

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
Oakdale Joint Unified School District Office
Technology & Staff Development Center
331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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CALL TO ORDER	1.1	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Board President Clayton Schemper.
TRUSTEES PRESENT	1.2	Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell and Terri Taylor were present. Student Board Member Armando Meza was present.
LATE ARRIVALS	1.3	None
TRUSTEES ABSENT	1.4	None
VISITORS PRESENT	1.5	Kirstin Trujillo
PLEDGE	2.0	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Member Armando Meza.
APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA	3.0	It was M/S/C (Shatswell/Gilbert) to approve the order of agenda items as presented. Passed unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	4.0	Trustee Taylor extended congratulations to the three Board members running unopposed in the upcoming Board election. She expressed appreciation to Maintenance and Operations Director Todd Daily, along with the M&O and Custodial teams, for their extensive summer work. Additionally, she recognized new M&O Manager Arturo Simental for his proactive leadership and hands-on support with staff. President Schemper commended District staff for a smooth and successful start to the school year, noting positive feedback from the community regarding the seamless opening.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	5.0	Board President Schemper opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:33 p.m. Kirstin Trujillo addressed the Board regarding the enrollment criteria for the after-school program and requested that the District consider reinstating a fee-based program option previously offered. President Schemper sought clarification regarding the fee structure, which Ms. Trujillo confirmed. Superintendent Mendonca directed Director Armida Colon to follow up with Ms. Trujillo regarding her inquiry. Public Comments closed at 6:36 p.m.
ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA	6.1	OTA President Joe Gilbert addressed the Board, welcoming both returning and new members. He expressed appreciation to OTA, CSEA, and all District staff for a successful start to the school year. Mr. Gilbert referenced upcoming contract negotiations, sharing optimism for an efficient and collaborative process, noting that while parties may enter discussions with different priorities, he looks forward to a positive outcome.

ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA	6.2	None.
STUDENT BOARD MEMBER, 2026-27	6.3	Board President Clayton Schemper administered the Oath of Office to new student board member Armando Meza.
REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR	7.1	Trustee Taylor requested Item 7.4.2 be removed from the Consent Calendar additionally, President Schemper requested 7.4.3 be removed.
ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR	7.2	It was M/S/C (Taylor/Duvall) to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended. A Roll Call Vote was taken and Passed 5-0.
ADOPT MINUTES OF 6/10/26 AS PRESENTED	7.3.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board adopted minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held Monday, June 10, 2026, as presented.
APPROVE QTRLY REPORT, WILLIAMS COMPLAINTS	7.3.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Complaints, as presented.
APPROVE INTERDISTRICT REQUESTS, 2026-27	7.4.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved interdistrict attendance approved interdistrict attendance transfer requests, 2026-27 school year, as presented.
APPROVE AG CAREER TECH ED INCENTIVE GRANT	7.4.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the board approved Agricultural CTE Incentive Grant, as presented.
APPROVE WARRANTS THRU 7/30/26, AND CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR JULY 2026	7.5.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved district warrants prepared for payment through July 30, 2026 and Cycle I and II Payroll for July 2026, as presented.
APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS	7.5.2	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.
APPROVE STUDENT BODY ACCOUNTS, OHS, JUNE & JULY 2026	7.5.3	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, June & July 2026, as presented.
APPROVE STUDENT BODY ACCOUNTS, OJHS, JUNE & JULY 2026	7.5.4	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, June & July 2026, as presented.
APPROVE EMPLOYMENT, CERTIFICATED	7.6.1	On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved certificated employment, as presented: Theresa Lopes, Music Teacher, Magnolia & Cloverland, eff. 7/30/2026 Vincent Thompson, Science Teacher, East Stanislaus High, eff. 7/30/2026 Isai Rodriguez, Mathematics Teacher, Oakdale High, eff. 7/29/2026 Kyndall Vargas, English Language Arts Teacher, Oakdale High, eff. 7/30/2026 Matthew Aitken, Science Teacher, Oakdale High, eff. 6/30/2026 Lily Bedrossian, Band Instructor, Oakdale Junior High, eff. 7/30/2026 Lorlina Texeira, SDC-SH Teacher, Cloverland, eff. 7/28/2026 John Gilliana, Mathematics Teacher, East Stanislaus High, eff. 7/29/2026 Shannon Largent, Resource Teacher, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/04/2026

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS,
CLASSIFIED

- 7.6.2 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted classified resignations, as presented:
 Nicole Tangle, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 6/29/2026
 Sophia Orlando, ELP Aide, Magnolia, eff. 7/07/2026
 Jessie Erwin, Behavioral Program Para ED/SH, eff. 7/10/2026
 Constance Wood, Cafeteria Clerk, Fair Oaks, eff. 7/16/2026
 Mandi Sires, Instructional Aide Resource, Magnolia, eff. 7/28/2026
 Cody Smith, Behavioral Program Para 1:1, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/05/2026

