



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 16, 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
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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

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

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

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

Public comment closed at 6:00 p.m.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **DISCUSSION** - 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. **DISCUSSION** - 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. **DISCUSSION** - 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. **DISCUSSION** - Public employee employment and performance evaluation (§ 54957(b)) - 2026-2027 Superintendent's Evaluation

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Board Member Keyzer moved to adjourn Closed Session at 6:56 p.m., to reconvene in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Absent:

Jon Yoffie, Board Member

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

Board President Seal 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

Board President Seal led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present:

Kirk Seal, Board President

Melissa Keyzer, Board Clerk

Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Board Member

Scott Masten, Ph.D., Board Member

Absent:

Jon Yoffie, Board Member

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Camerado Springs Middle School Student Presentation

- Students: Aidyn Kramer, President
Giacomo Accettura, Vice President

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

Aidyn Kramer, President, and Giacomo Accettura, Vice President, reported on Camerado Springs Middle School activity highlights including student leadership, class colors, spirit days, Attendance Awareness Month, student council, the Welcome to the Jungle school dance, public speaking opportunities, and leadership committees. They reported that approximately 30 students are participating in leadership this year and shared ways leadership students are working to increase student involvement and school spirit.

The students also shared information about themselves and engaged Board members in a discussion about their favorite seasonings and condiments. Board members thanked the students for their presentation and complimented their public speaking skills.

X. 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. Scott Richards (email 9/5/26)
2. Brandon Diaz (email 9/11/26)

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

Public comment closed at approximately 7:10 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. [Camerado Springs Middle School Principal Presentation](#)

Sara Matley, Principal, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board which included information on Camerado Springs Middle School's mission and International Baccalaureate (IB) program, enrollment and student demographics, school recognitions, preliminary student achievement data, chronic absenteeism and suspension rates, student activities, athletics, clubs, leadership opportunities, Rotary involvement, staff, and continued implementation of the IB program.

She also highlighted Camerado Springs' continued IB work, including learner profiles, standards-aligned unit planning, teacher collaboration, rubric-based assessments, service opportunities, the eighth-grade community project, and the school's successful IB reauthorization.

Board Discussion:

Board members asked which indicator Ms. Matley would be watching most closely during the school year. Ms. Matley indicated that she would be closely monitoring mathematics data and discussed the District's use of interim data and adjustments to the school's intervention model to identify needs and make instructional adjustments during the school year rather than waiting for end-of-year assessment results. Board members thanked Ms. Matley and complimented the work occurring at Camerado Springs.

(Sara Matley, Principal)

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

XII. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report: David Roth, Ph.D.
 - Highlighted recent Patriot Day/September 11 remembrance activities throughout the District, including an event attended by approximately 20 parents and grandparents representing fire, military, and law enforcement. Students participated in songs and shared what the day meant to them.

- Reported on attending a conference with Director of Curriculum and Instruction Rachelle Ball and recognized Ms. Ball for her expertise and leadership in supporting another school district with implementation of a District-used instructional program. Superintendent Roth noted the positive recognition she received from administrators from the other district for helping their principals understand the program and navigate the transition.
 - Highlighted the start of the elementary cross-country season and a recent meet at Buckeye Elementary, noting the strong participation of students, parents, and grandparents.
2. Association Reports:
- Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA)
 - i. Amy Gargani reported that BTA has spent the beginning of the school year gathering input from members in preparation for negotiations. She noted that the contract is fully open this year and that teachers have identified several areas where contract language could be clarified. She reported that additional time teachers spend working beyond the regular workday continues to be an area of discussion, while class size has not emerged as a significant concern this year, in part because upper-grade class sizes are lower than in previous years. Ms. Gargani also reported that the California Teachers Association (CTA) had filed a lawsuit against the Governor regarding Proposition 98 funding and stated that BTA would be monitoring the matter. She concluded that BTA looks forward to positive negotiations with the District.
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
3. Reports and Requests by Board Members - None

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

XIII. 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 - September 2, 2026
2. Personnel Update - September 16, 2026
3. Declaration of Surplus:
 - Rolling Hills: Chromebooks (8/28/26)
4. Donations to School -
 - \$250 Oak Meadow - Lewis, Woldegebriel, Jabali, Mendiola, Brunckhorst Families
 - \$250 BUMI - Anonymous
 - \$250 BUMI - Tsai Family
 - \$250 Oak Meadow - Muffy Sollinger
 - \$250 BUMI - Sabeswala Family

- \$300 BUMI - LeMieux Family
- \$300 BUMI - Lin Luo
- \$300 BUMI - Wu Family
- \$300 BUMI - Chao Johnson Family
- \$400 Oak Meadow - Ahn Family
- \$400 Oak Meadow - Susan Lake Villa Inc.
- \$400 Oak Meadow - Thuraieh and Majd Michael
- \$400 BUMI - Fung Family
- \$500 Oak Meadow - Youssefi Family
- \$500 BUMI - Wieck Family
- \$500 Oak Meadow - Orme Family
- \$500 BUMI - Anonymous
- \$800 BUMI - Hou Family
- \$800 BUMI - Berninger Family
- \$1,000 BUMI - Gervais Family
- \$1,000 BUMI - Tanadi Family
- \$1,500 BUMI - Singh Family

5. [Summary Warrants \(2026-2027\): August 4-28, 2026](#) *(report linked)*

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

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Assistant Superintendent McHaney reported corrections to Item 5, Summary of Warrants. She explained that the documents had been updated following identification of a typographical error, an omission, and an outdated batch that had inadvertently remained in the report. Specifically, Batch No. 027 had incorrectly been identified as Batch No. 026; the actual Batch No. 026 had been inadvertently omitted and was added; and Batch No. 028, which was from a prior report, was removed. The corrected documents were relinked to the agenda.

