Clarksville Charter School Report and Military Program Cadet Presentation: Jenell Sherman
        i. Students and staff reported on the Virtual Academy and California Cadet Corps programs: enrollment is slightly above target with plans to refill midyear graduate spots in January; a Passport to the World family event was held at multiple locations with 40+ hands-on cultural and STEM stations; Virtual Academies Director Claire Walker and Cadet Corps instructor/Captain Elizabeth Platt were introduced and recognized for building the program. Cadets presented a drill demonstration and described training and activities including survival training, archery, summer encampment, disaster preparedness, drone and marksmanship training, and extensive community service and Veterans Day parade participation, emphasizing leadership development, confidence, teamwork, and preparation for college, military, and career goals.
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members

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

Public Comment: None

XIII. 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 - November 5, 2025
2. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint (1st quarter: August-October)
3. Donation to School - Adopt-a-Class (Oak Meadow Elementary/BUMI)
    - $300 May Quevedo
4. Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter Ending September 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)
5. Summary of Warrants (2025-2026): October 1- 31, 2025 *(report linked)*

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

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

XIV. 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 Date of the Annual Organizational Meeting (AOM)
(David Roth, Ph.D, Superintendent)

    Superintendent Roth reminded the Board that this is an annual item to establish a date for the Annual Organizational Meeting (AOM) that is to occur within the 15-day window period established by statute. The Board meeting date, December 10, 2025, is being proposed for the Annual Organizational Meeting (AOM).

    Board Member Seal motioned to the proposed date of December 10, 2025, for the regular meeting and the Annual Organizational Meeting (AOM).
    Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
    Public Comment: None
    Motion carried 5-0.

XV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting **& AOM**
- Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Hanson-Smith stated that this meeting stands adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board Member Keyzer motioned to adjourn.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approval Date:_____

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

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