

**HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Hamilton High School Library
620 Canal Street, Hamilton City, CA 95951
Wednesday, August 26, 2026**

5:30 p.m.	Public session for purposes of opening the meeting only
5:30 p.m.	Closed session to discuss closed session items listed below (For Board Only)
6:30 p.m.	Reconvene to open session at 6:30 p.m.

Hamilton Unified School District Board Meetings are open to the public.

1.0 OPENING BUSINESS: 5:34 p.m.

- a. Call to order and roll call
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| <u> X </u> Hubert "Wendell" Lower, President | <u> X </u> Rod Boone, Clerk | <u> X </u> Gabriel Leal |
| <u> X </u> Vanessa Ortiz | Absent Ray Odom | |

2.0 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: Public comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard (agenda and non-agenda items). The Board may limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes per topic. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific action item prior to board action thereon. *None*

4.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: To consider qualified matters.

- a. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property:
Agency Negotiators: Dr. Jeremy Powell, Superintendent; Kristen Hamman, Chief Business Official
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- b. Government Code Section 54957, Personnel Issue. To consider public employee, evaluation, reassignment, resignation, release, dismissal, or discipline of a classified and/or certificated employee.
- c. Government Code Section 54957.6, Labor Negotiations. To confer with the District's Labor Negotiator, Superintendent Jeremy Powell regarding HTA and CSEA negotiations.
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Government Code section 54957, subdivision (b)(1). Superintendent.

Report out action taken in closed session. The Board gave direction on a personnel matter.

5.0 PUBLIC SESSION/FLAG SALUTE: *Mr. Lower lead the flag salute.*

6.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA: (M)

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mrs. Ortiz 2nd by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

- a. Board Member Comments/Reports
- b. ASB President and Student Council President Reports
- Hamilton High School – Isabella Lozano
 - Ms. Lozano presented.*
 - Hamilton Elementary School - Isaac Cuevas-Vera
 - Mr. Cuevas-Vera presented.*
- c. District Reports (written)
- Technology Report by Frank James (p. 4)
 - Nutrition Services Report by Erendida Moreno (p. 5)

- iii. Operations Report by Alan Joksch (p. 7)
- iv. Community Schools and Family Engagement by Rachel Sanchez (p. 8)
- v. Human Resources & State and Federal Programs by Jolene Towne (p. 10)
- d. Principal and Dean of Student Reports (written)
 - i. Ulises Tellechea, Hamilton Elementary School Principal (p. 11)
 - 1. [Mr. Tellechea presented.](#)
 - ii. Maria Reyes, District Dean of Students (Handout)
 - 1. [Mrs. Reyes presented.](#)
 - iii. Cris Oseguera, Hamilton High School Principal (p. 13)
 - 1. [Mr. Oseguera presented.](#)
 - iv. Silvia Robles, Adult School
- e. Chief Business Official Report by Kristen Hamman (written) (p. 14)
- f. Superintendent Report by Jeremy Powell (written) (p. 15)
 - i. [Dr. Powell presented.](#)

8.0 PRESENTATIONS:

- a. HUSD Community Schools Implementation Plan 2026-27 (p. 16)
 - i. [Item labeled to the September Board meeting.](#)

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Letter from Country Bible Church Re: Community BBQ (p. 77)
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)

10.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Bond Status: Fund 21 Update 2025-26 (p. 78)
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)
- b. Bond Status: Fund 21 Update 2026-27 (p. 79)
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)
- c. HUSD Staff Bios (p. 80)
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)

11.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. HUSD Policies review for first readings for discussion (p. 82)
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)
- b. Researching the Feasibility of Trustee Areas
 - i. [Dr. Powell reviewed.](#)

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[None.](#)

13.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approve Tentative Agreement between HTA and HUSD for the 2026-27 school year. (p. 88)

[Motion to approve agreement by Mr. Leal 2nd by Mr. Boone](#)

[Motion Carried 4-0](#)

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

- b. Approve Certificated Salary Schedule, Certificated Extra Duty Salary Schedule (based off of Column III, Step I of the 2026-27 Certificated Salary Schedule), Classified Management/Confidential Salary Schedule, Certificated Management Salary Schedule, Chief Business Official Salary Schedule, and the Other Duty (Adult Ed I Teacher only) Salary Schedule containing a 3% COLA. (p. 109)

[Motion to approve salary schedule by Mr. Leal 2nd by Mr. Boone](#)

[Motion Carried 4-0](#)

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

- c. Approve Superintendent 2026-27 Salary Schedule containing a 3% COLA. (p. 116)

Motion to approve salary schedule by Mr. Boone 2nd by Mr. Leal.

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

- d. Approve purchase of 2022 Blue Bird AARE, 78 passenger School Bus. (p. 118)

Motion to approve purchase by Mrs. Ortiz 2nd by Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

- e. Approve Completion of HHS Announcer's Booth Repair and Improvement Project (p. 120)

Motion to approve completion of project by Mr. Leal 2nd by Mrs. Ortiz

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

- a. CSBA Policies review for second reading and adoption (p. 127)

- i. Policy 0441 – Artificial Intelligence

Motion to approve report by Mr. Leal 2nd by Mr. Boone

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

14.0 CONSENT AGENDA: Items in the consent agenda are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board in one motion. There is no discussion of these items prior to the Board vote and unless a member of the Board, staff, or public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the consent agenda. Each item on the consent agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

- a. Approve Professional Services Proposal with King Consulting for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (p. 128)
- b. Approve Butte-Glenn Community College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement for Fiscal year 2026-27 (p. 136)
- c. Minutes from July 22, 2026 (p. 141)
- d. Warrants and Expenditures (p. 143)
- e. HES & HHS Teacher Consent Forms (p. 159)
- f. Interdistrict Transfers (new only; elementary students reapply annually).

- i. Out

1. Hamilton Elementary School
 - a. TK-5: 15
 - b. 6-8: 5
2. Hamilton High School
 - a. 9-12: 4

- ii. In

1. Hamilton Elementary School
 - a. TK-5: 8
 - b. 6-8: 7
2. Hamilton High School
 - a. 9-12: 17

- g. Personnel Actions as Presented:

New Hires: Robert Shaw Long Term Substitute Teacher

HES

Lex Corniciuc Cross Country Coach

HHS

Resignations/Retirement/Release/Position Change:

Bianca Ledezma Paraeducator/Library Media Technician HES

Motion to approve consent agenda by Mr. Boone 2nd Mr. Leal

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Ortiz: AYE
Odom: ABSENT	

15.0 ADJOURNMENT: 7:21 p.m.

X



Rod Boone
HUSD Board Clerk

X



Jeremy Powell
HUSD Superintendent