

2026-2027
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560 (661) 256-5000

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REVISED

Wednesday,

August 5, 2026

Meeting Location:

District Office Conference Room

2601 W. Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA 93560

Closed Session 6:00 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
Valeria Fuentes, Student Board Member

Superintendent

Barbara Gaines

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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Location: 2601 W. Rosamond Blvd.

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: ____

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sunni Hepburn	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
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A. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association

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

C. 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: ____

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
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Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

IV. Action determined in closed session:

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 ____ Valeria Fuentes, Student Board Member

C. Approve the agenda

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
Gutierrez, Fuentes

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sunni Hepburn	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

VI. Reports and Communications

INFORMATIONAL

A. RTA report: CSEA report:

B. Student Board Member: *Valeria Fuentes*

C. CBO Report: *Robert Irving*

D. Assistant Superintendent, Instruction and Curriculum: *Dr. Larry Mendez*

E. Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Pupil Personnel: *Sheryl Taylor*

F. Associate Superintendent, Human Resources: *Leanne Hargus*

G. Superintendent Report: *Barbara Gaines*

H. Board Member Communications:

I. 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-J

ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
Gutierrez, Fuentes

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____

*Roll Call Vote: Yes No Absent Abstain

Robert Vincelette ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Sunni Hepburn ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Justin Wright ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Adrienne Rendon ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Mario Gutierrez ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

- A.** Approve Minutes June 16, 2026; June 17, 2026; July 15, 2026
B. Ratify July MIDA \$1,095,881.92, July MIDB \$31,881.25, July EOM \$977,623.87
C. Approve Purchase Orders 270116-270174, Pay Vouchers 270000-270041
D. Approve IRS Standard Mileage Rates for 2026 Increase to 76 cents per mile (up 3.5 cents from January 2026)
E. Approve Assess for Success Consulting, Inc. Grading Consulting Ken O'Connor – \$6,000.00
F. Approve KCSOS ELD Professional Development Training for Certificated & Classified – \$26,000.00
G. Approve UMASS Global Supervised Practicum Agreement MA Marriage & Family Therapy
H. Approve Class Leasing RHECC Relocatable Restroom Portable CL2761 – \$10,600.00
I. Approve BlazerWorks, LLC Addendum to Agreement Tele SLP – \$185,450.00
J. Approve Perry Weather Monitoring Station at RHECC – \$9,000.00

VIII. General

- A.** Approve Resolution #26-27-03 Requesting Consolidation of the Election, Ordering Election, and Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election – *Gaines* **ACTION**

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
Gutierrez, Fuentes

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____

*Roll Call Vote: Yes No Absent Abstain

Robert Vincelette ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Sunni Hepburn ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Justin Wright ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Adrienne Rendon ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Mario Gutierrez ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

- B.** Approve Resolution #26-27-04 The Five-Year School Facilities Master Plan Requirement for School Facility Program Career Technical Education Facilities Program Funding Applications (Revised 05/15/2026) – *Irving* **ACTION**

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
Gutierrez, Fuentes

VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____

*Roll Call Vote: Yes No Absent Abstain

Robert Vincelette ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Sunni Hepburn ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Justin Wright ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Adrienne Rendon ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Mario Gutierrez ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

- A.** Approve the Master Plan for English Learners 2026-2027 – Current – *Dr. Mendez* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____	Gutierrez, Fuentes

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

- B.** Approve the High Priority (Essential Standards) – English Language Arts (K – 5th Grade) – *Dr. Mendez* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____	Gutierrez, Fuentes

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sunni Hepburn	☐	☐	☐	☐
Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

- C.** Approve Standards Based Grading (SBG) Report Cards Including Embedded High Priority (Essential) Standards – English Language Arts (K – 5th Grade) – *Dr. Mendez* ACTION

MOTION: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez, Fuentes	SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon,
VOTE: YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSENT ____ ABSTAIN ____ STUDENT ADVICE ____	Gutierrez, Fuentes

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

X. Business and Operations

- A.** Approve Change of Contract with Medallion Contracting, Inc. Order No. 04 for SKUSD – TMS Landscape, Drainage & Parking Lot Upgrade Project (SKUSD-TMS-LDPU) Total Change of \$24,069.01 – *Irving* ACTION

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

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sunni Hepburn	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

XI. Personnel Items

- A.** Approve Southern Kern Unified School District Amendment to Contract of Employment District Superintendent July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 Extended through June 30, 2029 – *Vincelette* ACTION

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

SECOND: Vincelette, Hepburn, Wright, Rendon, Gutierrez

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario Gutierrez	☐	☐	☐	☐

- B.** 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

*Roll Call Vote:	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Robert Vincelette	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Justin Wright	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adrienne Rendon	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mario 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:

