BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Working together with families, the community, and highly qualified staff, the Buckeye Union School District ensures that each student masters the knowledge and skills needed to maximize their academic and personal success in a global society.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.
Open Session – 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Boardroom located at
5049 Robert J. Mathews Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762
(Please enter the Board Room from the rear of the building)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Kirk Seal, Melissa Keyzer, Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Jon Yoffie, Scott Masten, Ph.D.
Superintendent, David Roth, Ph.D. / Assistant Superintendent, Jacqueline McHaney

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Public attendance is welcomed and encouraged. The district has taken the following steps in offering public comment:

1. **In-Person Public Comment**: Public comment may be offered in person during the board meeting.

2. **Written Public Comment**: Members of the public who are unable to attend and wish to address the Board can email the Board at *Board@BuckeyeUSD.org*. All correspondence will be shared with the entire Board as well as the Superintendent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Board President Keyzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS **Related to closed session agenda items only*

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment: None

Public comment closed at approximately 6:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **DISCUSSION -** Public employee employment and performance evaluation (§ 54957(b)) - 2025-2026 Superintendent's Evaluation

Board Member Yoffie called the closed session to order at 6:00 p.m.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

Board Member Masten to adjourn to open session at 6:58 p.m.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION *(7:00 P.M.)*

Acting Board President Keyzer reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from Closed Session.

VI. FLAG SALUTE

Miranda Hampton, Valley View student, led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present:
Melissa Keyzer, Board Clerk
Jon Yoffie, Board Member
Scott Masten, Ph.D., Board Member

Absent:
Kirk Seal, Board President
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Board Member

Due to the absence of Board President Seal, Board Clerk Melissa Keyzer served as Acting President. Board Member Yoffie served as Acting Clerk for the meeting.

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Yoffie moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 3-0.

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Camerado Springs Middle School Student Presentation
    - Students: Jacob Jones, President
      Adrian Rubalcaba, Vice President

    Students reported on school activity highlights including student leadership activities, boys volleyball and track and field participation, drama and band performances, leadership-sponsored events, spelling bee participation, Hands for Hope fundraising efforts, and upcoming end-of-year activities including promotion events and field trips. Students also engaged the Board in a student slang activity presentation.

    Board Discussion:
    Board members indicated appreciation for the student presentation, student leadership, and positive campus culture at Camerado Springs Middle School.

2. Buckeye Education Foundation Poetry Showcase, presented by Michael Smith

    Michael Smith presented to the Board which included recognition of student participants in the Buckeye Education Foundation Poetry Showcase and student poetry readings from students across multiple grade levels.

    Board Discussion:
    Board members indicated appreciation for the student creativity, confidence, and public speaking skills demonstrated during the Poetry Showcase presentations.

Following all presentations, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any presentation(s).

Public Comment: None

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS **Related to non-agenda items only*

The Board has received public comment via written correspondence from the following individual(s) since the previous regular board meeting:

1. Whitney and Juston Smith (email 5/8/26)
2. Anonymous/Rolling Hills School Community (email 5/16/26)
3. Anonymous Blue Oak Meadow Teacher (email 5/18/26)

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment:

1. Brandon Diaz, BUSD Parent

Public comment closed at approximately 7:29 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Employees of the Year: William Brooks Elementary School
    - Classified Employee of the Year: Lindsey Oldknow, Library Associate
        i. Joel Dameral, William Brooks Elementary Principal, congratulated Lindsey as the classified employee of the year and stated she transformed the school library into a welcoming and engaging environment that inspires students and promotes literacy schoolwide.
        ii. Superintendent Roth presented Lindsey with a certificate and stated the William Brooks library has become a special place for students and staff because of her dedication and creativity.
    - Certificated Employee of the Year: Cassandra Valdez, Speech Language Pathologist
        i. Joel Dameral, William Brooks Elementary Principal, congratulated Cassandra as the certificated employee of the year and stated she demonstrates professionalism, compassion, collaboration, and a strong commitment to supporting students and families.
        ii. Superintendent Roth presented Cassandra with a certificate and stated her advocacy and student-centered support have made a positive impact on the William Brooks school community.

(Joel Dameral, Principal)

2. Camerado Springs International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) Reauthorization Report and Presentation

    Doug Shupe, Principal, and Amy Gargani, IB Coordinator, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information regarding the Camerado Springs Middle Years Program (MYP) five-year IB reauthorization process, self-study review, evaluator feedback, instructional alignment, student reflection practices, assessment rubric refinement, and continued implementation goals for the IB program.

