

2025-2026
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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Wednesday,
March 4, 2026

Meeting Location:
Rosamond Elementary School
3082 Glendower Street, Rosamond, CA 93560
Closed Session 6:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Robert Vincelette, President
Sunni Hepburn, Vice President
Justin Wright, Clerk
Adrienne Rendon, Member
Mario Gutierrez, Member
Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Location: 3082 Glendower Street
Rosamond, CA

I. Call to order – (time)

1. Comments from the public pertaining to closed session items:

II. Closed session

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ TIME: ___

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association
- B. Discussion of Student Matters: Education Code sections 35146 and 48918(c)
- C. Public Employment: Certain Personnel Matters: Government Code § 54957.1(a)(5)
DISCIPLINE/Dismissal/Employment/Release/Assignment/Reassignment/Complaint

Any action taken in closed session will be reported publicly at the end of the closed session as required by Government Code Section 54954.5.

III. Reconvene into open session at: _____
TIME

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright,

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ STUDENT ADVICE ___ TIME: ___

Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch

IV. Action determined in closed session:

V. Procedural Issues: A recording of this meeting is being made and shall be kept for 30 days as a public record (as applicable).

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: _____

B. Roll Call - Members Present:

___ Robert Vincelette, President ___ Sunni Hepburn, Vice President ___ Justin Wright, Clerk
___ Adrienne Rendon, Member ___ Mario Gutierrez, Member ___ Aliyah Finch, Student Board Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,

VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ STUDENT ADVICE ___

Gutierrez, Finch

VI. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

- A. Above and Beyond Awards/Certificates Lisa Johnson, Elizabeth Caffey, Janessa Vogenthaler, Ardel De La Luna, Jonna Whitfield, & Elsi Valenzuela: *Barbara Gaines*
- B. TMS Band Performance: *John Ferrandini*
- C. TMS Band Awards and Medals from CMEA Festival: *John Ferrandini*
- D. RTA report: CSEA report:
- E. Student Board Member: *Aliyah Finch*
- F. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*
- G. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*
- H. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*
- I. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*
- J. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines*
- K. Board Member Communications:
- L. Sub-Committee Communications/Updates:

Comments from the Public: Members of the public may address the Board on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board by submitting presentation requests to the secretary or an email. Members of the public are strongly urged not to mention personnel by name and are reminded that they do not have immunity from legal action if personnel is named. The Board may limit each speaker to 3 minutes with a total of 20 minutes per topic.

VII. Consent items A-H

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____	Gutierrez, Finch

- A.** Ratify February EOM \$3,145,050.67
- B.** Approve Purchase Orders 260713-260752
- C.** Approve Navigate 360 Proposal #Q-251483 ALICE Active Shooter Training – \$30,000
- D.** Approve TMS Cadets 15th BDE Bivouac Camp San Luis Obispo March 20-22, 2026
- E.** Approve RHECC CTE Construction & Welding SoCal Design Build Competition April 21-23, 2026
- F.** Approve RHECC CTE Construction & Welding Fresno ROP Design Build March 16-20, 2026
- G.** Approve Community Care Pop-Up April 11, 2026 District Office Parking Lot 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- H.** Approve Special Olympics Field Day & Color Run at RHECC Football Field April 18, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

VIII. General

- A.** First Reading and Review of September 2024 Board Policies – *Gaines*

INFORMATIONAL

POLICY	TITLE	OPTIONS/BLANKS	ADOPT DATE
BP 0510	School Accountability Report Card		
AR 0510	School Accountability Report Card	NEW REGULATION	
BP 1114	District-Sponsored Social Media		
AR 1114	District-Sponsored Social Media		
AR 1312.4	William’s Uniform Complaint Procedures		
E(1) 1312.4	William’s Uniform Complaint Procedures		
E(2) 1312.4	William’s Uniform Complaint Procedures	Fill in Blanks Principal _____ Address _____ Signature/Date _____	
AR 3517	Facilities Inspection		
E(1) 3517	Facilities Inspection	Fill in Blanks Director of Maintenance & Grounds (661) 256-5015 rdavis@skusd.k12.ca.us	
BP 4040	Employee Use of Technology		
E(1) 4040	Employee Use of Technology	Fill in Blanks Name, Position _____ School/Worksite _____ Signature/Date _____	
BP 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process		
AR 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process		
AR 5144.2	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)		
BP 5147	Dropout Prevention		