ACCEPT PROMOTIONS,
CLASSIFIED

- 7.6.3 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board accepted classified promotions, as presented:
 Stephanie Gonser, Bus Driver to Bus Driver (12 months), Transportation, eff. 7/13/2026
 Liza Avelar, Behavioral Program Para SEL (CLO/FO) to Program Inclusion Assistant, District Wide, eff. 8/26/2026
 Alexis Richardson, Bus Driver to Bus Driver (12 months), Transportation, eff. 7/30/2026
 Linda Goodrich, Bus Driver to Bus Driver (12 months), Transportation eff. 7/30/2026
 Linda Newman, Bus Driver to Bus Driver (12 months), Transportation eff. 7/30/2026

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT,
CLASSIFIED

- 7.6.4 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified employment, as presented:
 James Mills, Custodian I, Oakdale High, eff. 6/16/2026
 Kaitlyn Snyder, Behavioral Program Para 1:1, Cloverland, eff. 8/06/2026
 Shelby Ammann-Kesterson, Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia, eff. 8/06/2026
 Kiana Chavez, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/06/2026
 Eric Montgomery, Maintenance Tech, Maintenance & Operations, eff. 8/01/2026
 Rosa Alba Ramirez, Custodian I, Oakdale High School, eff. 8/05/2026
 Carli Jamison, Behavioral Program Para 1:1, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/06/2026
 Sarah Imai, Administrative Assistant, District Office, eff. 8/03/2026
 Seth Rodrigues, ELP Aide, Cloverland, eff. 8/06/2026
 Leanne Glenn, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/6/2026
 Leah McNeely, ELP Aide, Magnolia eff. 8/6/2026
 Rachel Oster, ELP Support Aide, Cloverland, eff. 8/6/2026
 Jasmin Davidson, Speech Language Pathology Assistant, Cloverland/Sierra View, eff. 8/06/2026
 Lauren Duncan, ELP Support Aide, eff. 8/06/2026
 Amaya Crabtree, ELP Aide, Sierra View, eff. 8/06/2026
 Juanita Ruelas, Cafe Assistant, OHS, eff. 8/05/2026
 Melanie Cruz-Vargas, Instructional Aide, Magnolia, eff. 8/06/2026
 Samantha Escobar, Yard Duty, Magnolia, eff. 8/06/2026

APPROVE CERTIFICATED
SUB PAY SCALE

- 7.6.5 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Certificated Substitute Pay Scale, as presented.

APPROVE CHANGE IN
EMPLOYMENT, CLASSIFIED

- 7.6.6 On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved a change in classified employment, as presented:
 Lydia Lenihan, Behavioral Program Para 1:1 to Behavioral Program Para ED/SH

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS
REMOVED FROM CONSENT

- 8.0 Trustee Taylor pulled the item 7.4.2, expressing concern regarding the amount of instructional time lost when students are out of the classroom. She

7.4.2, APPROVE OVERNIGHT AG
DEPT TRIPS; 7.4.3 APPROVE
OVERNIGHT OHS FISHING
CLUB/TEAM TRIPS

emphasized the need for oversight, noting that Agriculture teachers receive additional paid non-instructional days. Trustee Taylor added that while the Board's current action is limited to approving the overnight travel schedule, oversight and student ratio needs to be maintained.

Board President Schemper pulled the item to inquire about the club's budget and fundraising strategy, noting that the current account balance reflects \$4.28. Principal Mike Moore clarified that the club is funded through student contributions and fundraising events, such as a recent Fish Fry, and noted that those proceeds may not yet be deposited. Trustee Taylor added that the Fish Fry was very successful and commended club advisor Hondo Arpoika for his outstanding work with the students. Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth noted that the current ASB account statement only reflects activity through June 30 and may not yet show July transactions.

M/S/C (Shatswell/Taylor) to approve Consent items 7.4.2 and 7.4.3, as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and Passed 5-0.

REPORT, MEGAN MACY, ESQ.,
LOZANO SMITH, ATTORNEYS
AT LAW

- 9.1 Legal Counsel Megan Macy (Lozano Smith) congratulated Student Board Member Meza on his swearing-in, shared a brief personal background, and introduced her firm's background and service model. She highlighted Lozano Smith's commitment to timely responsiveness, a team-based approach - noting partner Kyle Raney for Special Education and Ann Collins for Business Matters, and offered resources such as podcasts and client briefs. She expressed availability to address questions, specifically regarding billing and cost savings.

