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 6, 2026

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

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5049 Robert J. Mathews Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762
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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

Board President Seal 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:

1. Brandon Diaz

Public comment closed at 6:04 p.m.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **DISCUSSION -** Conference with Legal Council, Anticipated Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54956.9 (Number of Matters: 1)

Board Member Keyzer called the closed session to order at 6:05 p.m.
Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Keyzer moved to adjourn to open session at 6:50 p.m.
Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Board President Seal 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

Valley View Middle School student Wyatt Saura led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Seal, Board President
Melissa Keyzer, Board Clerk
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Board Member
Jon Yoffie, Board Member
Scott Masten, Ph.D., Board Member

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Valley View Middle School Student Presentation
    - Students: Wyatt Saura, President
      ~~Sam Setzer-Phillips, Treasurer~~
      Anisha Dominic, 6th grade Vice President
      Rahul Rajupalem, Representative
      ~~Ramsay Carlson, Representative~~

Students reported on school activity highlights including the Shamrock paper scissors challenge during St. Patrick's Day, Teacher Appreciation Week activities, the April Attendance Challenge, and current and completed sports seasons including volleyball, soccer, and track and field. Students shared that leadership students distributed snacks and drinks to teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and discussed plans to continue attendance incentives next school year.

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

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 (emails 4/13/26 and 4/14/26)
2. Bill Hubartt (email 4/23/26)

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

1. Brandon Diaz

Public comment closed at 7:08 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Employees of the Year: Camerado Springs Middle School
    - Classified Employee of the Year: Kent Montgomery, Yard Supervisor
        i. Sara Matley, Camerado Springs Middle School Assistant Principal, congratulated Kent as the classified employee of the year and stated that Kent positively connects with students through lunchtime games and activities, creates an inclusive campus environment, supports students who may otherwise feel disconnected, and works collaboratively with yard supervisors to maintain a safe and welcoming campus.
        ii. Superintendent Roth will present Kent with a certificate at a later date as Kent could not be present and stated that Camerado Springs

benefits from staff members who create strong relationships with students and contribute positively to campus culture.

- Certificated Employee of the Year: Robin Thomas, Teacher
  i. Doug Shupe, Camerado Springs Middle School Principal, congratulated Robin as the certificated employee of the year and stated that Robin has dedicated 30 years to Buckeye Union School District, effectively supports students in mathematics instruction, mentors teachers, collaborates within the math department, and consistently achieves strong student results.
  ii. Superintendent Roth presented Robin with a certificate and stated that Robin is one of the most effective math teachers in the District, has positively impacted students and staff throughout her career, and has continuously adapted instructional practices to improve student learning.

(Doug Shupe, Principal)

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

XII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
   - Volunteer Appreciation events were recently held across the District to recognize the contributions of community volunteers.
   - Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week activities were taking place at school sites with strong support from parents and community members.
   - Retirement recognitions for long-serving staff members are occurring across the District.
   - Upcoming band concerts and school open house events were highlighted.
   - William Brooks Elementary School recently hosted a successful open house event featuring the school garden program.
   - Melissa Keyzer participated in STEM activities during the William Brooks Elementary School open house.
   - Doug Shupe was recently recognized at the El Dorado County Administrators Association (ACSA) awards dinner for his leadership at Camerado Springs Middle School.
2. Association Reports:
   - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
   - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Enrollment Report: Jackie McHaney
   - Ms. McHaney reported that there are currently 4,227 students enrolled in the District, an increase of 3 students from the previous report.
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
   - Board Member Keyzer reported on the recent El Dorado County School Boards Association meeting, including presentations regarding mental health and wellness support throughout El Dorado County schools.

- Board Member Hanson-Smith reported on attending the District Volunteer Appreciation event and thanked staff for organizing a meaningful recognition program for community volunteers.

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

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 - April 8, 2026
2. Personnel Update - May 6, 2026
3. Contract Approval for Annual Audit Services between Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP and Buckeye Union School District (3-year contract: 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028, ending June 30, 2028)
4. ~~Agreement for Legal Services with F3 Law, Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost (7/1/26-6/30/27)~~
5. Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment Report
6. Declaration of Surplus
    - Buckeye Union School District (1) Ford 350, (2) Mower - April 22, 2026

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 Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

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

1. Brandon Diaz

Board Discussion: Board members discussed removing Item XIII.4. from the Consent Agenda to allow additional review prior to approval.

