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 24, 2026

NO CLOSED SESSION

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

Board President Seal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Seal led the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Keyzer moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

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

The Board received written public comment from:

1. Brandon Diaz (email 6/10/26 & email 6/20/26)

The Board has received LCAP Comments (Item #VIII.3.) from:

1. Adam Marshall
2. Brandon Diaz
3. Mariah Eggen

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

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

VI. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - Highlighted the District's advocacy efforts to increase California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) base funding and noted that similar priorities are now being reflected by the California School Boards Association.
    - Reported that summer programs are underway, including Extended School Year services, English learner programming, and intervention opportunities for students requiring additional academic support.
    - Announced the upcoming Summer School Lemonade Stand at Blue Oak Elementary School and encouraged Board members to attend if available.
    - Reported that staffing for the upcoming school year is progressing well, with only a few positions remaining to be filled.
    - Recognized Dana Rizzuto for her successful transition into the Business Office leadership role and thanked Mike Henkel for continuing to provide support during the transition.
    - Reported that District staff are finalizing year-end reports, budget documents, and preparations for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. End-Of-Year Charter Quarterly Reports:
    - Rising Sun Montessori: Karl Zierhut
        i. Karl Zierhut provided an update on Rising Sun Montessori's enrollment, reporting 181 enrolled students with 57 students currently on the waiting list. Mr. Zierhut also reported that staffing for the upcoming school year was progressing well and highlighted significant student achievement gains, including improvements in English language arts and mathematics and notable growth among students receiving special education services.
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members - None

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

Public Comment: None

VII. 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 - June 10, 2026
2. Personnel Update - June 24, 2026
3. Declaration of Surplus:
    - Buckeye USD, Computer (6/12/26)

4. Approval of Overnight Field Trip(s) for 2026/2027:
    - Silva Valley, Sly Park Outdoor Education (November 16-20, 2026)
    - Blue Oak, Sly Park Outdoor Education (May 3-7, 2027)
5. 2025-2026 Prop 28 Art and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Annual Reports
    - Buckeye Union School District
    - Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School
    - Valley View Charter Montessori School
6. 2026-2027 Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Site Spending Plans for all school sites
    - Blue Oak Elementary School
    - Buckeye Elementary School
    - Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School
    - Oak Meadow Elementary School
    - Silva Valley Elementary School
    - William Brooks Elementary School
    - Valley View Charter Montessori School
    - Camerado Springs Middle School, International Baccalaureate World School
    - Rolling Hills Middle School
7. 2026-2027 Vendors for Potential Service:
    - Big West Distribution
    - Francis Distributing
    - Gold Star Foods
    - Mission Linen Supply
8. 2026-2027 Master Contracts for Special Education *(linked)*:
    - AAA University Interpreting & Translating Services
    - Aldar Academy
    - American River Speech (ARS)
    - Assistive Technology and Beyond
    - Capitol Elementary/Capitol Academy
    - Children's Choice for Hearing and Talking (CCHAT)
    - Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC)
    - Growing Healthy Seasons (aka Growing Healthy Children)
    - Mountain View Speech Therapy
    - Music to Grow On
    - Odyssey Learning Center
    - Placer Learning Center
    - Point Quest Education EDH
    - Point Quest Education Northern California Preparatory
    - TeamLingo, LLC

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

Board Member Yoffie moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. 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 -** Approval of Resolution **No. #26-17**: Conflict of Interest (COI) Code

   Superintendent Roth reported that Resolution No. 26-17 updates the District's Conflict of Interest Code as required by law to reflect designated positions responsible for making or participating in governmental decisions. He explained that the Fair Political Practices Commission requires local agencies to periodically review and update their Conflict of Interest Codes and requested Board approval of the resolution. No changes are being made.

   Board Discussion: None.

   Board Member Keyzer moved to approve Resolution No. 26-17: Conflict of Interest (COI) Code.

   Board Member Yoffie seconded the motion.

   Board Discussion: None

   Public Comment: None

   Motion carried 5-0.

   (David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

2. **DISCUSSION -** 2025-2026 Local Performance Indicator Self-Reflection Reports for the following entities *(reports linked)*:
   - Buckeye Union School District
   - Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School
   - Valley View Charter Montessori School

   Superintendent Roth reviewed the 2025-2026 Local Performance Indicator Self-Reflection Reports for Buckeye Union School District, Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) Charter School, and Valley View Charter Montessori School. He explained the purpose of the California School Dashboard Local Indicators and summarized the District's performance in the areas of appropriately assigned teachers, implementation of state academic standards, standards-aligned instructional materials, school facilities, parent and family engagement, school

climate, and access to a broad course of study. Superintendent Roth reported that the District continues to meet expectations in each indicator area and that the self-reflection reports will be submitted to the California School Dashboard following Board review.

