

**HANFORD JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE
Meeting of May 12, 2026
Hanford Joint Union High School District Office
300 W. 6th St., Hanford, California
5:30PM Closed Session • 6:00PM Open Session**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Martella opened the meeting at 5:30 PM with Trustees present: Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, and Robinson. Trustee Barbeiro was absent.

A. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No comments from the public.

II. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:30PM by President Martella Trustees present: Chavarin, Gillum, Martella and Robinson. Trustee Barbeiro was absent.

Discussion took place regarding:

- ≈ Public Employee Appointment (Certificated) (GC 54957)
- ≈ Public Employee Appointment (Classified) (GC 54957)
- ≈ Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Superintendent) (GC 54957)
- ≈ Consideration of Student Readmissions (EC 35146; 48912; 48918)
- ≈ Consideration of Student Expulsions (EC 35146; 48912; 48918)

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING, FLAG SALUTE AND WELCOME – 6:00PM

President Martella reconvened the open meeting at 6:05 PM. Trustees present: Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson. Trustee Barbeiro was absent.

Administrators/staff present: Rosa, Creech, Peters, Whaley, Dowd, Ede, Fagundes, Parson, Rogers, Keran, Braswell, Stidman, and Salazar.

President Martella led the flag salute.

IV. REPORTS / BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Martella reported that no action was taken during closed session.

B. RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following FFA State Champions:

California State FFA Champion – California Water Competition

Lillian Camara (SPHS)

Neha Deepthy Clement (HWHS)

Frank Espinola (HHS)

Hunter Freitas (HWHS)

Leelah Leon (HWHS)

California State FFA Champion Novice Agriscience Fair Team

Bella Guevara (HHS)

Isabella Ibarra (HHS)

Timothy Werbicki (HHS)

California State FFA Champion Premier Chapter Award – Strengthening Agriculture

Isaiah Escalera (HHS)

Isabella Ibarra (HHS)

Goat Production California State Proficiency Winner

Sofia Sousa (SPHS)

California State FFA Treasurer

Caleb Najera (SPHS)

Jason Ferreira presented the award for California State FFA Champion – California Water Competition.

Jason Ferreira presented the award for California State FFA Champion Novice Agriscience Fair Team. The students introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis of their project.

Jason Ferreira presented the award for California State FFA Champion Premier Chapter Award – Strengthening Agriculture. The students introduced themselves and gave a brief synopsis of their project.

Lilly Pimentel presented the award for Goat Production California State Proficiency Winner. The student introduced herself and gave a brief synopsis of her project.

Jason Ferreira presented the recognition to Caleb Najera for California State FFA Treasurer.

President Martella called a brief adjournment at 6:32 PM to congratulate the students and take photos.

President Martella reconvened the meeting at 6:38 PM

C. COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF

No comments from the staff.

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter signed by all HJUHSD Head Athletic Coaches requesting that head coaches' children be allowed to attend the school at which they are coaching.

F. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

1. Hanford High School Board Representative Andrea Botelho presented the student report.
2. Hanford West High School Board Representative Melany Lepez presented the student report.
3. Sierra Pacific High School Board Representative Natalie Gonzalez presented the student report.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Student Readmissions: 07-15; 23-56; 24-12; 24-15; 24-19; 24-32; 24-46; 24-51; 24-52; 25-01; 25-02; 25-04; 25-07; 25-08; 25-11
2. Student Expulsions: 25-29; 25-30; 25-31
3. Warrants – Payment of Warrant Requests: 05/01/2026; 05/05/2026; 05/08/2026
4. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: 04/28/2026

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Field Trips

Superintendent Rosa presented the following student field trips, description and fiscal impact as approved by the Superintendent.

1. HHS Aerospace Club – Los Angeles, CA
2. HHS Senior Class – Valencia, CA
3. HHS Yearbook – Universal City, CA
4. SPHS Band & Color Guard – Pismo Beach, CA
5. HHS Yearbook – San Diego, CA

This item was presented for information only.

2. Board Policy Updates

Dr. Rosa presented the following recommended Board Policy Updates.

AR 1326.1	BP 5141.21	AR 5121.21
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This item will be brought back to the next regularly scheduled meeting for Board consideration.

3. Resolution 26-06: Ordering the Governing Board Member Elections;

Consolidation of Elections Specifications of the Election Order

Dr. Rosa presented Resolution 26-06: Ordering the Governing Board Member Elections; Consolidation of Elections Specifications of the Election Order for information.

