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, October 7, 2026

Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.
Open Session – 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Boardroom located at
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*

None

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 -** Confidential Student Matters - Pursuant to Education Code § 49060–49085 and § 35146

5. **DISCUSSION -** Confidential Personnel Matter, Certificated Employee - Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Board Member Hanson-Smith moved to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.
Board Member Masten seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn Closed Session at 6:58 p.m., to reconvene in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Rolling Hills Middle School student, Owen, led the flag salute.

VII. ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Seal, Board President
Melissa Keyzer, Board Clerk
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D., Board Member
Jon Yoffie, Board Member
Scott Masten, Ph.D., Board Member

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

IX. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Rolling Hills Middle School Student Presentation
   - Students: ~~Olivia Bell, Vice President~~
     Hazel Tran, Secretary
     Owen Takahashi, President
   - ~~Hazel, Secretary, and Owen, President (last name unknown)~~), reported on Rolling Hills Middle School activity highlights including the student council leadership field trip to Sacramento State, school spirit days, September 11 remembrance rally, sixth-grade after-school party, fundraising activities, Bengal Ninja Warrior celebration, student clubs, and upcoming activities including the dunk tank fundraiser, Boo Bash, Learn Something New, and Red Ribbon Week. Students reported that the school's fundraiser raised $36,111, exceeding its original goal, with 38% student participation. They discussed how the funds support student activities, clubs, school improvements, and other student programs.
   - Board members congratulated the students on their fundraising success, discussed the use of student funds, and complimented their leadership and public speaking skills.

#1 Correction: Hazel Tran, Secretary, and Owen Takahashi,

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

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. Joel Hancocks (email 9/18/26)
2. Kevin Olson (email 9/23/26 (two), email 9/24/26)
3. CDE Charter Schools Division (email 9/24/26)

The following individual(s) provided in-person public comment:

1. Hazel Tran, Student

Public comment closed at approximately 7:16 p.m.

XI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Rolling Hills Middle School Principal Presentation

Debbie Bowers, Principal, presented the above-linked presentation to the Board, which included information on Rolling Hills Middle School's mission, vision, schoolwide theme of "Explore More, Learn More, Be More," enrollment and demographics, student achievement, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates, student leadership, school activities, clubs, athletics, and community partnerships.

Ms. Bowers reviewed English Language Arts, mathematics, and science assessment results, noting areas of improvement and continued instructional focus. She highlighted positive growth in science achievement associated with the implementation of Amplify curriculum and hands-on science instruction. She reported that chronic absenteeism was approximately 8.6% at the end of the previous school year and approximately 5.7% at the time of the presentation. She also reported a decrease in the suspension rate to approximately ~~2~~6%. .6%, down from 2.0% the previous school year

#2 Correction

Ms. Bowers highlighted the school's Learn Something New program, Farm to Fork activities, Unified Physical Education and Focus Buddies programs, Rotary involvement, student leadership, athletics, academic competitions, and extracurricular opportunities. She recognized student participation and staff efforts to promote academic achievement, school connectedness, and a positive campus culture.

Board Discussion:

Board members expressed appreciation for the school's programs, student leadership opportunities, and community partnerships. Discussion included the Farm to Fork program, student media opportunities, and the continued development of school activities.

(Debbie Bowers, 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 upcoming school harvest carnivals and the countywide elementary cross-country finals.
    - Reported on ongoing visits with school PTA and PTO organizations to answer questions and share District updates, along with the start of Superintendent Coffee meetings.
    - Highlighted the upcoming Districtwide in-service day, including recognition of employees receiving service pins and ten-year certificates, as well as recognition of newly hired employees.
    - Reported that professional development opportunities during the in-service day will include discussion of anti-bullying efforts, continued training on recently adopted English Language Arts curriculum, standards-aligned mathematics goals, physical education, and instructional support for students with disabilities.
2. Enrollment Report: Jackie McHaney
    - Ms. McHaney reported that there are currently 4,184 students enrolled in the District, an increase of 13 students from the previous report.
3. Association Reports:
    - Buckeye Teachers Association (BTA)
        i. Amy Gargani, representative from BTA, provided a written report stating that BTA and the District met for productive negotiations the previous evening. BTA expressed appreciation for working from a common understanding and looks forward to continuing negotiations in the coming weeks.
    - California School Employees Association (CSEA) - None
4. Reports and Requests by Board Members
    - Board Member Yoffie reported that the November 2026 Board election is uncontested, as the number of candidates does not exceed the number of available seats. He noted that he and Board Member Hanson-Smith filed for reelection, Board Member Masten will be leaving the Board, and Jennifer Yoder will join the Board following the election.