Board Discussion: Board President Seal commented that the Local Indicators provide valuable information beyond academic performance measures and offer a more complete picture of the District's overall success. Superintendent Roth agreed and emphasized the importance of educating the whole child while continually evaluating District programs and services to support student achievement and well-being.

No action was taken.

(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

3. **ACTION -** Adopt and Approve the 2026-2027 Update to the 2024-2027 Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP) for the following entities *(reports linked)*:
    - Buckeye Union School District
    - Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion Charter School
    - Valley View Charter Montessori School

    Superintendent Roth reviewed revisions made to the 2026-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) since the public hearing and reported that certain data remains preliminary pending final certification by the California Department of Education. He summarized updates to student outcome data, chronic absenteeism projections, and stakeholder feedback incorporated into the plans. Superintendent Roth requested Board approval of the 2026-2027 LCAP updates for Buckeye Union School District, Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) Charter School, and Valley View Charter Montessori School.

    Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adopt and approve the 2026-2027 Update to the 2024-2027 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Buckeye Union School District, Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion (BUMI) Charter School, and Valley View Charter Montessori School.

    Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

    Board Discussion: Board President Seal expressed appreciation that the LCAP demonstrates how stakeholder feedback influences District priorities and decision-making. Superintendent Roth reviewed the District's year-round stakeholder engagement process and noted that feedback from parents, students, staff, bargaining units, and community members continues to guide District goals and actions. Board Member Keyzer commented that the LCAP is a living document that evolves throughout the year and encourages continued participation from stakeholders in the planning process.

The Board received written LCAP public comment from:

1. Adam Marshall
2. Brandon Diaz
3. Mariah Eggen

Motion carried 5-0.

(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

4. **ACTION -** Approve 2025-2026 Estimated Actuals and Adopt 2026-2027 Budget with a Positive Certification (2026-2027 Budget Presentation)

   Ms. McHaney presented the District's 2025-2026 Estimated Actuals and proposed 2026-2027 Budget with a Positive Certification. She explained that the proposed budget is based primarily on the Governor's May Revision and noted that budget assumptions may change as additional trailer bill details become available. Ms. McHaney reported that the District is required to adopt a budget by July 1 in order to maintain spending authority and emphasized that maintaining fiscal integrity is essential to supporting student achievement and the goals outlined in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). She reviewed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), anticipated State funding, projected revenues and expenditures, multi-year assumptions, and ongoing fiscal challenges, including increased costs associated with new State mandates. Ms. McHaney concluded that the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years and recommended approval of the 2025-2026 Estimated Actuals and adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget with a Positive Certification.

   Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the 2025-2026 Estimated Actuals and adopt the 2026-2027 Budget with a Positive Certification, as presented.

   Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

   Board Discussion: Board members discussed the Governor's May Revision, the uncertainty surrounding final State budget details, and the impact of new unfunded mandates on school district finances. Ms. McHaney explained that while the proposed LCFF COLA totals 4.31%, a portion is effectively offset by the costs associated with the new paid pregnancy disability leave requirement. She also discussed the importance of maintaining adequate reserves and aligning District resources with student needs while preserving long-term fiscal stability. Board members expressed appreciation for the District's conservative budgeting practices and the continued positive certification despite ongoing fiscal uncertainty.

   Public Comment: None

   Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

5. **ACTION -** Adopt Resolution **No. #26-18**: Determination of Use of Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds for 2026-2027

   Ms. McHaney reported that the annual Education Protection Account (EPA) Resolution is required by the State of California to authorize the use of EPA funds. She explained that EPA revenues are generated through Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 and are used to support instructional salaries and benefits. Ms. McHaney noted that EPA funding is already incorporated into the District's adopted budget and requested Board approval of Resolution No. 26-18.

   Board Member Masten moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-18: Determination of Use of Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds for 2026-2027.

   Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

   Board Discussion:None.

   Public Comment: None

   Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

6. **ACTION -** Adopt Resolution **No. #26-19**: Approving the 2026-2027 Special Tax Levy Report for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Levying and Apportioning the Special Tax as Provided Therein for the Buckeye Union School District Community Facilities District CFD No. 2007-1 (Valley View) *(report linked)*

   Ms. McHaney reported that Resolution No. 26-19 approves the annual Special Tax Levy Report for Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2007-1 (Valley View). She explained that the resolution authorizes the annual levy of the special tax in accordance with the previously approved Community Facilities District and requested Board approval of the resolution.