VIII. General (Item A Continued)

POLICY	TITLE	OPTIONS/BLANKS	ADOPT DATE
BP 6112	School Day		
AR 6112	School Day		
BP 6142.92	Mathematics Instruction		
BP 6152.1	Placement in Mathematics Courses		
AR 6152.1	Placement in Mathematics Courses		
BP 6163.4	Student Use of Technology		
E(1) 6163.4	Student Use of Technology	Fill in Blanks <u>Student's Name/Grade</u> <u>School</u> <u>Signature/Date</u>	
BB 9010	Public Statements		
BB 9012	Board Member Electronic Communications		

IX. Business and Operations

- A.** Approval of Award of Contract with Prime Painting Contractors, Inc. for the Southern Kern Unified School District Westpark Elementary School Paint Project (#SKUSD-WES-PT01) in the amount of \$123,000.00 – *Irving* ACTION

The Bids were opened on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 PM. Seven (7) General Contractors submitted a sealed bid. Prime Painting Contractors, Inc. submitted the lowest bid for the project.

Prime Painting Contractors, Inc. – \$97,000.00 (Base Bid)
 \$12,000.00 (Add Alternate #01 – Building Letter IDs)
 \$14,000.00 (Add Alternate #02 – New Interior Signs to Match the New Exterior Signs)

Note: The Total Amount for the Base Bid with Added Alternates #01 and #02 scope is \$123,000.00.

The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (the “Act”) adopted on September 16, 2008 (BSA-23-08/09, Resolution No. 15-2008/09) provides an alternative method for public agencies to obtain bids and perform public projects. For projects more than \$220,000, formal bidding procedures will be followed (PCC 22032(c)). If no bids are received, the District may negotiate a contract or use their own workforce. The award of contract and use of own workforce “force account” is still subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Prime Painting Contractors, Inc.

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch
 VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ STUDENT ADVICE ___
 SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch

- B.** Approve Change of Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. for the SKUSD Construction of Pre-K & T-K Classrooms at Westpark Elementary School Project (SKUSD-WES-PKTK) Total Change of \$15,138.66 – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch
 VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ STUDENT ADVICE ___
 SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch

IX. Business and Operations (Continued)

- C. Approve Change of Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. for the SKUSD Construction of Pre-K & T-K Classrooms at Westpark Elementary School Alternate Scope Project (SKUSD-WES-PKTK-AALT)
 Total Change of \$2,815.18 – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___ STUDENT ADVICE ___	

X. Personnel Items

- A. Approve the following listed personnel items – *Hargus* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ___ NAYS ___ ABSENT ___ ABSTAIN ___	

The following personnel items, which may include hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated and classified employees are presented for Board approval. All personnel meet the necessary credentialing and/or certification requirements as required by the State or notification timelines, as appropriate:

<u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Salazar, Tania	3/5/2026	\$1 \$18.57	Paraeducator, SPED	RES	Hire

<u>CLASSIFIED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Valdivia, Kimberly	3/5/2026	3% \$1,733.31	Varsity Assist Boys Volleyball Coach	RHECC	Hire

<u>CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Gil Haro, Elizabeth	3/5/2026	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Goodwin, Allen	6/5/2026	___ ----	6 th Grade Teacher	TMS	Resign
Perez, Michelle	6/5/2026	----	SDC- TK Teacher	WES	Resign
Alexander, Ashley	6/5/2026	----	Transitional Kindergarten Teacher	RES	Resign
De Dios, Don AL	6/5/2026	----	PE Teacher	TMS	Resign
Lux, Holly	6/5/2026	----	SDC- K-2 Teacher	WES	Resign

X. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Campbell, Edward	3/5/2026	3% \$1,733.31	Varsity Assist Boys Volleyball Coach	RHECC	Hire
Espalabra, Ana Regina	2/6/2026	---	Dance Force Instructor	RHECC	Resign

<u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Sweeney, Brandy	3/5/2026	Hire
King, Stephen	3/5/2026	Hire

<u>VOLUNTEERS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR</u>			
Tiffany Shaw-Louangpraseuth	Jaqueline Olmos	Mercedes Van Pelt	Jordan Hutchinson
Everardo Rico	Denyse Ponce-Flores	Taylor J. Rowan	Tom K. Sawyer
Amber L. Martinez	Brianna Valenzuela	Victor J. Olmos	Nicholas Van Pelt
Vanessa Bell	Ellen Mancilla	Maria F. Gomez	

XI. Adjournment

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Finch
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