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 16, 2026
2. Ratify the Filing of Notice of Completion for the Buckeye Elementary School Kindergarten Playground Project
3. Approval of Overnight Field Trip(s) for 2026/2027:
    - Valley View, Sly Park Outdoor Education (November 2-6, 2026)
4. Donations to School:
    - $500 Valley View - Lindsey & Nora Scott-Hurban
    - $250 BUMI - Todd Robinson
    - $250 BUMI - Aurelia Saboowala
    - $250 Oak Meadow - Cayenne Toh & Family
    - $250 Oak Meadow - Cox Family
    - $250 BUMI - Brennan Robinson Family
    - $250 BUMI - Coates Family
    - $275 Oak Meadow - Loung Family
    - $300 BUMI - David Hsiung
    - $300 BUMI - Janine & Nathan Chronister
    - $300 BUMI - Evan Chen's Family
    - $400 BUMI - Team Chou Cheung
    - $400 BUMI - Ju Yu Yen
    - $400 BUMI - Oflahrity Family
    - $400 Oak Meadow - Brown Family
    - $500 BUMI - Jenny McGinnis
    - $500 Oak Meadow - Orme Family
    - $500 BUMI - Jingcheng Zhang's Family
    - $600 BUMI - Cindy Arroyo
    - $1,000 BUMI - Gervais Family
    - $1,000 Oak Meadow - Amanda Berns
    - $1,500 BUMI - Singh Family
5. Summary Warrants (2026-2027): September 1-30, 2026 *(report linked)*

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

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

Board Member Masten seconded the motion.

Board Discussion:

A Board member expressed appreciation for the generous donations received from District families and community members and acknowledged their continued support of District schools and programs.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

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 -** Approval of Suggested Revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits (*first reading*) - CSBA Policy Updates

   January 2026 Update
   1. BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
   2. AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
   3. BP 1340 - Access to District Records
   4. AR 1340 - Access to District Records
   5. BP 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information
   6. AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information

   February 2026 Update
   7. AR 3440 - Inventories
   ~~8. BP 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards~~
   ~~9. E 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21- Professional Standards~~
   ~~10. BP 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions~~

   Ms. McHaney reminded the Board that CSBA periodically publishes suggested changes to school district policies to bring them into alignment with changes in the law. She explained that the proposed revisions included updates related to comprehensive school safety plans, access to District records, release of directory information, and inventory requirements.

   Ms. McHaney clarified that three policies included in the February 2026 update (Professional Standards and Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions) had already been reviewed and adopted by the Board in June 2026 and were inadvertently included again. She requested that these three items be removed from consideration.

Ms. McHaney explained that the Board could approve the remaining policies on the first reading or request that they return for a second reading at a subsequent meeting.

Board Member Yoffie moved to approve the suggested revisions to Buckeye Union Board Policies/Regulations/Bylaws/Exhibits, excluding the previously adopted policies identified as Items 8, 9, and 10, as presented.

Board Member Hanson-Smith seconded the motion.

Board Discussion:

Board members discussed whether the proposed policies should be approved on the first reading or returned for a second reading to allow additional review and public consideration. Members noted that the revisions were relatively minor and primarily involved updates to dates, statutory references, and existing language. While members acknowledged the value of allowing additional time for review, they expressed support for approving the revisions at this meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

(Jackie McHaney, Asst. Superintendent)

XV. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  @ Buckeye Union School District - via Zoom and in person

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Masten moved to adjourn.
Board Member Keyzer seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5-0.

Board President Seal adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Approval Date: 11/4/26

By: _____
Melissa Keyzer, Clerk

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

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