Board Member Masten moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the revisions to the Summary of Warrants as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

XIV. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment is welcomed prior to the Board's action on any of the following items or in response to any discussion item(s).

1. **ACTION** - Consideration/Adoption of *Resolution No. 27-02* Teaching Assignments Credential Authorization for the 2026-2027 School Year

Assistant Superintendent McHaney presented Resolution No. 27-02 and explained that this is an annual item authorizing certain teaching assignments when qualified teachers are teaching subjects outside the specific authorization of their existing credential. She emphasized that the teachers are qualified and competent to teach the assigned subjects and meet the requirements for local authorization under the applicable provisions of the California Education Code.

Ms. McHaney reviewed the three teachers included in the resolution and explained their qualifications. She noted that one teacher holds a multiple-subject credential and is teaching Spanish, is fluent in the language, and is nearing completion of a supplemental Spanish authorization. She reported that the other teachers similarly possess the required coursework and experience to teach their assigned History/Social Science and English Language Arts courses.

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 27-02: Teaching Assignments and Credential Authorization for the 2026-2027 School Year, as presented.

Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

2. **ACTION** - Consideration/Adoption of *Resolution No. 27-03*: The 2025-2026 Appropriations Limit Recalculation and the 2026-2027 Estimated Appropriations Limit Calculation (Gann Limit)

Assistant Superintendent McHaney presented Resolution No. 27-03 regarding the District's annual appropriations limit calculation, commonly referred to as the Gann Limit. She explained that the calculation is required annually and is formula-driven, based on the District's financial information following the close of the prior fiscal year. The Gann Limit was established to constrain growth in governmental spending.

Ms. McHaney reported that the District remains well within its applicable spending and growth limits and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 27-03.

Board Member Masten moved to adopt Resolution No. 27-03: Appropriations Limit Calculation for the 2026-2027 School Year, as presented.

Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

3. **ACTION** - Consideration/Approval of 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report and 2026-2027 Revised Budget and Consideration of Adoption of *Resolution No. 27-04: Designating Certain General Funds as Committed Fund Balance*

Assistant Superintendent McHaney presented the District's 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals and explained the annual process of comparing the District's original budget projections with actual revenues and expenditures following the close of the fiscal year. She also reported that the El Dorado County Office of Education had completed its review of the District's 2026-2027 adopted budget and concurred with the District's Positive Certification, indicating that the District is projected to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years.

Ms. McHaney reviewed revenue and expenditure variances and reported that actual results remained very close to the District's original projections. She noted that one of the more significant adjustments involved increased General Fund contributions toward Special Education costs. She also explained expenditure differences associated with employee benefits, site carryover, curriculum purchases that shifted into the 2026-2027 fiscal year, Special Education costs, and other year-end adjustments. She recognized Fiscal Director Dana Rizzuto and the Fiscal Services team for their work in closing the District's books and developing accurate projections.

Ms. McHaney also explained that State deposits into the Public School System Stabilization Account triggered the statutory reserve cap, requiring the District to limit its unassigned reserve and commit funds above the allowable amount. She recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 27-04 to commit approximately \$2.1 million of the General Fund balance toward curriculum adoption and personnel costs.

Board Member Keyzer moved to approve the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals and Revised 2026-2027 Budget and adopt Resolution No. 27-04: Committed Fund Balance, as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Board Discussion:

Board members asked whether the approximately \$2.1 million committed fund balance represented funds that had already been spent. Ms. McHaney clarified that the funds remain within the ending fund balance and have not yet been expended; rather, the Board's action designates them for the identified purposes. As expenditures occur, the committed fund balance will be reduced accordingly.

Board members also asked about the consequences of exceeding the State reserve cap. Ms. McHaney explained that she was not aware of a specific monetary penalty but noted that failure to comply could affect County Office approval of the District's budget and, consequently, the District's authority to make expenditures.

Superintendent Roth added that the District has not yet settled with its labor groups for 2026-2027 and future years and noted that the committed funds are being considered in relation to future personnel costs and upcoming negotiations.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 4-0.

Following the vote, Board members expressed appreciation to Ms. McHaney and Fiscal Director Dana Rizzuto for their work on the District's finances and the year-end closing process.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

XV. NEXT MEETING

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adjourn.

Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Board President Seal adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approval Date: _____

By: _____
Melissa Keyzer, Clerk

By: _____
David Roth, Ph.D., Secretary

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