Board Member Keyzer moved to remove Item XIII.4., Agreement for Legal Services with F3 Law, Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost, from the Consent Agenda and continue the item to the May 20, 2026 Board meeting and to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

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 -** Magnetic Literacy, an Update to the Current Board-Adopted Elementary ELA Curriculum Adoption Recommendation

   Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the District's pilot of the updated Magnetic Literacy elementary ELA curriculum. Ms. Ball stated that the integrated curriculum combines reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, writing, listening, and speaking into one instructional program. She shared feedback from pilot teachers regarding the curriculum's rigor, student engagement, instructional support, and alignment to standards. She reported that pilot teachers and the IMAC committee unanimously recommended moving forward with Magnetic Literacy and requested that the curriculum be opened for public review for two weeks prior to a formal adoption recommendation.

   Board Discussion: Board members discussed the curriculum pacing supports, publisher responsiveness to teacher feedback, and the public review process.

   No action was taken.

   (Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

2. **ACTION -** Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2026/2027

   Ms. McHaney reported on the annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2026/2027 school year and explained that the declaration allows the District to obtain emergency permits, if necessary, in areas such as mathematics, science, English learner authorization, special education, and transitional kindergarten.

   Board Member Masten moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2026/2027, as presented.
   Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
   Public Comment: None
   Motion carried 5-0.

   (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

3. **ACTION -** Consider and Approve the 2026-2029 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plans for the following: *(reports linked)*
   (1) Buckeye Union School District 2026-2029 ELOP Plan
   (2) Valley View Charter Montessori School 2026-2029 ELOP Plan
   (3) Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School 2026-2029 ELOP Plan

   Ms. McHaney reported on the 2026-2029 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plans for Buckeye Union School District, Valley View Charter Montessori School, and Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School. Ms. McHaney reviewed the District's partnership history with Dream Enrichment and

the El Dorado County Office of Education Extended Day Program and explained that the plans are required to be updated every three years.

Board Discussion: Board members discussed ELOP funding requirements and expenditure timelines.

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the 2026-2029 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plans for Buckeye Union School District, Valley View Charter Montessori School, and Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School, as presented.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

4. **ACTION -** Adopt Resolution No. **26-15**: Declaring an Election be Held in Buckeye Union School District's Jurisdiction in Consolidation with Other Districts Requesting Election Services (THREE Full 4-year terms to be filled at the District Election on November 3, 2026)

   Superintendent Roth reported on Resolution No. 26-15 declaring an election be held within Buckeye Union School District's jurisdiction in consolidation with other districts requesting election services for three full four-year Board terms to be filled during the November 3, 2026 election.

   Board Member Masten moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-15, as presented.
   Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
   Public Comment: None
   Motion carried 5-0.

   (David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

5. **ACTION -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (fourth reading) - January 2026 CSBA Policy Updates:
   - BP 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement
   - AR 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement

   Ms. McHaney reminded the Board that CSBA periodically publishes suggested changes to school district policies in order to bring them in alignment with changes in the law. The Board reviewed the fourth reading of BP 1445 and AR 1445 regarding Response to Immigration Enforcement.

   Board Discussion: Board members discussed the policy revisions and the District's responsibilities regarding immigration enforcement procedures.

   Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the suggested revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits, as presented.

Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

6. **ACTION -** Adopt Resolution No. **26-16**: Authorizing the Filing of Funding Applications for State Allocation Board Administered Programs

   Ms. McHaney reported on Resolution No. 26-16 authorizing the filing of funding applications for State Allocation Board administered programs.

   Board Member Yoffie moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-16, as presented.
   Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
   Public Comment: None
   Motion carried 5-0.

   ~~*(Brian McCahon, Director of Facilities)*~~

XV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Seal stated that this meeting stands adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adjourn.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approval Date:_____

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

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