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, March 18, 2026

NO CLOSED SESSION

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

II. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Seal led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Seal
Melissa Keyzer
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D.
Jon Yoffie
Scott Masten, Ph.D.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Hanson-Smith motioned to approve the agenda, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0

V. 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:

1. Jons and Julie van Dooren (email 2/26/26 and 3/18/26 (2))

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment: None

Public comment closed at 7:01 p.m.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Employees of the Year: Oak Meadow Elementary School & BUMI
    - Classified Employee of the Year: Michelle Schnell, Teacher Associate
        i. Lu Zhai, BUMI Principal, congratulated Michelle as the classified employee of the year and stated she builds meaningful relationships with students and supports a nurturing learning environment.
        ii. Superintendent Roth presented Michelle with a certificate and stated her kindness, flexibility, and dedication make a positive impact on students and staff.

- Certificated Employee of the Year: Meredith "Mimi" Nelson, Teacher
    i. Amy Pirkl, Oak Meadow Principal, congratulated Mimi as the certificated employee of the year and stated she demonstrates strong instructional practices, student engagement, and collaboration with staff.
    ii. Superintendent Roth presented Mimi with a certificate and stated she is a dedicated educator whose professionalism and communication positively impact students and staff.

(Amy Pirkl, Oak Meadow Principal, and Lu Zhai, BUMI Principal)

2. Silva Valley Elementary School Principal Presentation

Brandon Beadle, Principal, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on enrollment, student demographics, PTA events, student programs (Ag in the Classroom, author visits, Dad's on Duty), and California Dashboard data including increases in ELA and math performance and a reduction in chronic absenteeism.

Board Discussion:
Board members indicated appreciation for the presentation and student achievement results.

(Brandon Beadle, Principal)

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

Public Comment: None

VII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - Rolling Hills Middle School and Camerado Springs Middle School were recognized as California Distinguished Schools.
    - Camerado Springs completed its International Baccalaureate (IB) evaluation visit with strong positive feedback and no corrective actions required.
    - Expressed pride in the work of staff and students across the district.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Charter Spring Reports:
    - California Montessori Project (CMP) Report: Sara Meece
        i. Sara Meece presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on a successful readathon fundraiser, literacy engagement activities, attendance recovery program, and upcoming events including field trips, performances, and charter renewal planning.

- Cottonwood Charter School Report: Cindy Garcia and Jodiann Beeson
    i. Cottonwood College Prep Academy (CCPA)
    Students reported on school activities: project-based learning including crime scene investigations, escape room design, space-themed academic projects, leadership activities, and Model UN participation.
- Rising Sun Montessori Charter School Report: Karl Zierhut
    i. Karl Zierhut reported on enrollment lottery results, high re-enrollment rates, student enrollment growth, and upcoming science fair and testing preparation.
- Clarksville Charter School Report: Jenell Sherman
    i. Jenell Sherman presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on enrollment trends, student achievement data, testing preparation strategies, student events, and graduation planning.

4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
    - Board Member Keyzer reported on:
        i. Participation in the IB evaluation visit at Camerado Springs and expressed pride in staff performance.
        ii. Attending a district special education collaboration event and praised staff.
        iii. Attending a legislative meeting with Assemblymember Joe Patterson and noted his awareness of the "Raise the Base" initiative.

Following all reports, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any report(s).

Public Comment: None

VIII. 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 - March 4, 2026
2. Personnel Update - March 18, 2026
3. Summary of Warrants (2025-2026): February 1-28, 2026 *(report linked)*

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

Board Member Yoffie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEM

1. **ACTION -** Approval of the Buckeye Union School District Transportation Service Plan (EC §39800.1)

Conduct of Hearing:
a) Staff report and discussion; b) Open Public Hearing; c) Public Testimony/Comment;
d) Close the public hearing; e) ***Board discussion & Vote***

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

Conduct of Hearing:

a. Staff Report:
   - Ms. McHaney reported that the Transportation Service Plan is required annually and allows the district to receive approximately $229,512.91 in additional funding compared to traditional funding models.

b. Open Public Hearing:
   - Board President Seal opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

c. Public Testimony/Comment:
   - None
   - Public Comment closed at 7:54 p.m.

d. Public Hearing closed at 7:54 p.m.

e. Board Discussion and Vote:
   - Board Discussion: None
   - Board Member Masten motioned to approve the Transportation Service Plan, as presented.
   - Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
   - Motion carried 5-0.

X. 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 -** Approve District Response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Costco Development, including Rolling Hills Student Research Presentation

(David Roth, Ph.D. Superintendent)

Superintendent Roth reported on the District's response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Costco development, including a student presentation from Rolling Hills students who analyzed environmental impacts such as aesthetics, traffic, endangered species habitat, and noise pollution, and submitted a response letter to the County. He asked the Board to approve the District's response.

Students (Noah Wong, Xihe Tang, and Hrishan Patil) presented the above-linked presentation about the Costco Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including research on environmental impacts such as aesthetics, habitat disruption, endangered species concerns, and noise pollution, and submission of findings to local agencies.

Board Discussion:
Board members indicated strong appreciation for the student presentation and commended students for their research, civic engagement, and thoughtful analysis of environmental impacts. Board members also acknowledged the support and guidance of GATE teacher Kelly Rose in facilitating the student project and thanked Board Member Yoffie for taking the lead on drafting the District's response letter.

Board Member Keyzer motioned to approve the District Response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Costco Development, as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

2. **ACTION -** Adoption of the Positive Certification of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Second Interim Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2026, and Approval of Budget Revisions

(Jackie McHaney, Assistant Superintendent)

Ms. McHaney reported on the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Second Interim Report, stating the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years and therefore qualifies for a positive certification. She reviewed key assumptions and budget revisions and asked the Board to approve.

Board Discussion:
Board members indicated understanding of the District's financial position and expressed appreciation for the continued fiscal stability.

Board Member Hanson-Smith motioned to approve the Positive Certification of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Second Interim Report and Budget Revisions, as presented.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

3. **ACTION -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (**second** reading)
   *January 2026 CSBA Policy Updates *(policies linked to coversheet in board packet)*
   (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

   Ms. McHaney reminded the Board that CSBA periodically publishes suggested changes to school district policies in order to bring them in alignment with changes in the law. The Board may approve the policies as presented or bring them back for an additional reading at a subsequent meeting. *This is a second reading for this group of policies.*

   Board Discussion:
   Board members indicated concerns regarding the tone and language of policies presented. Board members requested additional time to review the policies and research other policies adopted by surrounding districts. The Board agreed to bring the item back for a third reading at a future Board meeting for further consideration.

4. **ACTION -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (**first** reading)
   *November 2025 CSBA Policy Updates *(policies linked to coversheet in board packet)*
   (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

   Ms. McHaney reminded the Board that CSBA periodically publishes suggested changes to school district policies in order to bring them in alignment with changes in the law. The Board may approve the policies as presented or bring them back for an additional reading at a subsequent meeting. *This is a first reading for this group of policies.*

   Board Member Masten motioned to approve the Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits, as presented.
   Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
   Public Comment: None
   Motion carried 5-0.

XI. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Seal stated that this meeting stands adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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

Approval Date:_____

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

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