

**HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Hamilton High School Library  
620 Canal Street, Hamilton City, CA 95951  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
[www.husdschools.org](http://www.husdschools.org)**

- 5:30 p.m. Public session for purposes of opening the meeting only
- 5:30 p.m. Closed session to discuss closed session items listed below (For Board Only)
- 6:00 p.m. Reconvene to open session no later than 6:30 p.m.

*Hamilton Unified School District Board Meetings are open to the public.*

**1.0 OPENING BUSINESS:** Dr. Powell attending meeting via phone.

- a. Call to order and roll call: at 5:37pm

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| ✓ Hubert "Wendell" Lower, President | ✓ Ray Odom         |
| ✓ Vanessa Ortiz                     | ✓ Rod Boone, Clerk |
| ✓ Gabriel Leal                      |                    |

**2.0 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Public Comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction and not included on the Agenda will be heard. The Board shall limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes total per topic. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific action item prior to the board action thereon. The board does not allow gifting of time. Due to the Brown Act, the Board does not respond to public comment. None.

**4.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** To consider qualified matters.

- a. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Property: 325 Capay Avenue (adjacent to Hamilton Elementary School)  
Agency Negotiators: Dr. Jeremy Powell, Superintendent; Kristen Hamman, Chief Business Official  
Negotiating Parties: Olivarez Family and Hamilton Unified School District  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- b. Government Code Section 54957, Personnel Issue. To consider public employee, evaluation, reassignment, resignation, release, dismissal, or discipline of a classified and/or certificated employee.
- c. Government Code Section 54957.6, Labor Negotiations. To confer with the District's Labor Negotiator, Superintendent Jeremy Powell regarding HTA and CSEA negotiations.

*Report out action taken in closed session. No action taken.*

**5.0 PUBLIC SESSION/FLAG SALUTE:** Lead by Rod Boone.

**6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA: (M)**

Motion to adopt the agenda labeling item 13. a by Mr. Leal 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Ortiz.

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

**7.0 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

- a. Board Member Comments/Reports
- b. ASB President and Student Council President Reports
  - i. Hamilton High School – Selina Villegas

- 1. Hannah Banesio presented.
  - ii. Hamilton Elementary School – Ariana Chavez
    - 1. Ms. Chavez presented.
- c. District Reports (written)
  - i. Technology Report by Frank James (Handout)
  - ii. Nutrition Services Report by Erendida Moreno (presentation)
  - iii. Operations Report by Alan Joksch
  - iv. Community Schools and Family Engagement by Rachel Sanchez
  - v. Human Resources & State and Federal Programs by Jolene Towne
- d. Principal and Dean of Student Reports (written)
  - i. Ulises Tellechea, Hamilton Elementary School Principal
    - 1. Mr. Tellechea presented.
  - ii. Maria Reyes, District Dean of Students
    - 1. Ms. Reyes presented.
  - iii. Cris Oseguera, Hamilton High School Principal
    - 1. Mr. Oseguera presented.
  - iv. Silvia Robles, Adult School (Handout)
- e. Chief Business Official Report by Kristen Hamman
- f. Superintendent Report by Jeremy Powell (written)
  - i. Dr. Powell presented.

**8.0 PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Nutrition Services by Erendida Moreno
  - i. Mrs. Moreno presented.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. None

**10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. HUSD Enrollment History for 6 years
  - i. Dr. Powell reviewed.
- b. Bond Status: Fund 21 Update
  - i. Dr. Powell reviewed.
- c. The Wall That Heals Flyer
  - i. Dr. Powell reviewed.
- d. Updates to Board Meeting Proceedings Hamilton Unified Board Governance Handbook
  - i. Dr. Powell reviewed.

**11.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. CSBA Policies review for first readings for discussion
  - i. Board Policy 4251: Employee Compensation
  - ii. Board Policy 4351: Employee Compensation
  - iii. Administrative Regulation 5125: Student Records
  - iv. Board Policy 5131: Conduct
  - v. Board Policy 5131.6: Alcohol and Other Drugs
  - vi. Administrative Regulation 5131.6: Alcohol and Other Drugs
  - vii. Board Policy 3311: Bids
  - viii. Administrative Regulation 3311: Bids
  - ix. Board Policy 3311.1: Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures
  - x. Administrative Regulation 3311.1: Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures
  - xi. Board Policy 3312: Contracts
  - xii. Board Policy 4151: Employee Compensation
  - xiii. Board Policy 5145.13: Response to Immigration Enforcement
  - xiv. Administrative Regulation 5145.13: Response to Immigration Enforcement
  - xv. Board Policy 3280: Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property
  - xvi. Administrative Regulation 3280: Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property

