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, December 10, 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. 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 Masten called the closed session to order at 6:05 p.m.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

Board Member Keyzer moved to adjourn to open session at 6:25 p.m.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

****Board Member Seal joined open session at 7:15 p.m.***

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

Board President Hanson-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.
Jon Yoffie
Scott Masten, Ph.D.
Melissa Keyzer
Kirk Seal (7:15 p.m.)

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Yoffie motioned to approve the agenda, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Valley View Middle School Student Presentation
    - Students: Wyatt Saura, President
      Natalie Knerr, Vice President
    - Students reported on school activities: Recent schoolwide Rattler Run fundraiser held without an outside sponsor, which raised approximately $92,000, with $86,791 retained by the school to support programs such as 8th grade Outdoor Education. Students also reported on the upcoming CJSF membership drive, eligibility requirements, and the criteria for earning the Golden Seal. Additional updates included the opening of the Rattler Rise Store, upcoming elementary activities, and an overview of athletic seasons and team placements across cross country, volleyball, soccer, and flag football.

2. Buckeye Education Foundation Art Showcase Presentation
    - Melissa Keyzer presented students receiving recognitions with a certificate and displayed their artwork.

Transitional Kindergarten	Sofia Schmitt	Changing Seasons
Kindergarten	Henry Fung Eli Moran	Me with My Art Teacher The Wonderful World
1st Grade	Peyton Dariano	I am Grateful for Freedom
2nd Grade	Blake SIlva	Polly
3rd Grade	Logan Longacre	The Shiny Apple
4th Grade	Maddix Collins Savina Patel	Stormie A Colorful Place
5th Grade	Emily Moon	My Friends
6th Grade	JonEthan Hau	I'm Thankful for World Peace
7th Grade	Jingyang Zhang Angela Wong	Mountain Untitled
8th Grade	Yuxi Nan	Willow Creek

Following all presentations, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any presentation(s).

Public Comment: None

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:

- Julie Abbatelli (email 11/13/25)

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

- None

Public comment closed at 7:14 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Employees of the Year: Valley View Charter Montessori School and International Baccalaureate (IB) World School
    - Classified Employee of the Year: Katie Woodfill, Teacher Associate
        i. Valley View Principal congratulated Katie Woodfield, Transitional Kindergarten Instructional Aide, and stated that she has made a meaningful impact through her dedication, strong relationships with students, and positive contributions to the Valley View school community.
        ii. Superintendent Roth presented Katie Woodfield with a certificate and stated appreciation for her commitment to students, collaborative spirit, and the care and enthusiasm she brings to her role supporting Transitional Kindergarten.
    - Certificated Employee of the Year: Katherine Wellman, Teacher
        i. Valley View Principal congratulated Katherine Wellman, third grade teacher, and stated that she is an outstanding educator and team member who was instrumental in leading the successful schoolwide Rattler Run fundraiser and is highly respected by students and colleagues.
        ii. Superintendent Roth presented Katherine Wellman with a certificate and stated appreciation for her leadership, strong instructional practices, positive school relationships, and significant contributions to student learning and school culture.

    (Paul Stewart, Principal, and Amanda Alessandro, Assistant Principal)

2. Employees of the Year: Transportation Department
    - Classified Employee of the Year: Bob Burkhardt

    (Jessica Simon, Director of Transportation)

        i. Superintendent Roth noted that although Bob was unable to be in attendance, he is an important member of the Transportation team and Assistant Superintendent McHaney and Superintendent Roth plan to recognize him at another time.

3. William Brooks Elementary School Principal Presentation

(Joel Dameral, Principal)

- Joel Dameral, Principal, William Brooks Elementary School along with several members of his staff, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on school demographics and culture; a focus on belonging, relationships, and high expectations; staff and leadership highlights; PTA programs and fundraising; student leadership activities; fifth-grade Sierra Outdoor School; TK–Kindergarten performances; visual and performing arts supported through PROP28 funding; athletic and unified sports programs; attendance improvement efforts; garden and sustainability initiatives; academic performance data and growth goals; and long-standing school traditions celebrating student achievement.

Following all presentations, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any presentation(s).

1. Public Comment: None

XII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
   - Reported on ongoing meetings with students as part of the LCAP advisory process and shared that students are being encouraged to work with their principals to identify ways to improve their school sites and lead positive change.
   - Noted positive student engagement and leadership growth, referencing successful student involvement in promoting peer engagement during the prior year and expressing optimism for continued student contributions.
   - Extended holiday greetings to the Board, staff, students, and community, wishing everyone a happy and restful holiday season.
2. Association Reports:
   - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
   - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Enrollment Report: Jackie McHaney
   - Ms. McHaney reported that there are currently 4,221 students enrolled in our District, an increase of 6 students from the previous report.
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
   - Board Member Yoffie reported on attending the CSBA Annual Conference in Sacramento, including participation in multiple seminars and discussions on statewide education issues. Board Member Yoffie reported that a primary takeaway from the conference was concern regarding school funding, including discussions about the future of school finance and the flexible use of Proposition 98, along with noted pushback on those practices.

- Board Member Hanson-Smith expressed appreciation for the Sacramento location and for district staff support in coordinating conference logistics.

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 19, 2025
2. Personnel Update - December 10, 2025
3. Declaration of Surplus
   - Rolling Hills - November 17, 2025
4. Donation to School
   - Emblem Club of Placerville (Buckeye Elementary, 15 turkeys)
5. Summary of Warrants (2025-2026): November 1- 30, 2025 *(report linked)*
6. Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2007-1 FY 2025-2026 Annual Report, Receive and File, including Attestation *(report linked)*

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

Board Member Masten motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer 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 -** Adoption of the Positive Certification of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Interim Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2025, and Approval of Budget Revisions

   (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

   Ms. McHaney reported on the budget documents provided in the Board packet. Ms. McHaney asked that the Board adopt the Positive Certification of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Interim Report.

Board Member Masten motioned to adopt the Positive Certification of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 First Interim Report and revisions, as presented.
Board Member Seal seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Board Discussion: None
Motion carried 5-0.

2. **ACTION -** Annual Organizational Meeting (AOM)
    - Board Officers appointed
    - 2026 Board meeting calendar
    - Board Representatives to Committees
    - Certification of Signatures

(David Roth, Ph.D. Superintendent)

- Board Officers appointed
    - Superintendent Roth presented Board President Hanson-Smith with a plaque and thanked her for her service as the 2025 Board President and her continued service and leadership, recognizing her longstanding commitment and multiple terms in the role, and the Board President expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.
    - Board Member Masten motioned to nominate Superintendent Roth as the ex-officio secretary to the Board. Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
    - Board Member Hanson-Smith motioned to nominate Board Member Seal as the 2026 Board President. Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
    - Board Member Seal motioned to nominate Board Member Keyzer as the 2026 Clerk. Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Adopt 2026 Board Meeting Calendar, including dates/time/location
    - Board Member Seal motioned to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar, as presented. Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Board Representatives to Committees
    - El Dorado County School Boards Association (EDCSBA)
      Member: Melissa Keyzer
      Alternate: Brenda Hanson-Smith
    - El Dorado Schools Financial Authority (JPA)
      Member: Brenda Hanson-Smith
      Alternate: Jon Yoffie
    - BUSD LCAP Parent Advisory Committee
      Member: Jon Yoffie
      Alternate: Scott Masten
    - BUSD Budget Advisory Committee
      Member: Scott Masten
      Alternate: Jon Yoffie

- Certification of Signatures *(signed by all parties at the conclusion of the Board meeting)*
  - Board Members reviewed the document and no edits reported for signatures to be added at the conclusion of the meeting.
  - Board Member Yoffie motioned to approve the 2026 Certification of Signatures, as presented. Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

XV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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 8:07 p.m.

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

Approval Date:_____

By: _____ By: _____
Melissa Keyzer, Clerk David Roth, Ph.D., Secretary

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