Currently there are three (3) trustee areas of the HJUHSD governing board (Areas 1, 3 and 4) of this school district that will be up for election on November 3, 2026. In order to consolidate the governing board election with the statewide general election, a resolution ordering the Governing Board Member Elections to Consolidate must be enacted. This Resolution #26-06, when approved, will be forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools to be forwarded to the Kings County Board of Supervisors for election consolidation.

This item will be brought back at the next regularly scheduled meeting for Board consideration.

4. Out of State Field Trip Request – FFA to Washington DC

Dr. Rosa presented the FFA Out of State Travel Request for information and action.

HJUHSD FFA would like to travel to Washington DC from June 8, 2026 through June 13, 2026 to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). This conference exposes students to agriculture and leadership at our nations capitol and delivers an impactful community service based FFA leadership experience for student to learn about and see servant leadership across our nation and bring it back home to better serve their chapters. Per Board Policy 6153, all out of state travel must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Motion was made by Trustee Chavarin seconded by Trustee Gillum to approve the Out of State Field Trip Request – FFA to Washington DC as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

5. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford High School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford High School – 341 Graduates.

6. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford West High School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford West High School – 289 Graduates.

7. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Sierra Pacific High School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Sierra Pacific High School – 265 Graduates and 1 Certificate of Completion.

8. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Earl F Johnson High School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Earl F. Johnson Continuation High School – 29 Graduates.

9. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Community Day School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Community Day School – 3 Graduates.

10. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Online Charter

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Online Charter – 133 Graduates.

11. Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Adult School

Dr. Rosa presented the Candidates for Diploma of Graduation for 2026 – Hanford Adult School – 112 Graduates.

All of the students accounted for in Board items H.5 through H.11, at the end of the second semester, will have completed all the requirements for graduation as established by the Board of Trustees of the Hanford Joint Union High School District and the State of California. They have maintained appropriate standards of scholastic achievement and conduct.

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve items H.5 through H.11 as a book, as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

12. Agreements Signed by Superintendent

- Kit Carson Summer Swim School MOU
- Point Loma Nazarene University

Motion was made by Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Chavarin to approve the Agreements Signed by Superintendent as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None

Absent: Barbeiro

I. FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Quarterly Portfolio Compliance Report

Director of Business Fagundes presented the Quarterly Portfolio Compliance Report.

This report is provided quarterly by the Kings County Treasurer's Office to show investment activity. This report is for the quarter ending March 31, 2026. The Pooled Investment Account produced the following for the quarter:

Net Interest Earnings Apportioned	\$8,835,430
Net Yield on Investments	3.8524%
Net Yield on Pooled Treasury Funds	3.8451%
Total Average Funds Invested	\$930,134,668

FISCAL IMPACT: Hanford Joint Union High School District funds in the Pool as of March 31, 2026, were \$83,999,457. The interest rate earned was 3.8451%.

This item was presented for information only.

2. Bond Update

Director Fagundes presented the Bond Update.

The 2016 Measure W Bonds, Series C funds were received in June 2023. The breakdown of Measure W, Series C proceeds including interest received and expenditures paid through April 30, 2026 were included in the Board packet.

FISCAL IMPACT: The current Series C balance is \$2,964,813.

This item was presented for information only.

3. Resolution 26-07: Authorizing the Issuance of Hanford Joint Union High School District (Kings and Tulare Counties, California) 2026 General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Assistant Superintendent Creech presented Resolution 26-07: Authorizing the Issuance of Hanford Joint Union High School District (Kings and Tulare Counties, California) 2026 General Obligation Refunding Bonds for information and action.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Hanford Joint Union High School District (the "District") approved the issuance of not-to-exceed \$33,000,000 of general obligation bonds ("Measure W"). Pursuant to Measure W, the District has previously issued three series of bonds, including its Election of 2016 General Obligation Bonds, Series A (the "Prior Bonds"). The District now desires to currently refund the outstanding Prior Bonds (so

refinanced, the "Refunded Bonds"), thereby generating savings for District taxpayers, through the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") pursuant to Government Code Section 53550 et seq. All benefits from the refunding will be delivered to the property owners in the District. The final maturity of the Refunding Bonds will not be later than the final maturity date of the Refunded Bonds.