<u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Enrique Aguayo Salcedo	8/4/2026	S1 \$19.03	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	RHECC	Hire
Chisham, Timothy	8/4/2026	S1 \$19.03	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	TMS	Hire
Cole, Michael	8/4/2026	S1 \$18.23	Campus Safety Officer	RHECC	Hire
Molina, Jordan	8/4/2026	S1 \$19.03	Paraeducator, Special Education	RHECC	Hire
Towell, Sharon	8/4/2026	S11 \$27.12	Paraeducator, Speech Pathology	RHECC	Hire
Yohn, Breanna	8/4/2026	S5 \$22.09	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	WES	Hire
Luna, Reyna	8/10/2026	S2 \$25.36	Expanded Learning Instructor/ District Attendance Coordinator	TMS/DO	Promotion
Vargas, Aris	8/6/2026	S3 \$20.54	Campus Safety Officer/Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	TMS	Promotion
Aguilar, Samantha	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	TMS/RHECC	Transfer
De Santiago, Monica	8/6/2026	---	Food Service Cook	RHECC/WES	Transfer
Escobar, Samaria	8/6/2026	---	Food Service Worker	RES/WES	Transfer
Mancera, Sheyna	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	WES/RES	Transfer
McKinney, Jacob	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	TMS/RES	Transfer

XI. Personnel Items (Continued)

<u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Mendez, Belinda	8/4/2026	---	Campus Safety Officer	WES/RES	Transfer
Morse, Rachel	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education	WES/RHECC	Transfer
Palacio, Rosa	8/6/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education	RHECC/ALIS	Transfer
Price, Melissa	8/4/2026	---	Campus Safety Officer	RHECC/RES	Transfer
Roberts, Evangelina	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education	RES/WES	Transfer
Rosas, Myriam	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	RES/TMS	Transfer
Villanueva Guzman, Patricia	8/6/2026	---	Food Service Cook	WES/RHECC	Transfer
Wheeler, Catherine	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	WES/RES	Transfer
Yanez, Rocio	8/4/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education/ Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	RES	Transfer
Duquette, Olivia	7/31/2026	---	Campus Safety Officer	RES	Resign
Fairall, Alexy	7/22/2026	---	Paraeducator, Classroom	RES	Resign
Mateo, Brian	7/13/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	WES	Resign
Sule-Odu, David	7/23/2026	---	Paraeducator, Special Education 1:1	RHECC	Resign
Velazquez, Samuel	7/31/2026	---	Campus Safety Officer	RES	Resign
Verrett, Chiharu	7/27/2026	---	Expanded Learning Coordinator	RES	Resign

<u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Aguilar, Joseph	8/3/2026	C1 S1 \$56,140	Band Director/Music Teacher	RHECC	Hire
Payne, Yolanda	8/3/2026	C6 S11 \$101,092	CTE Health and Medical Sciences Teacher	RHECC	Hire
Ciufo, Joseph	8/3/2026	C3 S3 \$68,251	English Teacher	RHECC	Salary Correction
Clint, Morgan	8/1/2026	C6 S15 \$109,727	Social Studies Teacher	TMS	Column Increase
Fleeks, Brandi	7/1/2026	C3 S2 \$65,370	English Teacher	RHECC	Column Increase
Keeney, Cassandra	8/3/2026	C4 S1 \$65,764	SDC TK-Extensive Support Needs	WES	Salary Correction
Koehler, Ruby	8/3/2026	C4 S1 \$68,654	Guidance Counselor	RHECC	Salary Correction
Rubin, Jessica	8/1/2026	C6 S26 \$118,361	Math Teacher	TMS	Column Increase
Hopkins, Cristina	8/10/2026	---	6 th Grade Teacher/Math Teacher	TMS	Transfer

XI. Personnel Items (Continued)

<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>
Atkinson, Carmen	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep buyout-6 th Grade History	TMS	Hire
Black, Brittanie	8/12/2026	2% \$1,184.44	Freshman Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire
Campbell, Edward	8/6/2026	9.5% \$5,626.09	Assistant Athletic Director	RHECC	Hire
Junio, Nerissa	8/12/2026	\$13,000	Prep buyout-6 th Grade Science	TMS	Hire
Paul, Danielle	8/12/2026	4% \$2,368.88	AVID Site Coordinator	WES	Hire
Ponce, Jareny	8/12/2026	7% \$4,145.54	Grade level Chairperson-4 th Grade	WES	Hire
Shepherd, Jennifer	8/12/2026	2% \$1,184.44	Freshman Class Advisor	RHECC	Hire

<u>CERTIFICATED SUBSTITUTES EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u>		
<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Trillo, Kimberly	8/12/2026	Hire
Verrett, Chiharu	8//6/2026	Hire
Griffith, Sarah	8/12/2026	Hire
Butler, Lauren	8/12/2026	Hire
Carson, Emily	8/12/2026	Hire
Alvizar, Magali	8/12/2026	Hire
Nelson, Oscar	8/12/2026	Hire
Campo, Lindsay	8/12/2026	Hire
Butler, Lauren	8/12/2026	Hire
Griffith, Sarah	8/12/2026	Hire
Beaudin, Kira	7/9/2026	Resign
Burdick, Luc	7/9/2026	Resign
Willis, Zualyn	7/23/2026	Resign

The following certificated employees are presented for Board approval to be hired for the 2026/2027 school year utilizing a Provisional Intern Permit (PIP) or Waiver:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CREDENTIAL TYPE</u>
Keeney, Cassandra	08/03/2026	SDC TK Mod/Severe	Short Term Staff Permit (STSP)

XII. Adjournment

ACTION

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

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