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, September 2, 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
(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

Acting Board President Keyzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS **Related to closed session agenda items only*

None

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Seal moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

1. Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

2. Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

3. Conference with District Negotiators, Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D., and Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney, in reference to negotiations with the Certificated Site Management, Certificated District Office Management, Classified Management, Contracted Employees, and Confidential Employee Groups - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

4. Confidential Personnel Matter - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

5. Confidential Student Matter - Pursuant to Government Code § 49060–49085, § 35146

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn Closed Session at 6:51 p.m., to reconvene in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION *(7:00 P.M.)*

Acting Board President Keyzer 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

Acting Board President Keyzer led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Due to Board President Seal's inability to verbally conduct the meeting, Board Clerk Keyzer served as Acting President.

Present:
Kirk Seal
Melissa Keyzer
Scott Masten, Ph.D.

Absent:
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D.
Jon Yoffie

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Board Member Seal seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board has received public comment via written correspondence from the following individual(s) since the previous regular board meeting:

1. Josiah Ferguson (email 8/20/26)
2. Brandon Diaz (email 8/21/26 and email 9/1/26)

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

Public comment closed at 7:01 p.m.

X. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Facilities Project Update

   Brian McCahon, Director of Facilities, presented the above-linked presentation and reported on summer facilities projects throughout the District. The largest project was completion of the District's portion of improvements to the Buckeye Elementary kindergarten area, including replacement of deteriorated concrete and

improvements to address standing water and drainage concerns. The project cost a little over $315,000. Additional summer work included seal coating and restriping at Silva Valley and Oak Meadow, roof and dry rot repairs at William Brooks, flooring and irrigation work at Rolling Hills, door hardware upgrades to address fire code requirements, and miscellaneous roof repairs at several sites.

Board Discussion:
Board members asked about staffing and oversight of the facilities projects and commended McCahon and his team for completing a significant amount of work during the short summer period. The Board also discussed the improvements to the Buckeye kindergarten area and future additions to the newly completed concrete surface.

(Brian McCahon, Director of Facilities)

2. Curriculum and Instruction New School Year Report

Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on professional development and instructional activities at the start of the school year. Training included implementation of Magnetic Literacy for elementary teachers; CommonLit 360 and MyPerspectives for middle school ELA; refresher training for the Sonday reading intervention program; and ongoing support for 28 new teachers. Students in grades 1-8 had completed or were nearing completion of the i-Ready Inform reading and mathematics assessments, with teachers and principals beginning to review the resulting data.

Ms. Ball also reviewed August 28 iDay professional development, which included continued Magnetic Literacy training and planning, TK fine-motor/STEM/outdoor learning collaboration, Buckeye Union Mandarin Immersion professional development, IB collaboration and unit planning, de-escalation strategies, physical education dance-unit training and special education updates and planning.

Board Discussion:
Board members discussed which teacher groups participated in Magnetic Literacy training and the implementation of the District's newly adopted instructional materials. Ms. Ball indicated that pacing is currently the primary challenge with first-year implementation and that student growth will be monitored through i-Ready, trimester assessments and state assessment data. Board members also recognized the extensive training and support being provided to staff.

(Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

Following all presentations, the Board will accept Public Comments regarding any presentation(s).

Public Comment: None.

XI. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
    - August 28 iDay professional development was engaging and productive, with staff participating in training and activities throughout the District. The full professional development day provided valuable time for staff learning and collaboration.
    - Teaching and learning are fully underway across the District.
    - Cross country is beginning at several school sites.
    - Rolling Hills Middle School held a well-attended sixth-grade Back-to-School Night, where teachers helped families learn how to access online portals to monitor assignments and grades and communicate with teachers. The strong turnout reflected the District's supportive and engaged community.
2. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) - None
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Enrollment Report: Jackie McHaney
    - Ms. McHaney reported that there are currently 4,171 students enrolled in the District, a decrease of 56 students from the end of the previous school year. She noted that enrollment is still settling at the beginning of the school year.
    - Ms. McHaney discussed factors contributing to declining enrollment, including declining birth rates and housing affordability. She also noted that the Student Support Block Grant requires the District to hold a public hearing on enrollment before the end of the school year and that the District will continue exploring ways to improve enrollment.
4. Charter Quarterly Reports:
    - Rising Sun Montessori: Karl Zierhut - None
    - Clarksville Charter School Report: Shannon Breckenridge, Associate Executive Director
        i. Shannon Breckenridge, Associate Executive Director, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on the school's 2026-2027 theme, "Go Out, Make a Difference," staff collaboration and professional development, and current enrollment of 2,677 students, compared with a budgeted enrollment of 2,680. Clarksville maintains a waitlist of approximately 1,500 students and intends to maintain enrollment near its current level rather than pursue significant growth. Ms. Breckenridge also reported on family Back-to-School meetings, the Virtual Academy, improvements to the local Resource Center and its new print shop, and expanded student opportunities. The Virtual Academy provides live online instruction for students in grades 6-12, including CTE pathways, college-credit opportunities and the military program. Adventure Academy provides enrichment opportunities for younger students, and approximately 120 students are participating in Adventure Academy Core for grades 3-5. Additional supports include mental health services, targeted

academic intervention through the Thrive program, student clubs and community events, including the upcoming Carnival of Letters and Numbers.

ii. Board Discussion: Board members discussed the student clubs, including the Chicken Charmers Club, which provides students an opportunity to share information about caring for their chickens while practicing communication and public-speaking skills.

5. Reports and Requests by Board Members
    - Board Member Keyzer reported on the recent El Dorado County School Boards Association (EDCSBA) meeting. She shared that neighboring districts reported positive starts to the school year and summer facilities improvements and invited Board members to identify countywide issues for future collaboration. She also reported that Raise the Base was discussed and was already included on the Association's agenda.
    - Superintendent Roth provided additional information regarding the Raise the Base coalition, explaining that Buckeye Union School District receives substantially less per-pupil revenue than the statewide average. He reported that nearly 60 districts representing approximately 350,000 students have joined the coalition and that advocacy efforts will continue to raise awareness and seek more sufficient base funding for school districts.

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

Public Comment: None.

XII. 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 item(s). The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

1. Board Meeting Minutes - August 19, 2026
2. Declaration of Surplus:
    - Valley View: Laptops, Printers, ISD Switch (8/13/26)
    - William Brooks: Laptops, Tablets (8/13/26)
    - William Brooks: Printers, Desktop (5/14/26)
3. Approval of Out-of-State Conference:
    - Valley View - Florida Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools (FLIBS) Conference, Florida (September 2026) *3 teachers
4. BUSD Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP) SB 553

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

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

Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

Board Discussion:
Board Member Masten asked how employee input, including input from BTA and staff, was incorporated into the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Ms. McHaney explained that the plan was developed based on the requirements of SB 553, employee interests and concerns, District experience and conversations with employees. She noted that the plan is a living document and can continue to be updated based on feedback. Superintendent Roth added that District leadership maintains ongoing conversations with CSEA and BTA leadership regarding workplace safety. Board Member Masten noted that the plan extends beyond physical violence and addresses other workplace safety concerns, including psychological trauma, stress, retaliation, investigation and post-incident review.

Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 3-0.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **ACTION -** Consideration/Adoption of *Resolution No. **27-01*** Ensuring Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials
   In order to comply with the requirements of Education Code 60119, a public hearing will be held on or before the eighth week of school to provide information regarding sufficient standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials consistent with the cycle and content of the curriculum for all students in the Buckeye Union School District.

a. Staff Report:

- Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that the annual textbook sufficiency process ensures all students have access to standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in English Language Arts, mathematics, science and history/social science. The District begins reviewing enrollment and ordering materials in the spring and generally orders approximately 10% above projected enrollment to accommodate enrollment changes and replacement needs. Ms. Ball reported that textbook inventory is monitored through Destiny and compared with enrollment data in Alma. She confirmed that the District has sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for its students.
- In response to Board questions, Ms. Ball confirmed that students receiving special education services are included in the District's enrollment counts and have access to the same adopted, standards-aligned core instructional materials as other students. Students may also receive supplemental or intervention materials based on their individual needs.

b. Open Public Hearing:

- Acting Board President Keyzer opened the public hearing at approximately 7:49 p.m.

c. Public Testimony/Comment: None.

- Public Comment closed at approximately 7:49 p.m.

d. Public Hearing closed at approximately 7:49 p.m.

e. Board Discussion and Vote:

- Board Member Keyzer reported that she had reviewed the District's textbook inventory with the District Librarian and confirmed that the number of available textbooks exceeded the number of students. She also noted that middle school students have access to textbooks for both classroom and home use.
- Board Member Masten indicated his support for the resolution based on staff's confirmation that all students, including students receiving special education services, have access to the standards-aligned instructional materials addressed by the resolution.

- Board Member Masten moved to approve Resolution No. 27-01 Ensuring Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials.
- Board Member Seal seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 3-0.

(Rachelle Ball, Director of Curriculum and Instruction)

2. **ACTION** - Consider and Approve Receipt of 2026-2027 Contract Opener Proposals from the Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA) to the Buckeye Union School District
   This hearing is provided for the public to become informed and express itself regarding the Proposal. In accordance with California Government Code Section 3547, BTA's initial contract reopeners are sunshined for public inspection and comment.

Items 2 and 3 were considered together.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

3. **ACTION** - Consider and Approve the Response/Initial Proposals of the Buckeye Union School District to the Buckeye Teachers Association's (BTA) Initial Contract Opener Proposal for 2026-2027 school year
   This hearing is provided for the public to become informed and express itself regarding the Proposal. In accordance with California Government Code Section 3547, the District's response to BTA and its initial contract reopeners are sunshined for public inspection and comment.

a. Staff Report:

- Ms. McHaney reported that the entire BTA contract is open for negotiation for 2026-2027 and explained that the initial proposals are being "sunshined" to inform the public of the topics that will be discussed during negotiations. BTA's initial proposal includes salary, employee benefits, development of a two-year calendar for 2027-2028 and 2028-2029, and other terms and conditions of the contract. Ms. McHaney reported that the District's response and initial proposal addresses the same general contract articles. She expressed appreciation for the productive working relationship between the District and its labor partners and stated that the District looks forward to continuing productive and efficient negotiations.

b. Open Public Hearing:

- Acting Board President Keyzer opened the public hearing at approximately 7:54 p.m.

c. Public Testimony/Comment: None.

- Public Comment closed at approximately 7:54 p.m.

d. Public Hearing closed at approximately 7:54 p.m.

e. Board Discussion and Vote:

- Board Member Masten commented that the BTA and District proposals appeared closely aligned, with both parties identifying essentially the same issues and approaching negotiations through an interest-based process focused on common interests.

- Board Member Masten moved to take action on Items 2 and 3 together.
- Board Member Seal seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 3-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

XIV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - via Zoom and in-person

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn.

Board Member Seal seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Board President Keyzer adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Approval Date:_____

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

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