- a) **Bond Resolution.** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, in one or more series of federally taxable or federally tax-exempt bonds, specifies the basic terms, parameters and forms of the Refunding Bonds, and approves the forms of a Purchase Contract, Preliminary Official Statement, Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and Escrow Agreement. In particular, Section 1 of the Resolution establishes the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Refunding Bonds to be issued (\$16,000,000). Section 3 of the Resolution authorizes the Refunding Bonds to be sold at a negotiated sale to Stifel Nicolaus & Co., Inc. (the "Underwriter"), and Section 4 states the maximum underwriter's discount (0.4%) with respect to the Refunding Bonds. The Resolution authorizes the issuance of current interest bonds, capital appreciation bonds, and convertible capital appreciation bonds.
- b) **Form of Purchase Contract.** The Resolution approves the form of the Purchase Contract. Pursuant to the Purchase Contract, the Underwriter will agree to buy the Refunding Bonds from the District. All of the conditions of closing the transaction are set forth in this document, including the documentation to be provided at the closing by various parties. Upon the pricing of the Refunding Bonds, the final execution copy of the Purchase Contract will be prepared following this form.
- c) **Form of Preliminary Official Statement.** The Resolution approves the form of the Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS"). The POS is the offering document describing the Refunding Bonds which may be distributed to prospective purchasers of the Refunding Bonds. The POS discloses information with respect to among other things (i) the proposed uses of proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, (ii) the terms of the Refunding Bonds (interest rate, redemption terms, etc.), (iii) the bond insurance policy for the Refunding Bonds, if any, (iv) the security for repayment of the Refunding Bonds (the ad valorem property tax levy), (v) information with respect to the District's tax base (upon which such ad valorem property taxes may be levied), (vi) District financial and operating data, (vii) continuing disclosure with respect to the Refunding Bonds and the District, and (viii) absence of litigation and other miscellaneous matters expected to be of interest to prospective purchasers of the Refunding Bonds. Following the pricing of the Refunding Bonds, a final Official Statement for the Refunding Bonds will be prepared, substantially in the form of the POS.
- d) **Form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.** The form of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate can be found in APPENDIX C to the POS. Effective July 3, 1995, all underwriters of municipal bonds are obligated to procure from any public agency issuing debt a covenant that such public agency will annually file "material financial information and operating data" with respect to such public agency, as well as

notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, through the web-based Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (a federal agency that regulates "broker-dealers," including investment banking firms that underwrite municipal obligations). This requirement is expected to be satisfied annually by the filing of the District's audited financial statements and other operating information about the District, and from time to time by filing of notices of enumerated events, in the same manner the District has filed in connection with prior bond issuances.

- e) Escrow Agreement. Pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds will be deposited in an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") held by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (acting as "Escrow Agent"). The monies in the Escrow Fund will be used by the Escrow Agent to refund the Refunded Bonds on their first optional redemption date. As a result of the deposit and application of funds so provided in the Escrow Agreement, the Refunded Bonds will be defeased, and the obligation of Kings and Tulare Counties to levy ad valorem property taxes for payment thereof will cease.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund resulting from the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

Motion was made by Trustee Chavarin seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve Resolution 26-07: Authorizing the Issuance of Hanford Joint Union High School District (Kings and Tulare Counties, California) 2026 General Obligation Refunding Bonds as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

4. HHS Exterior Painting Project – Change Order #1 – Proposal #526-050

Assistant Superintendent Creech presented HHS Exterior Painting Project – Change Order #1 – Proposal #526-050 for information and action.

This proposed change for the Exterior Painting at Hanford High School is to address the items identified in the Leon Environmental Services survey of lead-based paint which was not available until after the bid date and contract award. The proposed cost of \$69,300 includes removal, transportation and disposal of lead-based paint and the proper preparation of the surface to allow for seamless paint application.

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost of \$69,300 to be paid from General Fund, Deferred Maintenance.

5. HWHS Exterior Painting Project – Change Order #1 – Proposal #526-051

Assistant Superintendent Creech presented HWHS Exterior Painting Project – Change Order #1 – Proposal #526-051 for information and action.

This proposed change for the Exterior Painting at Hanford West High School is to address the items identified in the Leon Environmental Services survey of lead-based paint which was not available until after the bid date and contract award. The proposed cost of \$44,550 includes removal, transportation and disposal of lead-based paint and the proper preparation of the surface to allow for seamless paint application.

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost of \$44,550 to be paid from General Fund, Deferred Maintenance

Motion was made by Trustee Robinson seconded by Trustee Chavarin to approve items J.4 and J.5 as a book as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

6. Resolution 26-08: Affirming Continued Enrollment in the Direct Access Energy Program, in Perpetuity, for Financial Stability and Environmental Stewardship

Assistant Superintendent Creech presented Resolution #26-08: Affirming Continued Enrollment in the Direct Access Energy Program for Financial Stability and Environmental Stewardship for information and action.

