



BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026

Members Present: Dave Merrill, President, Michael Granillo, Vice-President; Margaret Gabe, Member; Excused Sylviana Stebbins, Member; Bridget Wood, Member

Others Present: Jonathan Rohloff, Superintendent of Schools; Excused Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager, and Administrative staff

1. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:00 pm by Ryan Grace

Recognition of the April Students of the Month Awards

- Edith Nauman Skidmore, Elementary School
- Evan Nevarez, Junior High School
- Leah Gaffney, High School

Recognition of the April Athlete of the Month Award

- Hawk Harris

Recognition of the April Teacher of the Month Award

- Brian Whatcott, Junior High and High School

Recognition of the April Employee of the Month Awards

- Amanda Neill, District Student Information System Admin

Recognition of the April Volunteer of the Month Award

- Anna Cox

Presentation of the District Spending Report

Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager, to present the District Spending Report

2. Consent Agenda-Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

2. 1. Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Governing Board meeting held on March 17, 2026, Governing Board meeting held for the Board's approval or correction.

2. 2. Vouchers and Monthly Finance Reports (April)

Before approval at each Governing Board meeting, Governing Board members may review vouchers. Vouchers represent orders for payment of materials, equipment, salaries, and services.

Approve Payroll Vouchers:

BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026

19	505,634.96
19.1	2,328.43
20	508,879.56

Total \$ 1,016,842.95

Approve Expense Vouchers:

7027	44,931.72
7028	282,272.72

Total \$ 327,204.44

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

1073	150.00
1074	300.00
1075	1,239.79
1076	1,320.24
1077	18,803.01
1078	6,357.16
1079	1,407.04
1080	7,433.64
1081	337.56
1082	244.79
1083	6,783.47
1084	6,235.83

Total \$ 50,612.53

2.3. **Recommendation to Approve Resignations and Retirements**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the resignations of the following employees:

- Betsy Alekay, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Tesha Polkabila, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Megan Reynolds, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Heidi Grace, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Ashley Polkabila, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Jordan Riches, Teacher, elementary 05/22/2026
- Charity Bermejo, Teacher, junior high 05/22/2026
- Sundari Ashcraft, Teacher, junior high 05/22/2026
- John Hutchinson, Bus Driver, Transportation moving
- Carl Van Houten, Trip Bus Driver, Transportation
- Matthew Heathco, Trip Bus Driver, Transportation
- Justin Benardino, Transportation Supervisor moving
- James Rice, Teacher, high school, retire on 05/22/2026
- David Butterfield, Teacher, junior high, retire and return for SY 2026-2027
- Terry Hurst, ELD Coordinator/Teacher, retire 05/21/2027

BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026

2.4. **Recommendation to Approve Fundraisers**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the following fundraisers: junior high student council-hat day, penny war, track concessions, graduation leis, all to benefit the student council retreat and state. High school wrestling-5-week wrestling clinic to benefit wrestling expenses. High school track and field-trackets mini track meet to benefit tools, resources, and team expenses. High school auto-cars and coffee to benefit tools and supplies for the pit crew challenges. High school varsity spirit line-BR blanket sale to benefit warm-ups, entry fees, and supplies.

3. **Business**

3.1. **Recommendation to Accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025**

Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager will present the audit report for FY 25. The acceptance of the audit requires a roll call vote.

Roll call vote and passed unanimously-David Merrill-Aye, Michael Granillo-Aye, Margaret Gabe-Aye, Sylviana Stebbins-Aye, Bridget Wood-Aye

3.2. **Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the Out-of-State Travel for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, June 28 – July 3, 2026. Bridgette Blake will be available for questions.

Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

3.3. **Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve Out-of-State Travel for Rebecca Evans to attend the Broadway teachers workshop in New York City, July 9-14, 2026. The training will be paid for with our Perkins Grant. Rebecca Evans will be available for questions.

Motion to approve by Sylviana Stebbins, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

3.4. **Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve Out-of-State travel for the girls soccer tournament in Las Vegas, NV, August 19 – 22, 2026. The trip will be paid for through student account funds. Britni Hamblin will be available for questions.

Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Sylviana Stebbins, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

3.5. **Recommendation to Approve Principals, Assistant Principals and Counselor Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year**

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the renewal of the contracts for principals, assistant principals, and counselors for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion to approve by Margaret Gabe, seconded by Bridget Wood, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026

3.6. Recommendation to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), Career and Technical Education District Program for School Year 2026-2027

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the IGA for CTED courses and credit exhibits for School Year 2026-2027. Ryan Grace is available for questions.

Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Bridget Wood, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

3.7. Recommendation to Approve the Junior Leadership Program (JLA)

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the JLA After-School Program for the 2025-2026 school year. The program will take place at our elementary school and will serve students in grades 4–6, at no cost to the District. Beth Schimmel will be available for questions.

Motion to approve by Sylviana Stebbins, seconded by Michael Granillo, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

3.8. Recommendation to Approve the Junior High and High School Course Content Books for the 2026-2027 School Year

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the junior high and high school course content books for the 2026-2027 School Year. Chris Johnson and Ryan Grace will be available for questions.

Correction to the junior high course content book: double-check that the course content book states for grades 7 and 8. Motion to approve with the correction by Michael Granillo, seconded by Bridget Wood, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

4. Superintendents Report

- District Update

Update by Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager. Upcoming events and current testing progress. Study Session for the Bond/Override will be held at 5:00 pm on April 23rd in our District Board room.

5. Call to the Public

The public is invited to make comments to, or requests of, the Governing Board regarding items that are not listed at this time elsewhere on the Agenda. Those wishing to address the Board are asked to submit a Request to Address the Governing Board form, available from the secretary to the Governing Board. Members of the Board may not discuss items, not on the Agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of the public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. The Operating Rules of the Public are as follows: The individual time limit is three minutes per person, and time cannot be seeded to another individual.

Sara Chudnoff-Resignations and retirements. ESA students. Pay to Play. Change the time of the board meeting to 5:30 pm.

Lana Sipe-ESA student access to classes and extracurricular programs/activities

Elaine Smithson-ESA/Homeschool student participation

Kristy Sipe-Opening access to classes and extracurricular programs/activities to students enrolled in ESA program.

Stefani Borrego-Allow ESA students to participate in extracurricular programs/activities

Kacie Flake-Support of ESA students in BR activities

BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026

6. **Announcements**

The Board will be provided with calendar items concerning future meeting dates and other information concerning the Governing Board. **Regular Governing Board meeting to be held on May 12, 2026.**

7. **Adjournment @ 6:37 pm.** Motion to adjourn by Margaret Gabe, seconded by Sylviana Stebbins, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

Dated April 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary L. Ford

Executive Secretary