- xvii. Board Policy 5113.1: Chronic Absence and Truancy
- xviii. Administrative Regulation 5113.1: Chronic Absence and Truancy
- xix. Board Policy 5148: Child Care and Development
- xx. Administrative Regulation 5148: Child Care and Development
- xxi. Board Policy 6158: Child Care and Development
- xxii. Administrative Regulation 6158: Child Care and Development
- xxiii. Board Policy 6174: Child Care and Development
- xxiv. Administrative Regulation 6174: Child Care and Development
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

**12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction and not included on the Agenda will be heard. The Board shall limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes total per topic. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific action item prior to the board action thereon. The board does not allow gifting of time. Due to the Brown Act, the Board does not respond to public comment. None.

**13.0 ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Approve one-time MOUs between HUSD and HTA, and between HUSD and the CSEA #623, establishing the terms and conditions of a districtwide retirement incentive program, contingent upon Board approval. The retirement incentive shall also be extended, under the same terms and eligibility criteria, to eligible unrepresented employee groups, including Certificated Management, Classified Management, Classified Confidential, and other unrepresented employees of the District.
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

Motion to approve by Mr. Odom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

- b. Approve HTA's intention to negotiate with HUSD, consistent with Government Code Section 3547 ("Sunshine" requirements), for the 2026–27 school year.
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

Motion to approve by Mr. Boone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

- c. Approve CSEA's intention to negotiate with HUSD, consistent with Government Code Section 3547 ("Sunshine" requirements), for the 2026–27 school year.
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

Motion to approve by Mr. Boone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Ortiz

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

- d. Authorize Superintendent to Approve and Execute the Notice of Completion for the Project as Attached
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

Motion to approve by Mr. Boone 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

- e. Approve and Adopt the Adult Education Accessibility, Accommodations, and Non-Discrimination Policy as presented. (Handout)
  - i. This item was tabled to collect more information.
- f. Approve FFA Washington Leadership Conference
  - 1. Dr. Powell reviewed.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leal 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ortiz

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

**14.0 CONSENT AGENDA:** Items in the consent agenda are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board in one motion. There is no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote and unless a member of the Board, staff, or public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the consent agenda. Each item on the consent agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

- a. Minutes from Special Board meeting on December 3, 2025 and Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 2025
- b. Approve 2024-25 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for:
  - i. Hamilton High School
  - ii. Ella Barkley High School
  - iii. Hamilton Elementary School

*\*Note: The California Department of Education (CDE) is working the release of all available data. They anticipate that some data will be delayed until after the February 1<sup>st</sup> due date to post our SARC's. CDE encourages schools/LEAs to post their Board Approved (2023) SARC's by the February 1<sup>st</sup> due date without the data tables populated. A second board review/approval of the missing data once populated is not required.*

- c. Informational 2025-26 LCAP Mid-Year Report
- d. Orbach-Huff & Henderson LLP Retainer Agreement (Track & Field Project Construction Documents)
- e. Approve 2025-26 Certificated and Classified Seniority Lists
- f. Warrants and Expenditures
- g. Interdistrict Transfers (new only; elementary students reapply annually).
  - i. Out
    - 1. Hamilton Elementary School
      - a. None
    - 2. Hamilton High School
      - a. None
  - ii. In
    - 1. Hamilton Elementary School
      - a. None
    - 2. Hamilton High School
      - a. None

**h. Personnel Actions as Presented:**

New Hires:	Ethan Swett	Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Itinerant Teacher	HUSD
	Michelle Chavez	Licensed Vocational Nurse	HHS/Ella

**Resignations/Retirement/Release/Position Change:**


George Guerra	Cross Country Coach	HHS
Gelsey Quiroz-Garcia	Middle School Boys Soccer Coach	HES
Erika Marin	Preschool Assistant	Preschool
Courtney Carrier	Cheer Coach	HHS


Motion to approve consent agenda by Mr. Leal 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Boone

Motion Carried 5-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: AYE	

15.0 ADJOURNMENT:

X   
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Rod Boone  
HUSD Board Clerk

X   
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Jeremy Powell  
HUSD Superintendent