   Board Member Yoffie moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-19: Approving the Special Tax Levy Report for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Levying and Apportioning the Special Tax as Provided Therein for the Buckeye Union School District Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2007-1 (Valley View).

   Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

   Board Discussion: Board members asked about the remaining term of the Community Facilities District. Ms. McHaney reported that the special tax is scheduled to remain in effect until 2038, when the associated debt is expected to be retired.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

7. **ACTION -** Approve Offering Golden Handshake Early Retirements to Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Staff Members

   Ms. McHaney reported on the proposed Golden Handshake early retirement incentive for eligible Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) employees. She explained that offering the incentive provides eligible employees the opportunity to retire under PERS provisions while creating flexibility for the District to manage staffing needs and long-term personnel costs. Ms. McHaney noted that participation is voluntary, approval does not require any employee to retire, and the District will evaluate each vacancy before determining whether a position should be filled or restructured. She requested Board approval to offer the Golden Handshake to eligible PERS employees.

   Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve offering the Golden Handshake Early Retirement incentive to eligible Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) staff members.

   Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

   Board Discussion: Board members discussed the potential benefits of the early retirement incentive as a workforce planning tool and acknowledged that any staffing changes resulting from employee retirements would be evaluated based on the operational and educational needs of the District. Board members expressed support for providing eligible employees with an additional retirement option while maintaining flexibility for future staffing decisions.

   Public Comment: None

   Motion carried 5-0.

   (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

8. **ACTION -** Approval of the 2026-2027 Superintendent Contract

   Ms. McHaney presented Addendum No. 16 to the Superintendent's Employment Agreement. She explained that, pursuant to the terms of the current contract, a satisfactory performance evaluation entitles the Superintendent to a one-year extension of the agreement. Ms. McHaney reported that the Board had completed Superintendent Roth's evaluation and determined that he had earned a satisfactory evaluation. Accordingly, Addendum No. 16 extends the term of the agreement through June 30, 2029, with all other terms and conditions of the

contract remaining unchanged. Ms. McHaney requested Board approval of the addendum.

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the 2026-2027 Superintendent Contract.

Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

9. **ACTION -** Approval of the 2026-2027 Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services Contract

Superintendent Roth presented the proposed extension of the Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services Employment Agreement. He reported that, as Ms. McHaney's supervisor, he completed her annual performance evaluation and provided her with a positive evaluation. Superintendent Roth commended Ms. McHaney for her exceptional leadership and the many critical roles she fulfills in supporting the day-to-day operations of the District, school principals, and the Superintendent. He also recognized her leadership during the transition to the District's new Fiscal Director, noting that her thoughtful planning and support contributed to a smooth and successful transition. Superintendent Roth recommended approval of the contract extension.

Board Member Keyzer moved to approve the 2026-2027 Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services Contract.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: Board President Seal expressed appreciation for Ms. McHaney's leadership and dedication to the District, describing her as a valuable asset to Buckeye Union School District. He also recognized Dana Rizzuto for successfully assuming the responsibilities of Fiscal Director and thanked both administrators for their efforts during the leadership transition. Board President Seal stated that he looks forward to another successful audit as a result of their continued work. Board Member Matson also expressed his appreciation for Ms. McHaney’s efforts on behalf of the District.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

(David Roth, Ph.D., Superintendent)

10. **ACTION -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (*second 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 presented the second reading of the proposed CSBA policy updates related to Professional Standards and Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions. She reported that the policies had previously been reviewed by the Board during the first reading and were returned for consideration and adoption.

    Board Member Masten moved to approve the Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (Second Reading) – CSBA Policy Updates: Professional Standards and Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions.

    Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

    Board Discussion: Board members expressed support for the proposed policy updates and agreed they provide important guidance for maintaining professional standards and appropriate interactions with students. Board Member Masten noted that, while he understood the need for the new volunteer training requirements from a student safety perspective, he remained concerned that the additional fingerprinting costs and required training could create a chilling effect on volunteer participation. Board President Seal acknowledged those concerns but commented that the District must prioritize student safety and comply with mandated training requirements, noting that the District never wants to be in a position of having to justify why appropriate safeguards were not in place.

    Public Comment: None

    Motion carried 5-0.

    (Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

IX. NEXT MEETING

- *There are no meetings scheduled in July*
- Regular Board Meeting - Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - VIA Zoom and in-person

X. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Seal adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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

Approval Date:_____

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

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