

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

Oakdale Joint Unified School District
 Technology & Staff Development Center
 331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, California

THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Clayton Schemper.

1.2 TRUSTEES PRESENT

Bill Duvall, Diane Gilbert, Clayton Schemper, Tina Shatswell and Terri Taylor were present. Student Board Member Armando Meza was present.

1.3 LATE ARRIVALS

None.

1.4 TRUSTEES ABSENT

None.

1.5 VISITORS PRESENT

Isaac Robles, Larynne Holland, Kimber Tavares, Michael Nessl

2.0 CLOSED SESSION

Board President Schemper adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

3.0 PLEDGE

Trustee Shatswell introduced Fair Oaks Elementary students who led the pledge of allegiance: Solomon Badger, Grade 6; Isabella Sandoval, Grade 5; Steele O'Neal, Grade 4. These students were awarded certificates for their participation.

4.0 ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 2.2.1 The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to release a probationary classified employee (#004576) on August 31, 2026.
- 2.3 The Board had a conference with the district's labor negotiator; no action was taken.
- 2.4 The Board discussed Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent; no action was taken.

5.0 APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

It was **M/S/C (Duvall/Shatswell)** to approve the order of agenda items for this meeting. Passed unanimously.

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6.1 OHS FFA Students were recognized for 1st-2nd Place Awards at the 2026 Stanislaus County Fair:
 Sheep: Gabby Gonzalez, Skyler Mitchell, Madi Smith, Dante Mazzanti
 Goats: Bobbi Fuller, Bailey Johnson, Millie Cox, Leon Airola, Peyton Solansky, Savannah Rivera, Alexis Avara
 Cattle: Cooper Brown, Troy Cox, Eric Ramos,
 Swine: Crew Baza, Taylor Hicks

7.0 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

7.1 ORGANIZATION REPORT, OTA

Oakdale Teachers Association (OTA) President Joe Gilbert addressed the Board, beginning his remarks by offering congratulations to Student Board Trustee Armando Meza on his appointment to the position. Turning to district operations, Mr. Gilbert expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming labor negotiations and extended his appreciation to the OTA members who participated in the recent negotiations survey. He concluded by acknowledging the collaborative nature of the process, noting that productive contract negotiations require dedicated effort from both sides of the table.

7.2 ORGANIZATION REPORT, CSEA

None.

7.3 ORGANIZATION REPORT, STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Student Board Trustee Armando Meza presented a report detailing recent activities across district sites. He highlighted the success of the Oakdale High School (OHS) Back to School Rally, offering commendations to the Rally Commissioners for their creative execution. He noted that Back to School Nights proceeded smoothly with leadership students assisting parents, and expressed gratitude to district staff for supervising the Senior Sunrise event. Trustee Meza also recognized OHS's participation in Blue Out Day to support prostate cancer awareness. Looking ahead, he reported that elementary school sites are actively preparing for their upcoming Jog-A-Thon, sixth-grade basketball teams have initiated practices, and he is currently collaborating with site administration on a project regarding designated senior parking spaces.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Clayton Schemper opened the Public Comments portion of the agenda at 6:23 p.m. There being none, Public Comments closed at 6:23 p.m.

9.1 REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Calendar.

9.2 ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR

It was **M/S/C (Shatswell/Gilbert)** to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed Unanimously.

9.3.1 ADOPT MINUTES OF 8/10/2026

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board adopted minutes of its regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, August 10, 2026, as presented.

9.4.1 APPROVE INTERDISTRICT REQUESTS, 2026-2027

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved interdistrict requests, 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

9.4.2 ACKNOWLEDGE STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026-2027

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board acknowledged the Student Discipline Report for the month of August 2026, and Prior Two-Year Comparison, as presented.

9.5.1 APPROVE WARRANTS THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2026 AND CYCLE I & II PAYROLL FOR AUGUST 2026

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved district warrants prepared for payment through August 28, 2026 and Cycle I and II Payroll for August 2026, as presented.

9.5.2 APPROVE CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Consultant Agreements, as presented.

9.5.3 APPROVE STUDENT BODY ACCOUNTS, OAKDALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR AUGUST 2026

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale Junior High School, August 2026, as presented.

