

**SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA
SUPERINTENDENTS' AND OPERATION'S MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
Plumas Lake Elementary School District
2743 Plumas School Rd.
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. CALL TO ORDER	<p>Kristen Nottle-Powell called a meeting of the Superintendents' and Operation's Council to order at 10:31 a.m., on January 28, 2026, at Plumas Lake Elementary School District 2743 Plumas School Rd. Plumas Lake, CA 95961</p>	CALLED TO ORDER: 10:31 a.m.
ATTENDANCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<p>Kristen Nottle-Powell, Aaron Thornsberry, Jennifer Nelson, Kimberly Benton-Wolfgram, Rusty Gordon, Erin Oakes, Rachel Zambrano, Joe Lodigiani, Lauren Link.</p> <p>In absence: Patrick Brose, Matt Taylor, Chris Mahurin, Jordan Reeves, Dr. Jeff Roberts, Craig Guensler, Dr. Nichole Newman, Rob Gregor, Louise Miller, Sean Reimers, Toni Vernier, Samantha Chan, and Melonie Soland.</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments.	

<p>3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p>	<p>Kristen Nottle-Powell directed the council members to the January 28, 2026, Meeting Agenda for their review and approval.</p> <p>Upon a motion by Rusty Gordon, duly second by Jennifer Nelson, the council unanimously approved the January 28, 2026, Meeting Agenda as presented.</p>	<p>MOTION: To approve January 28, 2026, Agenda as presented.</p> <p>MOTION: Rusty Gordon SECOND: Jennnifer Nelson</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Kristen Nottle-Powell - Aye Aaron Thornsberry – Aye Jennifer Nelson – Aye (for Matt Taylor) Kimberly Benton Wolfgram –Aye (for Chris Mahurin) Rusty Gordon – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Erin Oakes – Aye (for Craig Guensler) Rachel Zambrano – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Joe Lodigiani – Aye Lauren Link – Aye (for Nicole Newman) MOTION APPROVED (9/0)</p>
<p>4. CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Kristen Nottle-Powell directed the council members to the November 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes for their review and approval.</p> <p>Upon a motion by Rachel Zambrano , duly second by Erin Oakes, the council unanimously approved the November 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes as presented.</p>	<p>MOTION: To approve November 19, 2025, Agenda as presented.</p> <p>MOTION: Rachel Zambrano SECOND: Erin Oakes</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Kristen Nottle-Powell - Aye Aaron Thornsberry – Aye Jennifer Nelson – Aye (for Matt Taylor) Kimberly Benton Wolfgram –Aye (for Chris Mahurin) Rusty Gordon – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Erin Oakes – Aye (for Craig Guensler) Rachel Zambrano – Aye</p>

		<p>(for Jordan Reeves) Joe Lodigiani – Aye Lauren Link – Aye (for Nicole Newman) MOTION APPROVED (9/0)</p>
<p>5. MEETING CALENDAR:</p>	<p>5.1 2025-2026 YUBA COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA MEETING CALENDAR</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell directed the council members to the calendar with the request to change the date of the March meeting from the 25th to the 18th.</p> <p>Upon a motion by Jennifer Nelson , duly second by Aaron Thornsberry, the council unanimously approved changing the date of the March meeting from the 25th to the 18th.</p>	<p>MOTION: To approve the change to the March meeting date</p> <p>MOTION: Jennifer Nelson SECOND: Aaron Thornsberry ROLL CALL VOTE: Kristen Nottle-Powell - Aye Aaron Thornsberry – Aye Jennifer Nelson – Aye (for Matt Taylor) Kimberly Benton Wolfgram –Aye (for Chris Mahurin) Rusty Gordon – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Erin Oakes – Aye (for Craig Guensler) Rachel Zambrano – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Joe Lodigiani – Aye Lauren Link – Aye (for Nicole Newman) MOTION APPROVED (9/0)</p>
<p>6. FISCAL & FINANCE SERVICES:</p>	<p>6.1 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL AND NON-PUBLIC AGENCY (NPA) CONTRACTOR RATE COMPARISON</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell discussed the NPS and NPA rate comparison which will support equalization of contractor rates.</p>	

	<p>6.2 INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell discussed a change in policy for cost containment of IEE’s by creating a group list for Butte, Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The list will be comprised of local IEE’s within a 50-mile radius and will support options for exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>6.3 SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA) NOVEMBER 2025 FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell presented the SELPA Finance Report which has links to helpful documents (EOY Reports, etc.).</p> <p>6.4 2025-26 PROJECTED YUBA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION REGIONAL PROGRAM EXCESS COSTS</p> <p>Aaron Thornsberry presented data regarding the 2025-26 program costs covering the 2024-25 actual costs, the initial projection for 2025-2026 and the revised estimate as of January 2026.</p>	
<p>7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:</p>	<p>7.1 ASSEMBLY BILL 560 – SPECIAL ED CASELOAD LIMITS UPDATE:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle- Powell presented updated information on assembly bill 560. Currently waiting on a rollout of how the data will be collected regarding the current workload.</p>	

<p>8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>8.1 KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUPPORTING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IN DUALLY IDENTIFIED STUDENTS:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding a hybrid training opportunity to support English Proficiency in Dually Identified Students.</p> <p>8.2 BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW TOGETHER:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding an upcoming literacy conference for teachers, administrators, and instructional coaches.</p> <p>8.3 IN FOCUS: UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER & AUTISM:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell presented a flyer for an upcoming 5-hour webinar exploring evidence-based approaches to ADHD and Autism in students.</p> <p>8.4 DESIRED RESULTS DEVELOPMENTAL PROFILE SPRING 2026 ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding the Spring 2026 Online Professional Development Schedule.</p>	
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	<p>8.5 STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES 25-26 WEBINAR SERIES:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding a webinar series addressing how to strengthen partnerships for students with disabilities for parents, educators, and administrators.</p> <p>8.6 REFRAMING YOUR THERAPY FOR SOCIAL PRAGMATIC SUCCESS (IT'S REALLY NOT THAT DIFFICULT):</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding an online conference addressing multi-situational social-pragmatics.</p> <p>8.7 RE: CONSTITUENT SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICE:</p> <p>Kristen Nottle-Powell shared information regarding the Constituent Support Services Office and the support that they offer to families.</p>	
<p>9. ADVANCED PLANNING</p>	<p>9.1 NEXT MEETING February 25, 2026 – 10:30 a.m. Location: Yuba County Office of Education Business Center 1114 Yuba Street Marysville, CA 95901</p>	

<p>10. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>Upon a motion by Lauren Link, duly second by Rusty Gordon, the council unanimously adjourned January 28, 2026, Superintendents' and Operation's Council meeting at 11:16 a.m.</p>	<p>MOTION: To adjourn at 11:16 a.m.</p> <p>MOTION: Lauren Link SECOND: Rusty Gordon</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Kristen Nottle-Powell - Aye Aaron Thornsberry – Aye Jennifer Nelson – Aye (for Matt Taylor) Kimberly Benton Wolfgram –Aye (for Chris Mahurin) Rusty Gordon – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Erin Oakes – Aye (for Craig Guensler) Rachel Zambrano – Aye (for Jordan Reeves) Joe Lodigiani – Aye Lauren Link – Aye (for Nicole Newman) MOTION APPROVED (9/0)</p>
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Respectfully submitted,
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