

2025-2026
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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Wednesday,
June 17, 2026

Meeting Location:
District Office Conference Room
2601 W. Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560
Closed Session 5:00 p.m., Open Session 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

Robert Vincelette, President
Sunni Hepburn, Vice President
Justin Wright, Clerk
Adrienne Rendon, Member
Mario Gutierrez, Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Conference Room, Rosamond, CA

I. Call to order – (time)

1. Comments from the public pertaining to closed session items:

II. Closed session

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ TIME: ____

A. Expulsion Hearing for Student #65-25-26 5:00 p.m.

B. Retention Appeal JG

C. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving

Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association

D. Discussion of Student Matters: Education Code sections 35146 and 48918(c)

E. Public Employment: Certain Personnel Matters: Government Code § 54957.1(a)(5)

DISCIPLINE/Dismissal/Employment/Release/Assignment/Reassignment/Complaint

Any action taken in closed session will be reported publicly at the end of the closed session as required by Government Code Section 54954.5.

III. Reconvene into open session at: _____

TIME

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ TIME: ____

IV. Action determined in closed session:

A. Student Expulsion Hearing #65-25-26 action for consideration of violation of the California Education Code section(s) 48900(a)(1), 48900(a)(2)

and in addition, ____ 48915(b)(1) states: that due to the nature of the violation other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct,

AND/OR

and in addition, ____ 48915(b)(2) states: that due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

Board Decision: ____ To not expel student

____ To not expel the student and allow the student to return to school with conditions.

____ To expel the student and then suspend the expulsion order with conditions.

____ To expel the student from all schools and programs of the district.

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

B. Approve or Deny Retention Appeal JG – Vincelette

ACTION

☐ Approve

☐ Deny

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

V. Procedural Issues: A recording of this meeting is being made and shall be kept for 30 days as a public record (as applicable).

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: _____

B. Roll Call - Members Present:

____ Robert Vincelette, President ____ Sunni Hepburn, Vice President ____ Justin Wright, Clerk
____ Adrienne Rendon, Member ____ Mario Gutierrez, Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

VI. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

- A. RTA report: CSEA report:
- B. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*
- C. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*
- D. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*
- E. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*
- F. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines*
- G. Board Member Communications:
- H. Sub-Committee Communications/Updates:

Comments from the Public: Members of the public may address the Board on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board by submitting presentation requests to the secretary or an email. Members of the public are strongly urged not to mention personnel by name and are reminded that they do not have immunity from legal action if personnel is named. The Board may limit each speaker to 3 minutes with a total of 20 minutes per topic.

VII. Consent items A-M

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

- A. Ratify June MIDA \$896,000.54
- B. Approve Purchase Orders 260964-260996, Pay Vouchers 261190-261317
- C. Approve KCSOS Write from the Beginning and Beyond PD LCAP Goal 1, Action 25 – \$21,434.20
- D. Approve Paxton Patterson Quote #QUO-05536-D0S3K5 Rare Earth High School – \$73,134.80
- E. Approve Asset Disposition WES Math Pilot Materials Not Selected
- F. Approve Asset Disposition WES Obsolete Math Curriculum
- G. Approve Sodexo America, LLC Contract Extension 2026-2027 – \$2,000,000.00
- H. Approve School Services of California, Inc. Fiscal & Management Information Services – \$6,500.00
- I. Approve Asset Disposition RES Math Pilot Materials Not Selected
- J. Approve Informed K12 Renewal Online Document Processing – \$32,696.00
- K. Approve RHECC Music Booster Club Use of RHECC Parking Lot for Annual Fireworks Booth
- L. Approve Activity Hero Expanded Learning System Quote 20260528-101626294 – \$17,382.40
- M. Approve RHECC FFA Sectional & Regional Officer Leadership Summit August 7-8, 2026

VIII. Curriculum and Instruction

- A. Tropico Middle School Math Adoption Committee – *Dr. Tolliver* PRESENTATION
- B. Public Hearing on Tropico Middle School Curriculum being recommended for adoption MidSchoolMath – *Dr. Tolliver* INFORMATIONAL

Recess Business Meeting/**Open** Public Hearing: Time: _____

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

Public Hearing Comments:

Close Public Hearing/Reconvene into Regular Session: Time: _____

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

- C. Adopt the recommended Tropico Middle School math curriculum MidSchoolMath for five (5) years for a Total of \$382,569.34 – *Dr. Tolliver* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
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IX. Business and Operations

- A. California School Dashboard Local Performance Indicators – *Wexler* INFORMATIONAL
- B. “District” Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) – *Wexler* PRESENTATION
- C. Adopt “District” Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) – *Wexler* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
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- D. “District” Budget for 2026-2027 – *Irving* PRESENTATION
- E. Certify “District” Budget for 2026-2027 – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

- F. Approve Revisions to the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan – *Irving* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