Superintendent Mendonca expressed appreciation to Ms. Macy for meeting with the Cabinet earlier in the day to learn about the district's community and priorities. Ms. Macy affirmed that understanding district priorities is an essential part of their approach and described the meeting as invaluable.

Trustee Taylor inquired about the impact of Artificial Intelligence on entry-level legal positions and legal services. Ms. Macy responded that the firm is actively exploring AI for cost-efficiency, plans to consult with the Superintendent regarding its application for the district, and emphasized that maintaining confidentiality remains the paramount consideration when using AI.

REPORT, [FIRST READING](#)
BP [3000s](#) & [7000s](#)

- 9.2 Chief Business Officer Kassandra Booth presented the First Reading of Revisions to Board Policies Section 3000 (Business and Noninstructional Operations) and Section 7000 (Facilities). District Administration determined these updates were necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with current state laws and regulations, noting that all policies presented will return to the Board in April for a second reading and final action. Responding to an inquiry from Trustee Shatswell regarding policies revised as recently as 2025, CBO Booth explained that this effort constitutes a comprehensive, full-manual update, requiring review across all sections to maintain optimal alignment. Superintendent Mendonca emphasized the necessity of reviewing these materials incrementally each month to ensure thorough oversight without overwhelming the Board.

During the detailed review, Trustee Taylor raised a question regarding AR 3515.5 (Sex Offender Notification) on page 111. CBO Booth committed to flagging the administrative regulation for staff review and providing clarification ahead of the second reading. Trustee Taylor further inquired about tracking major statutory modifications, to which CBO Booth noted that business policies experienced few major structural changes beyond standard legislative updates, adding that detailed side-by-side policy comparisons can be prepared upon request. CBO Booth also highlighted that high-priority policies are designated with a caret (^) in the Table of Contents, following up on Superintendent Mendonca's reminder that substantial revisions were introduced in the prior month's priority policies.

Addressing a question from Board President Schemper regarding BP 4500 on page 57, CBO Booth clarified that while CSBA pulled an outdated version during initial drafting, the live database was updated to reflect current district policy. To streamline future reviews, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Wegener suggested incorporating a formatting legend to clarify draft annotations such as "Keep" and "Use District," a proposal favorably received by the Board.

Superintendent Mendonca reaffirmed that trustee questions submitted to Cabinet will be compiled and distributed to the full Board, noting that the review timeline remains flexible if additional time is required. Dr. Wegener added that larger policy sets will be allocated a longer review window. CBO Booth and Superintendent Mendonca recognized Dr. Wegener for spearheading the policy revision initiative, and Trustee Taylor commended staff for their comprehensive work on the project.

REPORT, M&O SITE
IMPROVEMENT & SUMMER
PROJECTS UPDATE

- 9.3 Superintendent Mendonca introduced Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Todd Daily to present a comprehensive update on summer projects and department accomplishments. Director Daily commended the M&O staff, as well as the college and high school student workers, for their diligent efforts throughout the summer to ensure clean classrooms and well-maintained grounds despite untimely irrigation breaks. He extended special recognition to the lead custodians for managing complex site transitions, specifically highlighting Cloverland Lead Custodian James Sgamba for his exceptional work coordinating facility needs while hosting summer programs. Additionally, Director Daily recognized M&O Manager Arturo Simental for his proactive leadership in establishing standardized cleaning protocols and routines.

Director Daily detailed the completed summer maintenance and facility improvement projects across district sites:

Roofing Improvements: Roofing projects were completed on the Oakdale High School (OHS) Old Gym dome, the Cloverland Elementary library, and the Fair Oaks Elementary library. It was noted that the OHS New Gym roof will be addressed using Measure G bond funds.

Asphalt and Paving: Seal coating was applied to the main and staff parking lots at OHS. Oakdale Junior High School (OJHS) received resurfacing for both its basketball court area and fire lane.

Bond and Construction Projects: Active bond projects at OJHS remain on schedule, including the installation of a new shade structure and framing for the Student Services building and main office. The OJHS office was also upgraded with new carpeting and furniture, and select campus planters were refreshed.

Athletic Facility Upgrades: At OHS, the JV baseball field underwent a total renovation, featuring ground releveling for improved drainage, two new sets of bleachers with accessible concrete pads, an upgraded scoreboard, and new gravel. A \$13,000 material investment was made to restore the OHS soccer field turf for winter sports usage, and a new shade structure was installed over the OHS pool bleachers.

Elementary Campus Enhancements: Cloverland Elementary received privacy fencing fabric around the kindergarten play area, along with fresh paint on all campus doors. Fair Oaks Elementary received a new play structure designed to match existing playground equipment, complete with full bark replacement, as well as a newly planted oak tree at the front of the school. Sierra View Elementary's kindergarten area was updated with modified fencing and landscaping. Magnolia Elementary received a new marquee and unbudgeted HVAC replacements for Rooms 51 and 52.