    Board Discussion:
    Board members indicated appreciation for the successful reauthorization process and commended staff for their collaboration, instructional refinement, and commitment to continuous improvement. Board members also discussed positive outcomes related to student opportunities, instructional practices, and increased student engagement through the IB program.

    (Doug Shupe, Principal, and Amy Gargani, IB Coordinator)

Following all presentations, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any presentation(s).

Public Comment: None

XII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - Recognized the accomplishments of staff and students across the District.
    - Highlighted the many end-of-year student events and celebrations occurring throughout District schools.
    - Expressed appreciation for employee contributions and school community support.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA)
        i. Amy Gargani, representative from BTA, reported on the State May Revision and ongoing review of potential impacts to smaller school districts. She also shared that staff are reviewing upcoming CVT (California's Valued Trust) insurance renewal rates and noted that teachers are working hard to finish the school year strong despite growing excitement for summer break. Board members commented positively regarding staff energy and end-of-year activities.
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Reports and Requests by Board Members
    - Board Member Yoffie reported on attending a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) meeting and discussed ongoing budget conversations related to the State May Revision and preliminary fiscal outlook information shared by Superintendent Roth.

Following all reports, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any report(s).

Public Comment: None

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the items(s). The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

1. Board Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2026
2. Declaration of Surplus: Rolling Hills - May 14, 2026
3. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints - Ending April 2026
4. Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter Ending March 31, 2026
    - Memo from Treasurer-Tax Collector to Depositors to County Investment Pool
    - Memo from Treasury Quantitative Specialist to Treasurer-Tax Collector
    - El Dorado County Pooled Investment Portfolio Reports (summary)
    - El Dorado County Pooled Investment Portfolio Reports (detail)
5. School Services of California Contract (7/1/26-6/30/27)

6. Summary of Warrants (2025-2026): April 1-30, 2026 *(report linked)*

The Board will accept Public Comment regarding any Consent Agenda item(s) prior to the Board's action.

Board Member Masten moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 3-0.

XIV. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment is welcomed prior to the Board's action on any of the following items or in response to any discussion item(s).

1. **DISCUSSION -** Proposal for Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum Selection

   Rachelle Ball reported on the proposed Mandarin Language Arts curriculum selection and reviewed curriculum components, instructional alignment, and implementation considerations.

   Board Discussion:
   Board members discussed curriculum implementation, instructional support, and alignment with student learning needs.

   No action was taken.

   (Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

2. **DISCUSSION -** Proposal for Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Selection

   Rachelle Ball reported on the proposed middle school English Language Arts curriculum selection and reviewed instructional materials, curriculum alignment, and teacher feedback.

   Board Discussion:
   Board members discussed curriculum rigor, instructional consistency, and implementation timelines.

   No action was taken.

   (Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

3. **ACTION -** Adoption of Elementary Curriculum Update from Magnetic Reading to Magnetic Literacy

   Rachelle Ball reported on the proposed update from Magnetic Reading to Magnetic Literacy and reviewed curriculum enhancements, instructional alignment, and literacy support improvements. The Board was asked to approve the curriculum update.

   Board Discussion:
   Board members indicated support for the curriculum enhancements and discussed the benefits of updated literacy instruction resources.

   Board Member Masten moved to approve the Adoption of Elementary Curriculum Update from Magnetic Reading to Magnetic Literacy, as presented.
   Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
   Public Comment:
   1. Brandon Diaz, BUSD Parent

   Motion carried 3-0.

   (Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

4. **ACTION -** Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with F3 Law, Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost (7/1/26-6/30/27)

   Superintendent Roth reported on the proposed agreement for legal services with F3 Law, Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost and reviewed the scope of services and continued legal support for the District. He asked the Board to approve the agreement.

   Board Discussion:
   Board members indicated appreciation for the legal guidance and continued support provided to the District.

   Board Member Yoffie moved to approve the Agreement for Legal Services with F3 Law, Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost, as presented.
   Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
   Public Comment:
   1. Brandon Diaz, BUSD Parent

   Motion carried 3-0.

   (David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

XV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Board President Keyzer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:36 p.m.

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 3-0.

Approval Date:_____

By: _____ By: _____
Melissa Keyzer, Clerk David Roth, Ph.D., Secretary

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