X. Personnel Items

A. Approve the following listed personnel items – *Hargus*

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

The following personnel items, which may include hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated and classified employees are presented for Board approval. All personnel meet the necessary credentialing and/or certification requirements as required by the State or notification timelines, as appropriate:

CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Anderson, Amber	8/3/2026	\$1 \$18.25	Campus Safety Officer	TMS	Hire
Kluczkowski, Mary	4/16/2026	\$8 \$28.38	ELOP Instructor	WES	Salary Correction
Garcia, John	6/3/2026	---	Lead Campus Safety Officer	ALT ED	Retire
Tunnell, Diana	6/6/2026	---	Bus Driver	TRANS	Resign

CLASSIFIED STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Barrios, Albadilla	6/18/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Varsity Asst Coach – Girls Cross Country	RHECC	Hire
Cortez, Jose	6/18/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Varsity Asst Coach – Boys Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Lathi, Jonathan	6/18/2026	4% \$1,184.44	JV Head Coach – Boys Basketball	RHECC	Hire
Martinez, Amanda	6/18/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Varsity Asst Coach – Girls Basketball	RHECC	Hire
Notterman, Mark	6/18/2026	10% \$5,922.20	Varsity Head Coach – Boys Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Price, Kenny	6/18/2026	10% \$5,922.20	Varsity Head Coach – Boys Basketball	RHECC	Hire
Vasquez, Nissa	6/18/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Varsity Asst Coach – Girls Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Williams, Diamond	6/18/2026	4% \$1,184.44	JV Head Coach – Girls Basketball	RHECC	Hire

CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Carter, Sean	6/8/2026	Resigned
Abelar, Malvyn	6/8/2026	Resigned
Noel, Christina	6/8/2026	Resigned

CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Ellis, Todd	8/3/2026	C6 S10 \$98,214	CTE-Medical Pathways Teacher	RHECC	Hire
Griffin, Christina	8/3/2026	C4 S4 \$74,399	English Teacher	TMS	Hire
Guillen, Miguel	8/3/2026	C1 S1 \$56,140	Physical Education Teacher	TMS	Hire
Lester Jefferson, Nicole	8/3/2026	C6 S26 \$118,361	6 th Grade teacher	TMS	Hire
Keeney, Cassandra	8/3/2026	C1 S1 \$56,140	Moderate/Severe TK Teacher	WES	Hire

X. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
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Najera, Ruth	8/3/2026	C4 S9 \$88,791	Mild/Mod TK Teacher	WES	Hire
Parker, Ambreea	7/1/2026	C2 \$113,016	Assistant Principal	TMS	Hire
Shepard, Jennifer	8/3/2026	C6 S2 \$75,188	Spanish Teacher	RHECC	Hire
Valenzuela, Guadalupe	8/3/2026	C4 S4 \$74,399	Health Teacher	RHECC	Hire
Denton, Kayleigh	8/12/2026	-----	SDC K-2 Teacher/SDC K-2 Teacher	RES/WES	Transfer
Epshteyn, Svetlana	8/3/2026	-----	TK Teacher/Kindergarten Teacher	RES/RES	Transfer
Eslick, Christina	8/3/2026	-----	Intervention Teacher/5 th Grade Teacher	RES/RES	Transfer
Gatchalian, Elaine	8/12/2026	-----	6 th Grade Teacher/5 th Grade Teacher	TMS/WES	Transfer
Holmes, Amber	8/12/2026	-----	Kindergarten Teacher/TK Teacher	RES/RES	Transfer
Jordan, Nicole	8/12/2026	-----	4 th Grade Teacher/5 th Grade Teacher	WES/WES	Transfer
Timblaco, Michelle	8/12/2026	-----	SDC Teacher/Resource Teacher	TMS/TMS	Transfer
Williams, Lindsay	8/12/2026	-----	SDC Teacher/SDC K-2 Teacher	RHECC/RES	Transfer
Wilson, Sarah	8/12/2026	-----	SDC Mod/severe/SDC Mild/Mod.	RES/RES	Transfer
Wooding, Leanne	8/12/2026	-----	1 st Grade Teacher/Intervention Teacher	RES/RES	Transfer
Yunker, Leigha	8/12/2026	-----	SDC Teacher/SDC Teacher	TMS/RHECC	Transfer
Moreno, Edward	6/30/2026	---	Social Studies Teacher	RHECC	Resign
Villanueva, Aira	6/30/2026	-----	Math Teacher	RHECC	Resign
Zayicek, Christins	6/30/2026	-----	Health Teacher	RHECC	Resign