Superintendent Mendonca concluded the report by commending the entire M&O department for their dedicated work to ensure district facilities were clean, safe, and fully prepared for the return of students and staff.

APPROVAL, [AUTHORIZATION](#)
FOR REPLACEMENT OF
ARCHITECT OF RECORD, OHS
GYM & GIRLS LOCKER ROOM

10.1 Superintendent Larry Mendonca reports that due to staffing and timing constraints, the district has negotiated an agreement to have Architecture Plus Inc. (API) and Architect Heidi Van Dyke assume the contracted duties from Archintecnica to complete the design and plan phases, along with all other obligations as set forth in the current contract, and the current contract conditions remain with no changes other than the recognition of the Architect of Record.

Superintendent Mendonca introduced Rob Holcomb and Gary Gery of Pacific Program Management to provide an update on district architectural services. Mr. Holcomb reported that the district's previously selected architectural firm experienced internal personnel disruptions, prompting him to initiate contact with Architectural Process, Inc. (API). He introduced architect Heidi Van Dyke to the Board, noting that API enthusiastically agreed to take on the scope of work. Mr. Holcomb confirmed that district administration successfully executed a legally compliant and secure administrative authorization to finalize the transition to all parties' satisfaction.

During the discussion, Trustee Taylor commended the management team for their swift resolution of the matter. Superintendent Mendonca praised Mr. Holcomb's leadership and proactive handling of the transition, noting that his report understated the considerable effort required to secure a seamless outcome. Board President Schemper expressed his appreciation for the efficient transition, noting his satisfaction with how smoothly the process was executed.

- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Shatswell)** to approve the Authorization for Replacement Passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL, [4TH QUARTER](#)
DEVELOPER FEE REPORT 10.2 Cassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, presented the quarterly report of developer fees collected in the fourth quarter for 2025-26. She reported fees collected include: 28 homes near Crane Road, 1 ADU in Knights Ferry, 4 ADUs district wide and 3 homes in Meadowland in Bridle Ridge. She reported we completed the year with Developer Fees of around \$3.5 million.
- It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Taylor)** to approve the Quarterly Developer Fees Report. Passed unanimously.
- ADOPTION, [AMENDMENT](#)
TO 26-27 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE 10.3 Superintendent Mendonca presented the Amendment to the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule and proposed to adjust the start time for Open Session to begin at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm to provide for an earlier adjournment of Board meetings, allowing participants and the audience to tend to other personal and family matters in the evening.
- It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Duvall)** to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule. Passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVAL,
OF [RESOLUTION #26-27-04](#),
PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT
TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS 10.4 Board President Schemper opened Public Hearing on Approval of **Resolution #26-27-04**, Provision of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials at 7:25 pm. Dr. Wegener reported the Board annually certifies every student has sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials aligned to content standards, has met with each site principal to confirm requirements have been met at each school site, and requested the Board waive reading of the Resolution. There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 7:27 pm.
- President Schemper waived the reading of the Resolution. A Roll Call Vote was taken and all Board members voted in favor to approve **Resolution #26-27-04**, Provision of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials.
- INFORMATION 11.1 Back to School Nights/Minimum Days
Oakdale High - August 12, 6:30 pm
Oakdale Junior High - August 13, 6:30 pm
Elementary Sites – August 14, 6:30 pm
East Stanislaus High School – August 19, 6:30 pm
- 11.2 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development – August 26
- 11.3 Labor Day Holiday - September 1
- 11.4 Labor Day Holiday - September 7
- 11.5 OHS FFA Alumni Association Dinner, FES Hall, 5:30 pm, September 12
- ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA 12.1 Approval of Prior Year Financial Report
- 12.2 **Public Hearing** to Present Information on Initial Proposals to Modify the Agreement Between the Oakdale Teachers' Association and the Oakdale Joint Unified School District
- 12.3 **Public Hearing** to Present Information on Initial Proposals to Modify the Agreement Between the California School Employees' Association Chapter #830 and the Oakdale Joint Unified School District

- ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA 13.1 Trustee Taylor made a comment that Administration should also receive recognition for the smooth school year opening.
- NEXT MEETING 14.0 Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:00pm (6:00pm Open Session) at Oakdale Joint Unified School District Technology & Staff Development Center, 331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale CA
- CLOSED SESSION 15.0 Board President Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.
- PUBLIC COMMENT 15.1 Board President Schemper opened Public Comment for Closed Session at 7:28 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 7:28 p.m.
- 15.2 The Board discussed Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent.
- OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:29 p.m.
- ACTION FROM 16.0 Board President Schemper reported:
CLOSED SESSION No action was taken.
- ADJOURNMENT 17.0 The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Clerk Signature