



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, August 31, 2026 □ 6:00 p.m.
Central Office Boardroom

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Fife School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Reid. Five board members were in attendance; therefore a quorum was verified. Board members present were Reid, Dr. Palmer Yee, Hale, Ki' Laurencio, and Bjorkman. Administrators in attendance were Interim Superintendent Ramirez, Dr. Edwards, Torres, Dr. Lombardo, Dickson, Dr. Hannah, Burrus, Wilmot, Thomas, and Parrish. Bowman and Johnson were excused. Student Representative Kristen Reed was present. Jessica Connaway was present and acting as Recording Secretary. Visitors were Teresa Diessner and Anne O'Malley.

Public Hearing: 2026-2027 District Budget

2026-2027 District Budget Presentation by Justin Lanting, PSESD.

Public Hearing began at 6:01 p.m.

Anne O'Malley registered for public comment to discuss SLMS girls locker room.

Closed Public Hearing closed at 6:26 p.m.

Business and Fiscal Services

July Fiscal Report presented by Justin Lanting, PSESD.

Motion made by Hale and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Resolution 26-19; Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget, presented by Justin Lanting, PSESD.

Approval of Vouchers & Expense Reimbursements

Motion made by Ki' Laurencio and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the payment of the vouchers as follows: General Fund, Warrant No. 128988 through 129178 in the amount of \$1,912,196.20; ASB Fund, Warrant 47207 through 47225 in the amount of \$41,476.61; Capital Projects, Warrant 211720 through 211732 in the amount of \$110,570.88; General Fund/ACH and ASB/ACH in the amount of \$58,376.23; Payroll, Warrant No. 96433 through 96460 and direct deposits in the amount of \$5,717,718.22.

Recess

Recess at 6:30 p.m.

Reconvene

Reconvened regular session at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes

Motion made by Bjorkman and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 27, 2026.

Motion made by Dr. Palmer Yee and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the study/executive session meeting minutes from August 17, 2026.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda was deemed approved by the Board

Resolution 26-15; Surplus Property

New Hires

- ▷ Andrea Albertson, SLP, Early Learning Center - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Stephen Battey, Teacher/Resource Room, Surprise Lake Middle School - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Morgan Blackmore, CTE Teacher/AP Computer Science, Fife High School - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Alayna Coldiron, CTE Teacher/Graphic Arts, Fife High School - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Lauren Crater, Teacher/Resource Room, Fife High School - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Abigaill Hester, School Counselor/Leave Replacement, Fife Elementary - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Latonya Hulitt, Family Support Specialist, Early Learning Center - August 19, 2026
- ▷ Kyla Williams, SLP, Early Learning Center (One-Year Only) - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Paola Garcia Rodriguez, Paraeducator, Fife Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Anterpreet Kaur, Paraeducator, CAT Program - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Kelsey Kennedy, Paraeducator, Fife Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Katelin Licari, Paraeducator, Hedden Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ LaShell Lowe, Paraeducator SPED, Fife Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Jaytan Quiocho, Paraeducator SPED, Hedden Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Madison Peterson, General Secretary, Fife Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Neils Stout, Paraeducator SPED, Fife Elementary - September 2, 2026
- ▷ Kyla Williams, SLP, District (One-Year Only) - September 1, 2026
- ▷ Sadie Fitzgerald, Special Education/Life Skills Teacher, Discovery Primary - September 1, 2026

Resignations

- ▷ Kalena Busi, Paraeducator, Fife Elementary - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Amy Hart, Teacher/Life Skills, Early Learning Center - July 28, 2026
- ▷ Amanda Pennington, Paraeducator/Life Skills, Discovery Primary - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Lisa Trombley, Teacher/Special Education/Life Skills, Fife Elementary - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Julianna Nalivayko, Assistant Teacher, Early Learning Center - August 14, 2026
- ▷ CarrieAnn Hempel, CTE Paraeducator, Fife High School - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Pamela Reece, Kitchen Assistant, Columbia Junior High - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Cang Le, Custodian, Fife High School - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Sulamita Compton, Paraeducator, Surprise Lake Middle School - August 31, 2026
- ▷ Margarita Palacios, Paraeducator, Columbia Junior High - August 31, 2026

2026-2027 School Board Meeting Calendar

Motion made by Ki'Laurencio and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the 2026-2027 Regular School Board Meeting Calendar, presented by Ben Ramirez.

Resolution 26-21

Motion made by Hale and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Resolution 26-21; Final Acceptance of Construction Completion, presented by Ben Ramirez.

2026-2027 EWU MOU

Motion made by Bjorkman and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the 2026-2027 EWU College in the High School MOU, presented by Christiann Thomas.

First Reading Policies

Policy 5201; Drug-Free Schools, Community, and Workplace, presented by Lillie Torres.

Policy 5407; Military Leave, presented by Lillie Torres.

Policy 2161; Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Policy 3115; Homeless Students - Enrollment Rights and Services, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Second Reading Policies

Motion made by Bjorkman and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Policy 3411; Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Motion made by Dr. Palmer Yee and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Policy 3420; Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Motion made by Ki' Laurencio and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Policy 3422; Concussion and Head Injury, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Motion made by Hale and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Policy 3246; Restraint and Isolation, presented by Rachel Dickson.

Resolution 26-20

Motion made by Ki'Laurencio and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve Resolution 26-20; National Hispanic Heritage Month, presented by Cheryl Red.

Open Public Comments

Rebecca Norman registered for public comment to discuss senior parking spots.

Keri Garcia registered for public comment to discuss SLMS girls locker room.

Adjournment

At 7:19 p.m., there being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

Board President

Recording Secretary