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE STIPEND/EXTRA DUTY EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Bidinger, Melissa	6/8/2026	\$322.50	Summer School	WES	Hire
Soriano, Kenneth	6/8/2026	\$516.67	ESY Summer School-APE	ALL	Hire
Burgess, Heather	8/12/2026	8% \$4,737.76	Theatre Director	RHECC	Hire
Roth, Mari	8/12/2026	\$2,500	FFA Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Roth, Mari	8/12/2026	\$2,500	Livestock Show Team Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Schmidt, Kim	8/12/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Robotics Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Hansen, Andrew	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-English	RHECC	Hire
Blackburn, Matthew	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Special Education	RHECC	Hire
Riley, Mark	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-CTE	RHECC	Hire
Jones, Andrea	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Science	RHECC	Hire
Deal, Rhonda	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Math	RHECC	Hire
Potter, Stacy	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Social Science	RHECC	Hire
Johnson, Lisa	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Elective/PE	RHECC	Hire
Vazquez-King, Lydia	8/12/2026	4% \$2,368.88	AVID Site Coordinator	RHECC	Hire
Vazquez-King, Lydia	8/12/2026	9.5% \$5,626.09	Activities Director	RHECC	Hire
Caffey, Elizabeth	8/12/2026	6% \$3,553.32	Yearbook	RHECC	Hire

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Escobar, Michael	8/12/2026	3% \$1,776.66	Senior Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Vasquez, Liana	8/12/2026	3% \$1,776.66	Senior Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Johnson, Lisa	8/12/2026	4% \$2,368.88	Folklorico Dance	RHECC	Hire
Adis, Sharon	8/12/2026	2% 1,184.44	Sophomore Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Pasubillo, Mark Anthony	8/12/2026	2% 1,184.44	Sophomore Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Rogers, Chelsea	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-TK	WES	Hire
Vigil, Sandra	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-Special Education	WES	Hire
Collins, Genevieve	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-Kindergarten	WES	Hire
Morris, Rebecca	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-1 st Grade	WES	Hire
Moze, Julie	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-2 nd Grade	WES	Hire
Goodman, Terri	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Grade Level Chairperson-3 rd Grade	WES	Hire
Salazar, Ramon	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-English	TMS	Hire
Atkinson, Carmen	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-6 th Grade	TMS	Hire
Lyons, Ellie	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Science	TMS	Hire
Saavedra, Felipe	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Math	TMS	Hire
Morgan, Clint	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Social Science	TMS	Hire
Tinich, Shauna	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Electives/PE	TMS	Hire
Winchell, Dennison	8/12/2026	7% 4,145.54	Department Chairperson-Special Education	TMS	Hire
Vogenthaler, Janessa	8/12/2026	1% \$592.22	Spelling Bee Coordinator	TMS	Hire
Hansen, Amanda	8/12/2026	4% \$2,368.88	AVID Coordinator	TMS	Hire
Hopkins, Cristina	8/12/2026	3% \$1,776.66	Yearbook Advisor	TMS	Hire
Stone, John	8/12/2026	3% \$1,776.66	Yearbook Advisor	TMS	Hire
Soriano, Kenneth	8/12/2026	7% \$4,145.54	Middle School Athletic Coordinator	TMS	Hire
Ferrandini, John	8/12/2026	8% \$4,737.76	Band Director	TMS	Hire
Atkinson, Carmen	8/12/2026	6.5% \$3,849.43	ASB Advisor	TMS	Hire
Hillman, Kristina	8/12/2026	7% \$4,145.54	Department Chairperson	REHS	Hire
Ramirez, Travis	8/12/2026	7% \$4,145.54	Department Chairperson	ALIS	Hire
Campbell, Edward	6/18/2026	6% \$3,53.32	Varsity Assistant Coach – Boys Basketball	RHECC	Hire

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Armstrong, Justin	6/18/2026	10% \$5,922.20	Varsity Head Coach – Girls Basketball	RHECC	Hire
Guillen, Miguel	6/18/2026	4% \$2,368.88	JV Head Coach – Boys Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Olmos, Melissa	6/18/2026	10% \$5,922.20	Varsity Head Coach – Girls Soccer	RHECC	Hire
Caffey, Elizabeth	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Yearbook	RHECC	Hire
Coleman, Shawn	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Biology	RHECC	Hire
Deal, Rhonda	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Credit Recovery	RHECC	Hire
Eisenzimmer, Paul	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Design Build	RHECC	Hire
Johnson, Lisa	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-ATS	RHECC	Hire
Riley, Mark	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-Welding Warriors	RHECC	Hire
Salazar, Ramon	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep Buyout-ATS	TMS	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Mekanisi, Salecia	6/8/2026	Resigned
Coy, Brandin	6/8/2026	Resigned
Cozakos, Brian	6/8/2026	Resigned
Romos, Davd	6/8/2026	Resigned
Broadous, Pamela	6/8/2026	Resigned
Bridges, Nicole	6/8/2026	Resigned
Adeoye, Brianna	6/8/2026	Resigned
Crawford, Deanna	6/8/2026	Resigned

XI. Adjournment

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ **TIME:** ____

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez