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, June 10, 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: None

Public comment closed at 6:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

2. **DISCUSSION -** Confidential Personnel Matter - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Board Member Hanson-Smith called the closed session to order at 6:02 p.m.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn to open session at 6:51 p.m.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

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

Board President Seal led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present:

Kirk Seal, Board President
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Board Member
Jon Yoffie, Board Member
Scott Masten, Ph.D., Board Member

Absent:

Melissa Keyzer, Board Clerk

Due to the absence of Board Clerk Keyzer, Board Member Hanson-Smith served as Acting Clerk for this meeting.

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

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

The Board received written public comment from:

1. Todd Rubbs (email 5/24/26)
2. Whitney Smith (email 6/1/26)

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

Public comment closed at approximately 7:02 p.m.

X. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - Superintendent Roth reported on end-of-year promotion ceremonies throughout the District and highlighted that the Valley View promotion class was the first kindergarten class to attend Valley View after the school opened. He also noted that the graduating Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion students were the first kindergarten class to attend the program when it began. Superintendent Roth expressed appreciation for students, staff, and families and discussed ongoing work related to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and District budget development.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. End-Of-Year Charter Quarterly Reports:
    - California Montessori Project (CMP) Report: Sara Meece
        i. Sara Meece and Matt Taylor brought guest speakers, current and former students Clara Martins and Cecilia Martins, to share how their experiences at CMP prepared them for success in high school and provided opportunities for academic growth, leadership development, athletics, and extracurricular involvement.
        ii. Board members expressed appreciation for the student presentations and commended the students for their academic achievements,

leadership experiences, and thoughtful reflections regarding their educational journeys.

- ~~Cottonwood Charter School Report: Cindy Garcia~~
- Clarksville Charter School Report: Claire Walker, Director of Virtual Academies
    i. Claire Walker, Director of Virtual Academies, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information regarding enrollment growth, graduation outcomes, Virtual Academy achievements, Adventure Academy expansion, Sequoia Studio arts programming, agricultural education opportunities, student clubs, student showcases, and resource center activities. The report highlighted student participation, academic achievement, and continued program growth across Clarksville Charter School programs.
    ii. Board members expressed appreciation for the innovative programs and opportunities provided to students and commended staff for continued growth and student engagement.

4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
    - Board members discussed highlights from promotion ceremonies and recognized Camerado Springs Principal Doug Shupe for performing a song on an electric guitar during promotion festivities.

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

Public Comment: None

XI. 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 20, 2026
2. Declaration of Surplus:
    - Buckeye Elementary - Chromebooks (May 26, 2026)
    - Blue Oak & Transportation - Laptops, Chromebooks (May 27, 2026)
    - Camerado Springs - Laptop, Chromebooks, Misc (May 27, 2026)
    - Buckeye Union Instructional Materials (5/27/26)
3. Statement of School Availability 2025-2026
4. EDCOE District County Services Agreement (CSA) 2026-2027
5. Joint Food Service Director Agreement between Rescue Union and Buckeye Union (7/1/26-6/30/27)
6. 2026-2027 SchoolWorks Demographics & Enrollment Projections Professional Services Agreement
7. Summary Warrants (2025-2026): May 1-31, 2026 *(report linked)*

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

Board Member Hanson-Smith motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

XII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **DISCUSSION** - The Governing Board of the Buckeye Union School District will conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with Education Code Section 52062(b)(1) for the 2026-2027 Update to the 2024-2027 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and a Public Hearing in accordance with Education Code Section 42127 for the 2026-2027 Budget for the following entities:

   - Buckeye Union School District
   - Valley View Charter Montessori (VVCM) School
   - Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) Charter School

   Above reports will be linked to BUSD website at the following URL BY 4pm on 6/5/26:
   https://www.buckeyeusd.org/about-us/local-control-accountability-plan

   Per Education Code Sections 42127 and 52062, two separate Governing Board public meetings, held at least one day apart, are required for the school district Budget hearing and Budget adoption. In addition, the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) must be adopted prior to and at the same meeting as the Budget adoption. The Public Hearings require 72 hours of public notice and both the 2026-2027 Budget and the 2026-2027 update to the 2024-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) must be adopted on or before July 1, 2026.

   The adoption of the 2026-2027 Updates to the 2024-2027 LCAP and the District's Budget will be held on June 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

   Conduct of Hearing:
   a) Staff report and discussion; b) Open Public Hearing; c) Public Testimony/Comment;
   d) Close the public hearing; e) ***Board discussion ONLY***

   a. Staff Report:

   Superintendent Roth presented the 2026-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) for Buckeye Union School District and its charter schools. He reviewed stakeholder engagement activities, District goals, actions, and services designed to support student achievement, social-emotional well-being, and community engagement.

   Ms. McHaney presented the proposed 2026-2027 District Budget. She reviewed projected revenues and expenditures, enrollment assumptions, reserve levels, multi-year projections, and fiscal planning considerations.

b. Open Public Hearing:

Board President Seal opened the public hearing at approximately 7:39 p.m.

c. Public Testimony/Comment:

Public Comment: None
Public Comment closed at approximately 7:39 p.m.

d. Public Hearing Closed:

Board President Seal closed the public hearing at approximately 7:39 p.m.

e. Board Discussion:

Board members discussed stakeholder participation in the LCAP development process, District goals and actions, budget assumptions, projected revenues and expenditures, and the continued fiscal stability of the District. Board members expressed appreciation for the work completed by District staff in preparing the LCAPs and proposed budget.

Discussion item only. This item will return for a vote on June 24, 2026.

(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

XIII. 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. **ACTION -** Adoption of Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum

   Superintendent Roth, reported on the proposed adoption of the Mandarin Language Arts curriculum. Superintendent Roth noted that the curriculum had previously been presented by Rachelle Ball for Board review and was being brought forward for adoption. He reviewed the curriculum evaluation process, instructional components, alignment with program goals, and implementation considerations. Superintendent Roth complimented Dr. Lu Zhai on the continued success of the Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) program and thanked him for his leadership and dedication throughout the Mandarin Language Arts curriculum selection process. He asked the Board to approve the Mandarin Language Arts curriculum, Level Learning and related instructional materials as the Buckeye Union Schools District's TK-8 Mandarin Language Arts curriculum.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed the curriculum review process, instructional alignment, and support for students participating in the Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) program. Board members expressed appreciation for the work completed by staff in evaluating curriculum options and supporting high-quality language instruction.

Board Member Yoffie moved to approve the Adoption of Mandarin Language Arts Curriculum, Level Learning and related instructional materials as the Buckeye Union Schools District's TK-8 Mandarin Language Arts curriculum, as presented. Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

~~*(Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)*~~
(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

2. **ACTION -** Adoption of Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Selection

Superintendent Roth reported on the proposed adoption of a Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum. Superintendent Roth noted that the curriculum had previously been presented by Rachelle Ball for Board review and was being brought forward for adoption. He reviewed the curriculum evaluation process, stakeholder input, pilot opportunities, instructional resources, standards alignment, and implementation plans. Superintendent Roth stated that the recommended curriculum supports California State Standards and District instructional goals and asked the Board to approve the curriculum adoptions, MyPerspectives as the English Language Arts curriculum for Rolling Hills Middle School and Common Lit 360 as the English Language Arts curriculum for the two International Baccalaureate Middle Schools, Camerado Springs Baccalaureate Middle School and Valley View.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed the curriculum review and pilot process, teacher participation, instructional rigor, and alignment with student learning needs. Board members also discussed the recommendation for the District's two International Baccalaureate (IB) middle schools, Camerado Springs and Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School, to utilize one curriculum while Rolling Hills Middle School utilizes a different curriculum that best aligns with the needs of its students and instructional program. Board members expressed appreciation for the work completed by the curriculum review committee and staff in evaluating instructional materials and selecting curriculum options to support student achievement.

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the Adoption of Middle School English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Selection, including adoption of MyPerspectives as the English Language Arts curriculum for Rolling Hills Middle

School and Common Lit 360 as the English Language Arts curriculum for the two International Baccalaureate Middle Schools, Camerado Springs Baccalaureate Middle School and Valley View, as presented.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

~~*(Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)*~~
(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

3. **ACTION -** Approval of Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Buckeye Union School District and Rising Sun Montessori (RSM)

Ms. McHaney reported on the proposed updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Buckeye Union School District and Rising Sun Montessori (RSM). She explained that Buckeye Union School District serves as the authorizing local educational agency (LEA) for Rising Sun Montessori and that the existing operating MOU had not been updated to reflect current charter dates, operational practices, and changes in applicable laws. Ms. McHaney reported that Rising Sun Montessori requested an updated MOU as part of an application process and reviewed revisions made to reflect the current relationship between the parties, including updates related to special education services and alignment with the school's current charter term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030. She asked the Board to approve the updated MOU.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed the need to update the MOU to reflect current laws, operational practices, and the present relationship between the District and Rising Sun Montessori. Board members also discussed changes in the provision of special education services since the school's original charter approval and the importance of maintaining an updated agreement that accurately reflects the responsibilities of both parties.

Board Member Masten moved to approve the Updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Buckeye Union School District and Rising Sun Montessori (RSM) for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, as presented.
Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

4. **ACTION -** Amendment to the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan – Wildfire Emergency (AB 2968 Compliance) for the Buckeye Elementary School Campus

Ms. McHaney reported on the proposed amendment to the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the Buckeye Elementary School campus to comply with Assembly Bill 2968 requirements related to wildfire emergency planning. She

explained that the legislation requires school districts with school sites located within designated high fire hazard severity zones to include a wildfire emergency component in their Comprehensive School Safety Plans. Ms. McHaney reported that Buckeye Elementary School is the District's only school site located within a designated high fire hazard severity zone. She further explained that the District partnered with California Montessori Project (CMP), which is also located across the street from the Buckeye Elementary campus, to coordinate emergency planning efforts and establish mutual aid procedures, including transportation support in the event of an emergency. Ms. McHaney asked the Board to approve the amendment so the updated plan could be implemented effective July 1, 2026.

Board Discussion:
Board President Seal discussed concerns regarding wildfire conditions in El Dorado County and noted reports indicating the potential for a significant wildfire season due to dry conditions, high winds, and temperature fluctuations. He commented that local emergency response agencies, including the Sheriff's Office and Cal Fire, have been preparing for increased wildfire activity. Board members agreed that, while the legislation creates additional planning requirements, it is important for the District to have comprehensive emergency procedures in place to protect students and staff in the event of a wildfire emergency.

Board Member Masten moved to approve the Amendment to the 2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan – Wildfire Emergency (AB 2968 Compliance) for the Buckeye Elementary School Campus, as presented.
Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.
Public Comment: None
Motion carried 4-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

5. **ACTION -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (*first reading*) - CSBA Policy Updates
    1. BP 4119.21 - Professional Standards
    2. Exhibit 4119.21- Professional Standards
    3. BP 4219.21 - Professional Standards
    4. Exhibit 4219.21- Professional Standards
    5. BP 4319.21 - Professional Standards
    6. Exhibit 4319.21- Professional Standards
    7. BP 4119.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions
    8. BP 4219.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions
    9. BP 4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

Ms. McHaney reported on proposed CSBA policy updates related to professional standards and maintaining appropriate adult-student interactions. She explained that the updates were developed in response to new state requirements and are intended to establish consistent expectations regarding appropriate boundaries and interactions between adults and students. Ms. McHaney reported that the

policies must be adopted by July 1 and apply to employees, volunteers, contractors, and others who interact with students. She also reviewed new volunteer requirements, including mandated reporter training for all volunteers.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed the proposed policy updates and agreed that the revisions provide important guidance regarding professional boundaries, electronic communications, social media interactions, favoritism, transportation of students, personal relationships, and other adult-student interactions. Board Member Masten commented that the updates provide clearer expectations and stronger protections for students and staff and noted that similar issues have resulted in significant challenges for school districts throughout California.

Board members discussed the new requirement that volunteers complete mandated reporter training and asked questions regarding implementation, volunteer communication, training content, and recordkeeping procedures. Board Member Yoffie asked how volunteers would be informed of the new requirements and whether the mandated reporter training adequately addresses the expectations outlined in the proposed policies. Staff explained that the District has established procedures to track volunteer training completion and will communicate requirements through volunteer registration materials and District communications.

Board members also discussed potential impacts on volunteer participation, including field trip chaperones and other parent volunteers, and acknowledged the importance of balancing student safety requirements with maintaining strong volunteer involvement at school sites. Staff reported that systems have been established to support implementation and to encourage volunteers to complete the required training prior to participating in school activities.

The Board agreed additional time was needed for Board members and the public to review the proposed policy revisions and directed staff to bring the item back for further consideration at the June 24, 2026 Board meeting.

No action was taken.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

XIV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Seal adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn.
Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4-0.

Approval Date:_____

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

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