9.5.4 APPROVE STUDENT BODY ACCOUNTS, OAKDALE HIGH SCHOOL FOR AUGUST 2026

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved Student Body Accounts, Oakdale High School, August 2026, as presented.

9.5.5 APPROVE OAKDALE HIGH SCHOOL AUTO SHOP DONATION

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Oakdale High School Auto Shop donation, as presented.

9.5.6 APPROVE FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH KNIGHTS FERRY

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Field Trip Transportation Agreement with Knights Ferry for the 2026-2027 School Year, as presented.

9.6.1 APPROVE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified employment, as presented.

Samantha Escobar, Yard Duty Aide, Magnolia, eff. 8/06/2026

Emilee Lawson, Yard Duty Aide, Cloverland, eff. 8/06/2026

Tristan Alexander, ELP Aide, Magnolia, eff. 8/06/2026

Melanie Schively, Behavior Program Para 1:1, Cloverland, eff. 8/18/2026

Delia Paredes, Behavior Program Bus Aide, Transportation, eff. 9/02/2026

9.6.2 ACCEPT CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified resignation, as presented.

Cynthia Toste, ELP Aide, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/05/2026

9.6.3 ACCEPT CLASSIFIED PROMOTION

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved classified promotion, as presented.

Ashleigh Allan, from Yard Duty to Instructional Aide - TK, Fair Oaks, eff. 8/24/2026

9.6.4 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TEMPORARY CONTRACTING OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE ELOP PROGRAM

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Temporary Contracting of Health Services for the ELOP Program, as presented.

9.6.5 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NIGHT CUSTODIAN ASSIGNMENTS AND WORK AREAS

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Night Custodian Assignments and Work Areas, as presented.

9.6.6 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXTENSION OF ALARM CALL BACK

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Extension of Alarm Call Back, as presented.

9.6.7 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RECLASSIFICATION - BEHAVIORAL PROGRAM PARAPROFESSIONAL - BUS AIDE

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Reclassification - Behavioral Program Paraprofessional Bus Aide, as presented.

9.6.8 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IMPLEMENTATION AND USE OF WHITE FLEET DISTRICT VEHICLE CAMERAS

On adoption of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Implementation and Use of White Fleet District Vehicle Cameras, as presented.

10.0 DISPOSITION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

11.1 REPORT: FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 0000 PHILOSOPHY GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS; 1000 COMMUNITY RELATIONS; 2000 ADMINISTRATION; AND 9000 BYLAWS

Superintendent Larry Mendonca presented the First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy Sections 0000 (Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans), 1000 (Community Relations), 2000 (Administration), and 9000 (Bylaws). He explained that District Administration determined the policy revisions are necessary to maintain compliance with current state laws and regulations, noting that the update represents a tailored review to align with the needs of the local

educational community rather than a wholesale policy overhaul. District Leadership worked on their respective department sections and brought them forward for due consideration, with all presented sections scheduled to return for a second reading and final action at the April meeting.

During the presentation, Trustee Shatswell raised a query regarding the artificial intelligence (AI) policy outlined on page 45 of Section 0000, asking what measures the district is taking to monitor student AI usage. Assistant Superintendent Wegener clarified that AI regulations are integrated across several student and employee policies, adding that curriculum councils are actively evaluating strategies to address misuse. She noted that while Google Gemini has been restricted for student use, it remains available to staff. Superintendent Mendonca assured the Board that additional options will be explored prior to the April second reading. Student Board Trustee Armando Meza shared that high school English teachers have effectively combated AI misuse by requiring in-class essay writing. In response, Trustee Taylor noted concerns that this practice may compromise instructional time.

Closing the policy discussion, Trustee Taylor commended the administration for the structured roll-out of the policy updates, which Superintendent Mendonca acknowledged involves significant reading and time. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Gilbert regarding the timeline of previous revisions, Assistant Superintendent Wegener confirmed that the district's last comprehensive policy update occurred in 2010. Separately, Trustee Shatswell inquired about the progress of the Comprehensive Safety Plans regarding the October deadline. Child Welfare and Attendance Director Catherine Medlin confirmed that the plans are on target and will be submitted for formal Board approval at the October meeting.

