HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Hamilton High School Library
620 Canal Street, Hamilton City, CA 95951
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
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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)
6:00 p.m.	Reconvene to open session at 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to order and roll call 5:31 p.m.

___X__Hubert "Wendell" Lower, President
___X__Vanessa Ortiz
__X__ Rod Boone, Clerk
___X___ Ray Odom
Absent Gabriel Leal

1.0 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

2.0 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.

3.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: To consider qualified matters.

a. Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: 350 6th Street, Hamilton City, CA 95951
Agency Negotiators: Dr. Jeremy Powell, Superintendent; Kristen Hamman, Chief Business Official
Negotiating Parties: Property Owners
Under Negotiation: Price
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. Nothing to report.

4.0 PUBLIC SESSION/FLAG SALUTE: Dr. Powell lead the flag salute

5.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA: (M)
Motion to adopt the agenda adding that the Board will adjourn to closed session after the regular meeting by Mr. Boone 2nd Mrs. Ortiz
Motion Carried 4-0

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

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

a. Board Member Comments/Reports
b. ASB President and Student Council President Reports
    i. Hamilton High School – Isabella Lozano

ii. Hamilton Elementary School - Isaac Cuevas-Vera

c. District Reports (written)
   i. Technology Report by Frank James (p. 4)
   ii. Nutrition Services Report by Erendida Moreno (p. 5)
   iii. Operations Report by Alan Joksch (p. 6)
   iv. Community Schools and Family Engagement by Rachel Sanchez (p. 7)
   v. Human Resources & State and Federal Programs by Jolene Towne (p. 8)
d. Principal and Dean of Student Reports (written)
   i. Ulises Tellechea, Hamilton Elementary School Principal (p. 9)
      1. Mr. Tellechea presented.
   ii. Maria Reyes, District Dean of Students (p. 11)
      1. Mrs. Reyes presented.
   iii. Cris Oseguera, Hamilton High School Principal (p. 12)
      1. Mr. Oseguera presented.
   iv. Silvia Robles, Adult School
e. Chief Business Official Report by Kristen Hamman (written) (p. 13)
f. Superintendent Report by Jeremy Powell (p. 14)
   i. Dr. Powell presented.

7.0 PRESENTATIONS:

a. Community Schools Presentation (handout)
   i. Mrs. Sanchez presented.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

a. None

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. HUSD Enrollment History for 6 years (p. 15)
   i. Dr. Powell reviewed.
b. Bond Status: Fund 21 Update (p. 17)
   i. Dr. Powell reviewed.
c. Staff Bios (p. 18)
   i. Dr. Powell reviewed.

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Mild/Moderate Special Education Program Transfer Update
   i. Dr. Powell reviewed.

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None.

12.0 CLOSE REGULAR MEETING & OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:16 p.m.

a. Resolution 26-27-101, Certification that each pupil in each school in the District has Sufficient Textbooks and instructional materials that are aligned to the State Content Standards and are consistent with the Content and Cycles of the Curriculum Framework Adopted by the SBE in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science for the 2026-27 school year. (p. 20)

Motion to adopt Resolution by Mr. Odom 2nd by Mr. Boone — Motion Carried 4-0

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

13.0 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING & RE-OPEN REGULAR MEETING 7:17 p.m.

14.0 ACTION ITEMS:

a. Approve Tentative Agreement between CSEA and HUSD for the 2026-27 school year (p. 22)

Motion to approve agreement by Mr. Boone 2nd by Mrs. Ortiz — Motion Carried 4-0

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

b. Approve Classified Salary Schedule containing a 3% COLA for the 2026-27 school year (p. 26)

Motion to approve by Mr. Boone 2nd by Mr. Odom — Motion Carried 4-0

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

c. Approve Hamilton Adult School Local Assessment Policy (p. 28)

Motion to approve assessment by Mr. Boone 2nd by Mr. Odom — Motion Carried 4-0

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

d. Approve Hamilton City FFA to attend theTulelake FFA Ag Industry Tour (p. 36)

Motion to approve by Mr. Boone 2nd by Mrs. Ortiz — Motion Carried 4-0

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

e. HUSD Policies for Second Review and Approval (p. 37)

i. Policy 5117: Interdistrict Attendance

Motion to approve policy by Mr. Odom 2nd by Mr. Boone — Motion Carried 4-0

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

15.0 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. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 26, 2026 and Special Board Meetings on August 26, 2026, August 31, 2026 and September 8, 2026 (p. 43)
b. Williams Quarterly July 2026 (p. 50)
c. Warrants and Expenditures (p. 51)
d. Interdistrict Transfers (new only; elementary students reapply annually).
    i. Out
        1. Hamilton Elementary School
            a. TK-5: 0
            b. 6-8: 0
        2. Hamilton High School
            9-12: 2

ii. In

1. Hamilton Elementary School
   a. TK-5: 0
   b. 6-8: 0

2. Hamilton High School
   a. 9-12: 1

e. Personnel Actions as Presented:

New Hires:	Elizabeth Sanchez Martinez	Paraeducator/Library Media Technician	HES
Resignations/Retirement/Release/Position Change:	Michelle Chavez	Licensed Vocational Nurse	HHS
	Todd Deitz	Varsity Softball Coach	HHS
	Karalee Nichols	Preschool Assistant	Preschool
	Trevor Heyl	JV Baseball Coach	HHS

Motion to approve consent agenda by Mrs. Ortiz 2nd by Mr. Boone — Motion Carried 4-0

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

RE-ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:28 p.m.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

X _____
Rod Boone
HUSD Board Clerk

X _____
Jeremy Powell
HUSD Superintendent