The District successfully secured its participation spot in the Direct Access (DA) energy purchasing program during a short open enrollment period in 2010, a program that is currently limited by a statewide load cap and requires a competitive lottery system administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for new enrollment due to high demand.

Direct Access allows the District to purchase the energy commodity (both electricity and natural gas) from a competitive Electric Service Provider (ESP) at fair market value or through stable, long-term, fixed-price buy-ahead strip contracts. Currently electricity is purchased from Calpine and natural gas is purchased from Tiger. Both commodities are still transported by Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas.

Continued participation in the Direct Access program provides substantial benefits through potential cost savings, stable pricing, and immediate environmental consciousness without incurring the initial or ongoing expenditure of installing and maintaining District-owned solar panels

FISCAL IMPACT: Continued energy savings with continued participation in Direct Access.

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve

Resolution 26-08: Affirming Continued Enrollment in the Direct Access Energy Program, in Perpetuity, for Financial Stability and Environmental Stewardship as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

J. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS

1. HJUHS 2025/2026 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

- Hanford High School
- Hanford West High School
- Sierra Pacific High School
- Community Day School
- Earl F. Johnson Continuation High School
- Hanford Online Charter

The HJUHS 2025/2026 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) returned for approval as submitted.

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the HJUHS 2025/2026 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

K. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Certificated Staff List for 2026/2027

The Certificated Staff List for 2026/2027 returned for approval as submitted.

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Chavarin to approve the Certificated Staff List for 2026/2027 as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

2. Personnel Assignments

Assistant Superintendent Whaley presented the following revised Personnel Assignments for information and action:

Certificated Employment:

Lauren Dull, 2026/2027 Science Teacher, HWHS

Certificated Resignations:

Jordan Roberts, English Teacher, HWHS, effective 06/05/2026

Nicholas Kennedy, Math Teacher, HHS, effective 06/05/2026

Classified Short-Term Employment:

Fernando Arias, 2026/2027 Varsity Head Boys Soccer Coach, HWHS

Motion was made by Trustee Chavarin seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the Personnel Assignments as revised.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

3. Variable Term Waiver Request for Administrative Services Credential; Dustin Vasquez

Assistant Superintendent Whaley presented the Variable Term Waiver Request for Administrative Services Credential; Dustin Vasquez for information and action.

The purpose of the Waiver is to allow qualified individuals to be employed while completing the requirements for a Credential and showing progress toward obtaining the credential requirement. Mr. Vasquez is currently enrolled in the Bridges to Leadership Administrative Services Program through Kings and Madera County Offices of Education. He is expected to complete the requirements and receive his Preliminary Administrative Services Credential by June 30, 2027.

Motion was made by Trustee Gillum seconded by Trustee Robinson to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for Administrative Services Credential; Dustin Vasquez as presented.

Ayes:	Chavarin, Gillum, Martella, Robinson
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Barbeiro

L. MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Director of MOT Stidman gave the MOT report.

Director Stidman shared that they have been busy coordinating summer projects, including moving furniture and organizing crews across multiple sites. The pre-construction meeting for the paint project went well, with positive feedback from

the painters union representative and confidence that the project will run smoothly now that lead paint concerns have been resolved. Several new projects have been added to the summer schedule so there is much to coordinate between painters, flooring crews, custodians, and IT staff to keep everything on track.

V. BOARD CALENDAR

Superintendent Rosa presented the board calendar noting the regular meeting dates and student events through June 9, 2026. Dr. Rosa noted that missing from the calendar was the Medical Academy Pinning Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, May 14 2026.

VI. BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSIONS

A. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Trustee Chavarin shared that she attended the State of the District event and appreciated the opportunity to hear the updates and information being shared. It was well organized and highlighted many positive things happening throughout the district. Trustee Chavarin shared that she won't be able to attend the staff appreciation event this year due to another meeting, but she has truly enjoyed participating in it over the past several years.

President Martella shared that the State of the District event was very well done, and the announcement of the upcoming Law and Justice Pathway was especially exciting. She shared that she will attend the Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and she will see everyone there.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

President Martella adjourned the meeting at 6:58PM.

As presented by:



Dr. Victor Rosa, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board



Alicia, Martella, President of the Board



Janet Barbeiro, Clerk of the Board