12.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON INITIAL PROPOSALS TO MODIFY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OAKDALE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE OAKDALE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At 6:34 p.m., the Board opened a Public Hearing regarding labor negotiations. During the hearing, Assistant Superintendent Jose Sanchez and Oakdale Teachers Association (OTA) President Joe Gilbert formally exchanged initial contract proposals for modifications to the collective bargaining agreement. The Public Hearing was officially closed at 6:35 p.m.

12.2 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

The Board opened a Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. regarding labor negotiations. Assistant Superintendent Jose Sanchez was present representing district administration, but no representatives from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) were in attendance. Consequently, initial contract proposals to modify the collective bargaining agreement were not exchanged, and the Public Hearing was officially closed at 6:35 p.m.

12.3 APPROVAL OF PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT – UNAUDITED ACTUALS

CBO Cassandra Booth presented a report on the district's unaudited actuals for the period ending June 30, 2026. She reviewed the Purpose of Unaudited Actuals, Financial Highlights, General Fund Financials, and What's Next. She reviewed the Purpose of Unaudited Actuals, Budget /Fiscal Cycle and approval of Adopted Budget in June, First Interim in December, Second Interim in March, and LCAP & Budget Development.

In reviewing Financial Highlights, she noted District enrollment was 4,999 in October 2025, a decrease of 63 students enrolled from prior year, ADA was 4,683.49 at P-2, a decrease of 27.95 from prior year P-2, and district was funded on three-year average ADA of 4,806.64. She also noted that the district maximized its fiscal resources by strategically expending \$3.7 million in one-time grants, including Educator Effectiveness, Learning Recovery, Art & Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary, and Literacy Screening professional development.

In reviewing General Fund Expense by Function, she reported 64% spent on Instruction, 9% on Instructional Support, 11% on Pupil Services, 9% on M&O, and 7% on General Administration.

She reviewed General Fund Revenues of \$85 million which includes prior year carryover and one-time funds of \$1.7 million; Revenues include LCFF 73.7%, Other State 13.8%, Local 9.4%, and Federal 3.2%. She reviewed General Fund Expenditures of \$86.1 million, with Step & Column for Employees, CalPERS decrease, Insurance Increase, and one-time funds of \$3.7 million. She noted 77% of unrestricted expenditures on employee salaries and benefits.

She noted General Fund Summary Unassigned Reserve of 11.29%; and Ending Fund Restricted Fund Balance of \$8,131,037, and Committed Fund Balance of \$11,096,920.

In reviewing What's Next, she noted:

- December 2026, 26-27 First Interim Budget Report
- January 2027, 25-26 Annual Financial Report, New Governor to release State Preliminary Budget for 27-28
- March 2027, 26-27 Second Interim Budget Report

The full report is posted on the district website. There were no questions from the Board.

It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Duvall)** to approve the Prior Year Financial Report - Unaudited Actuals. Passed Unanimously.

12.4 **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #26-27-03, GANN LIMIT APPROPRIATIONS**

Kassandra Booth, Chief Business Officer, presented this Resolution for approval, and asked the Board to waive the reading of the resolution.

It was **M/S/C (Taylor/Duvall)** to approve Resolution #26-27-03, Gann Limin Appropriations. A roll call vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

13.0 **INFORMATION**

- 13.1 OJHS CalFire Field Trip, September 16
- 13.2 OHS College and Career Expo in Main Gym, September 17, 5:00 pm
- 13.3 Senior Parent Night, OHS Theater, September 17, 6:00 pm
- 13.4 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, September 23
- 13.5 Fair Oaks Family Music Night, Fair Oaks Cafe, September 23, 6:00 pm
- 13.6 OHS Homecoming Window Painting, September 26
- 13.7 Pitman Band Review, OHS Band, Pitman High School, September 26
- 13.8 OHS Homecoming Week, September 28 - October 2, 2026
- 13.9 OHS Homecoming Parade 1:45 – 2:05 pm; Games 5:00 pm & 7:30 pm, October 2
- 13.10 Elementary Jog-a-Thon, October 9
- 13.11 K-12 Minimum Day / Staff Development, October 9

14.0 **ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

15.0 **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, October 12, 2026, 6:00 P.M. (Open Session), at OJUSD Technology & Staff Development Center, 331 Hinkley Avenue, Oakdale, CA

16.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.


Clerk Signature