



BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 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; Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager, and Administrative staff

1. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:00 pm by David Merrill

Recognition of the May Students of the Month Awards

- Michael Cotellesse, Elementary School
- Bryson Gross, Junior High School
- Faith Weiske, High School

Recognition of the May Athlete of the Month Award

- Kaden Edgington

Recognition of the May Teacher of the Month Award

- Rita Wilhite, Teacher, Elementary School

Recognition of the May Employee of the Month Awards

- Selena Aleksick SPED Aide, High School

Recognition of the May Volunteer of the Month Award

- Leslie Engelhard

2. Consent Agenda Item 2.11 voted on as a separate item. Sylviana Stebbins recused herself from this item. Items 2.1 through 2.10 Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Bridget Wood, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood. Item 2.11 Motion to approve by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Bridget Wood

2. 1. Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Governing Board meeting held on April 14, 2026, Governing Board meeting held for the Board's approval or correction.

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

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

Approve Payroll Vouchers:

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| 21 | 525,482.73 |
| 22 | 519,436.12 |
| 22.10 | 590,875.98 |

Total \$ 1,635,794.83

Approve Expense Vouchers:

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| 7029 | 231,067.36 |
| 7030 | 204,040.95 |
| 7031 | 141,270.23 |

Total \$ 576,378.54

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

No vouchers for approval at this time

Total \$ 0

2.3. Recommendation to Approve Resignations and Retirements

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

- Shelbe Meyers, Title I Aide, Elementary School, resign
- Doug Noble, Teacher, Elementary School, resign
- Jeanne Blum, Teacher, Elementary School, retire May 21, 2027
- Heidi Johnson, Teacher, Elementary School, rescind resignation and return to Blue Ridge for the 2026-2027 School Year
- David Butterfield, Teacher, Junior High, retire January 2027
- Jack Trainer, Teacher, High School, resign
- Robert Garcia, Maintenance, Facilities Department, retire

2.4. Recommendation to Approve Returning Retirees

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the following retirees to return for the 2026–2027 school year through Educational Service, Inc.:

- Rebecca Frazee, Teacher, High School
- Jean DuPuis, SPED Aide/Office Assistant, Pre-School and SPED Department
- Suzanne Funk, SPED Aide, Pre-School

2.5. Recommendation to Approve Fundraisers

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the following fundraisers: Sweet Times for BR Staff-Student Council to benefit the class of 2026. BR Mountain Camp, May 2026, BR Youth Camp, June, and BR football passing camp, BR Football all to benefit the operating cost of the camps. FBLA, August 2026 through May 2027, Student Store to benefit FBLA conferences, competitions, transportation, and club activities. Lab Rats Plant Sale, May, Lab Rats Science Club to benefit lab supplies to support the club. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

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2.6. Recommendation to Approve the Issuance of Administration Contracts and Support Staff Wage Notices for 2026-2027 School Year

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of administration contracts and support staff wage notices for the 2026-2027 School Year.

2.7. Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contract with SFE LLC

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the school district's exercise of its option to extend the FSMC contract with SFE LLC for an additional year as part of the original five-year agreement. Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager, will be available for questions. This is an annual approval item.

2.8. Recommendation to Approve The Sumer Food Program

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the summer food program to begin May 2026 through the first week of August 2026. This is an annual approval item.

2.9. Recommendation to Approve The Trust Workers' Compensation Renewal

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the renewal of The Trust Workers' Compensation for the coverage period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This is an annual approval item.

2.10. Recommendation to Approve Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. as the District's Auditing Firm

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C. as the District's auditing firm. This is an annual approval item.

2.11. Recommendation to Approve a Head Football Coach and Behavior Interventionist Positions

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve Alex Stebbins for the Head Football Coach position and approve a Behavior Interventionist position at the Junior High School. The Behavior Interventionist will support In-School Suspension (ISS) and assist with administrative duties at the junior high.

3. Business

- 3.1. TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AMEND IF DESIRED, AND, IF DEEMED ADVISABLE, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS MANAGER TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

AND

A 50 Million-dollar Bond Election is called. Motion to approve 50 million dollar bond election by Margaret Gabe, seconded by Sylviana Stebbins, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays

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TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AMEND IF DESIRED, AND, IF DEEMED ADVISABLE, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT AND DECLARING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS “FOR” AND “AGAINST” THE ELECTION TO THE NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AS AUGUST 6, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. AND APPROVING THE GOVERNING BOARD’S ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION.

JAMES T. GIEL, ATTORNEY AT GUST ROSENFELD P.L.C., WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

A 15% Budget Override Election is called-Motion to approve a 15% Budget Override Election by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood.
5 Ayes 0 Nays

3.2. Recommendation to Approve the Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the revised budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Presentation by Courtney Hoffmeyer, Business Manager.

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

3.3. Recommendation to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for KinderCamp 2026

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for KinderCamp 2026 between United Way of Arizona and Blue Ridge Unified School District. KinderCamp will be held at the elementary school from late May through June at no cost to the District.

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

3.4. Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of Teacher Laptops

The superintendent recommends that the Governing Board approve the purchase of 100 teacher laptops to support instructional needs across the District. The laptops will be used by teaching staff as part of the District’s instructional teaching program for our students. Nathan Neill available for questions.

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

4. Superintendents Report

- District Update

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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-Bond/Override

Bridget Kaub-Bond/Override

Katherine Shumway-bond/Override

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 June 9, 2026.**

7. Superintendent Jonathan Rohloff, Performance Evaluation

Discussion and possible approval of the annual performance review and performance pay. The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session, which shall not be open to the public, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (1), for the discussion of personnel matters.

Motion to convene in executive session by Margaret Gabe, seconded by Sylviana Stebbins, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

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

Motion to approve payment of performance pay for Jonathan Rohloff, Superintendent, by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote: David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

8. Adjournment @ 8:14 pm, Motion to adjourn by Michael Granillo, seconded by Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Michael Granillo, Margaret Gabe, Sylviana Stebbins, Bridget Wood

Dated May 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary L. Ford

Executive Secretary