

APPROVED MINUTES Work Study Session (Thursday, March 26, 2026)

Members present

Kris Erickson, Stephen Glass, Ana Martinez Goodlander, Sara Pelly, Matthew Thomas, Sierra Vane, Andrea Yamasaki

1. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION

Procedural: A. Call Meeting to Order

The Work Study Session was called to order at 5:07 pm.

Procedural: B. Establish Quorum

There were 7 members present for a quorum: Kris Erickson, Stephen Glass, Ana Martinez Goodlander, Sara Pelly, Matthew Thomas, Sierra Vane, Andrea Yamasaki

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Action: D. Adoption of Agenda

Approval

Motion by Sara Pelly, second by Matthew Thomas.

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Kris Erickson, Stephen Glass, Ana Martinez Goodlander, Sara Pelly, Matthew Thomas, Sierra Vane, Andrea Yamasaki

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Procedural: **A. Guidelines:** As required by the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54956, at special meetings/study sessions, members of the audience may only address the Board of Education on items that are agendized.

On item 3B, OUSD Students Valentina Tapias, Rebecca Torres, and Josephine Manuella Hall requested the summer program to be continued, asked for more field trips, and suggested new clubs.

On item 3A, OUSD parents Cheryl Conley and Leigh Lantz advocated for Imperial Elementary and Prospect Elementary.

Robin Reichelt spoke on La Veta Elementary consolidation.

3. WORK/STUDY SESSION

Discussion, Information: A. Resource Optimization Coalition (ROC) Update

Superintendent Monarrez introduced the item and clarified that there are no current recommendations for school closures for the upcoming year, noting that the coalition's work is intended to create a "Destination District" through collaborative leadership. ROC tri-chairs Ms. Buchan, Ms. Lang, and Mr. Schmidt presented four finalized "Guiding Principles"—Academic Equity & Exceptional Student Experience, Modern Facilities, Financial Sustainability, and Community Care—which they mentioned will guide all future resource decisions. Interim Assistant Superintendent Mr. Calderon explained that these principles allow staff to make decisions based on community-driven concepts rather than just numbers. To support these principles, Mr. Murray, King Consulting, and Mr. Keeler, OUSD Director of Research, Data Strategy & Innovation, provided an overview of the data points being used, such as utilization capacity and enrollment projections, which were reviewed by the coalition using randomized, anonymous school codes to ensure objectivity. Board discussion focused on ensuring a better student experience through consolidated resources and maintaining school traditions even if sites are merged.

There was a recess from 6:53 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:14 pm.

Information: B. OUSD 2026 Summer Programs

Dr. Witmer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, introduced the expanded learning and curriculum teams to provide an overview of the 2026 summer offerings. Ms. Green, Executive Director of TK-12 Curriculum and Instruction, shared that the core goal is to provide students with meaningful opportunities to explore, engage, and recover learning. Mr. Herrera, Administrator TK1-12 Expanded Learning Opportunities, and Ms. Beidler, Expanded Learning Coordinator, detailed the integration of CARES, ASES, and ELO-P programs, noting that the district now offers programming across 30 sites for TK-8th grade. They mentioned that these programs follow California Department of Education quality standards to ensure a safe and supportive environment with active student engagement. The presentation highlighted specific offerings, including high school credit recovery from June 16 to July 23, a Mandarin Immersion program at Cerro Villa Middle School, and a "Summer College for Kids" partnership with Santiago Canyon College.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: **A. Meeting Adjourned by Call of the Chair**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm