

**HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Hamilton High School Library  
620 Canal Street, Hamilton City, CA 95951**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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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)  
 6:30 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: 5:30 p.m.**

- a. Call to order and roll call

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

**2.0 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**1.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:** Public comment will be heard on any closed session items. 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**

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

- a. Government Code Section 54957, Personnel Issue. To consider public employee, evaluation, reassignment, resignation, release, dismissal, or discipline of a classified and/or certificated employee.
- b. Government Code Section 54957.6, Labor Negotiations. To confer with the District's Labor Negotiator, Superintendent Jeremy Powell regarding Hamilton Teachers Association (HTA) and CSEA negotiations.
- c. Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Government Code section 54957, subdivision (b)(1). Superintendent.

*Report out action taken in closed session. **Nothing to report out.***

**4.0 PUBLIC SESSION/FLAG SALUTE:** **Lead by Mrs. Ortiz**

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

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

Motion Carried 4-0

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

**6.0 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:**

- a. Board Member Comments/Reports
- b. ASB President and Student Council President Reports
  - i. Hamilton High School – Selina Villegas (**Written**)
  - ii. Hamilton Elementary School – Ariana Chavez
    - 1. **Ms. Chavez presented**
- c. District Reports (written)
  - i. Technology Report by Frank James
  - ii. Nutrition Services Report by Erendida Moreno

- 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
  - iii. Cris Oseguera, Hamilton High School Principal
  - iv. Silvia Robles, Adult School
- e. Chief Business Official Report by Kristen Hamman (written)
- f. Superintendent Report by Jeremy Powell (written)
  - i. [Dr. Powell presented](#)

**7.0 PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Maintenance, Transportation & Operations by Alan Joksch
  - i. [Tabled to the next regular meeting](#)

**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letter from Orland Food Pantry
  - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)

**9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- a. HUSD Enrollment History for 5 years
  - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)
- b. Bond Status: Fund 21 Update
  - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)
- c. Current Staff Bios
  - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)

**10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Educator Hall of Fame
  - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)
  - ii. [Discussion was held](#)
- b. CSBA Policies review for first readings for discussion
  - i. Board Policy 5131.8 – Mobile Communication Devices
    - 1. [Dr. Powell reviewed](#)

**2.0 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.](#)

**11.0 ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Adopt Resolution 25-26-107 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from the General Fund (01) to the Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects (40)
  - i. [Dr. Powell Reviewed](#)
  - ii. [Motion to adopt Resolution by Mr. Leal, no second, motion dies](#)

[Motion to table item to the March 25, 2026 meeting by Mr. Odom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Ortiz.](#)

[Motion Carried 4-0](#)

<a href="#">Leal: AYE</a>	<a href="#">Lower: AYE</a>
<a href="#">Boone: ABSENT</a>	<a href="#">Ortiz: AYE</a>
<a href="#">Odom: AYE</a>	

b. Review and Accept the June 30, 2025 Audit Report

- i. Mrs. Hamman reviewed

Motion to accept audit report by Mr. Odom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 4-0

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

c. Approve the Purchase of New Student Chromebooks

- i. Dr. Powell reviewed  
ii. Mr. Watson reviewed

Motion to approve purchase new Chromebooks by Mrs. Ortiz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 4-0

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

d. CSBA Policies review for second readings and approval

- 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

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

Motion Carried 4-0

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

**12.0 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. Comprehensive School Safety Plan with Included SB153: Behavioral Health Protocols  
i. Hamilton High School

- ii. Hamilton Elementary School
- b. Minutes from Special Meeting on January 26, 2026 and Regular Board Meeting on January 28, 2026
- c. Williams Quarterly January 2025
- d. Warrants and Expenditures
- e. Interdistrict Transfers (new only; elementary students reapply annually).
  - i. Out
    - 1. Hamilton Elementary School
      - a. 1 x Kinder
      - b. 1 x TK
    - 2. Hamilton High School
      - a. None
  - ii. In
    - 1. Hamilton Elementary School
      - a. None
    - 2. Hamilton High School
      - a. 1 x 9<sup>th</sup>
- f. Personnel Actions as Presented:  
New Hires: None

Resignations/Retirement/  
Release/Position: Peter Medina Campus Supervisor HHS

Motion to approve consent agenda by Mr. Odom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Leal Motion Carried 4-0

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

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT: 7:11 p.m.**

X 

Rod Boone  
HUSD Board Clerk

X 

Jeremy Powell  
HUSD Superintendent