



HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Governing Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting

February 4, 2026

Board of Trustees

Julie Duarte, President

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Ben Abatti Jr., Member

Superintendent

Celso Ruiz

Assistant Superintendent

John Paul Wells



**SPECIAL MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOLTVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

OPEN SESSION 10:00 A.M., CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Holtville Unified School District, Board Room, 621 East Sixth Street, Holtville, CA. 92250

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1. PRELIMINARY

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present Absent

Julie Duarte, President

Kevin Grizzle, Clerk

Larry Iten, Member

Jared Garewal, Member

Ben Abatti Jr., Member

2. MODIFICATIONS OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, IF ANY.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Vote: ____ - ____

3. STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA.

At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the closed session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A) Conference with Labor Negotiators Celso Ruiz and John Paul Wells pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6; Employee Organization: Holtville Teachers Association

B) Student Discipline Pursuant to California Education Code Section 48900

5. REPORTABLE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:

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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA AND ON NON AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD.** *At this time, members of the public may address the Board only as to items on the open session agenda or items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Public comment will not be taken during the Board's consideration of an item on the open session agenda. If you wish to address the Board, please stand, give your name and address and proceed to the podium from which you will speak. Individual presentations shall not be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, unless an item has been placed on the published agenda, there shall be no action taken. 1) The Board may acknowledge receipt of the information, 2) refer to staff for further study, or 3) refer the matter to the next agenda*
7. **FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATE**
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, is the next Regular Board Meeting
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Holtville Unified School District is to ensure a standards-based curriculum that promotes excellence in academic, social and emotional growth for every student through the establishment of strong parent/school/community partnerships in a stable and safe learning environment.