



BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Cathline Fort, Matthew Gordon, Dr. Fermín Jaramillo, Dayna Karsch, and April McAllaster

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Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

1. Call To Order

President Jaramillo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All members were present. President Jaramillo announced that all open sessions of the board meeting are audio-recorded and may capture the sounds of those participating in the meeting. President Jaramillo asked those participating in the meeting to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment On Agenda Items

Pursuant to Board Policy 9324, Minutes and Recordings: "The minutes shall reflect the names of those individuals who comment during the meeting's public comment period as well as the topics they address."

A. Comments on agenda items.

- Des Alvarez commented on the accuracy of the December 13, 2024, minutes related to the record of her concerns regarding board member electronic communication policy, parent rights, canceled field trip, homework policies, district projected budget deficits, identifying public comment speakers, and bullying. She also commented on the accuracy of the January 30, 2025, minutes related to the record of her concerns regarding district financial transparency, i-Ready assessment, and community input on policy changes. She also commented on the proposed childcare rate increase and acknowledged the crossing guards for recognition.
- President Jaramillo confirmed with Superintendent Sprague that legal counsel has confirmed that the reporting of meeting minutes aligns with district established Board Policy 9324 Minutes and Recordings.

3. Review / Adopt Agenda and Minutes

- A. The Board of Trustees adopted the agenda as presented on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- B. The Board of Trustees adopted the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 30, 2025, as amended, to accurately reflect the motion on item 11. C. The original motion was made by Member Gordon, seconded by Member McAllaster, and approved with four votes in favor, while Member Jaramillo abstained. The adoption of the amended minutes was then motioned by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried unanimously, with all members present voting in favor.

4. Educational

- A. Jonathan Carson, Principal of Windrows Elementary School; Assistant Principal, Amanda Hannah; and teachers Amanda Shriver and Kathryn Sweeney, presented the "Windrows Elementary School Buddy program." and shared insights into the program's inception and highlighted its effectiveness in improving attendance.

5. Instruction

- A. Justin Kooyman, Director of Instruction, presented the Midyear Progress Report on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). He shared an update on midyear progress toward the LCAP goals and expenditures.
 - Board members recognized the return of intermural sports as a result of the LCAP community forums, and inquired about the financial aspects of implemented programs.
- B. Michele Jacks, Extended Day Program Coordinator, presented the 2025 Summer Camp and 2025-2026 school year child care rates. She shared the various programs available to parents, highlighting schedules and pricing structures for both summer and school-year child care.
 - Board members confirmed that the proposed rates are comparable to local public and private child care programs.

5. Instruction (continued)

After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the 2025 Summer Camp and 2025-2026 school year child care rates on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

- C. Elizabeth Freer, Executive Director of Special Education, presented the 2025-2026 Creating Learning Opportunities & Understanding Differences in Students (CLOUDS) preschool program rates.

- Board members confirmed that preschool program rates for general education students have remained unchanged for six years, noting the district's on-going contributions from the general fund to offset costs. Staff shared that in addition to the state funding for special education students, the preschool program collects fees from general education students for the preschool program, and the proposed preschool program rates would align with local private preschool programs.
- Board members were briefed on the CLOUDS program's history, designed primarily for special education students with some state funding support. The preschool program's uniqueness lies in its inclusion of general education students to foster typical peer development, going beyond the district's requirements to serve preschool age students with disabilities.
- Board members deliberated on whether to postpone a decision until the next board meeting but recognized the urgency, as preschool enrollment opens next month.

After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the 2025-2026 Creating Learning Opportunities & Understanding Differences in Students (CLOUDS) preschool program rates as presented on a motion by Member Fort, seconded by Member Gordon, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

6. Superintendent

- A. After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to elect Ronald Newton, Gwen Rogers, Eric Swanson, Kathy Thompson, and provisional write-in candidate Member Cathline Fort, for the 2025 election of representatives to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Ballot sub-region 16-B on a motion by Member Gordon, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- B. After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to adopt the Etiwanda School District Resolution No. 2425-31 Recognizing the Second Wednesday of March as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day on a motion by Member Fort, seconded by Member Gordon, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- C. Superintendent Sprague shared highlights from the Etiwanda Intermediate School Career Fair and recent site visits. Additionally, she reminded Board members about the upcoming Battle of the Books event on Saturday, March 8, and provided updates on social media engagement and upcoming district events.
- Member Fort shared she attended the career fair event and was impressed with the level of student engagement and the diverse range of career opportunities.

7. Consent Calendar

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as presented on a motion by Member Gordon, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

- A. Approval of the personnel report, which includes appointment, employment, contract renewal, assignment, committee on assignment, transfer, promotion, demotion, resignation, retirement, leave, out-of-class pay, termination, non-reelect, suspension, release of service, release of administrative assignment and/or any other action affecting employment status.
- B. The Governing Board, acting as the legislative body for Community Facilities District (CFD) numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Rancho Etiwanda, Silver Ridge, Coyote Canyon, Henderson Creek, Victoria Gardens & Day Creek Square, ratifies the CFD expenditures for the period January 1 - 31, 2025, per the CFD Payment Log.
- C. Ratification of the Accounts Payable Warrant Register Reports. These are various routine warrants that have been requested to pay for purchase orders and various expenditures. The Board is requested to ratify batches dated January 1 - 31, 2025.
- D. Ratification of the Budget Financial Reports for the period January 1 - 31, 2025.
- E. Approval of Resolution No. 2425-30 Transfers of Appropriations for 2025-26 Fiscal year.
- F. Termination of agreement with SHI International Corp and TCP Software.

7. Consent Calendar (continued)

G. Approval of the following donations:

Donated by:	Donation of:	Donated to:
America's Charities	Cash	Day Creek IS
Box Tops for Education	Cash	East Heritage ES
John L. Golden Elementary PTA	Cash	John L. Golden ES

H. Approval/Ratification for Contracted Services between Etiwanda School District and the following outside Contractors:

	Consultant/ Contractor/Presenter	Contract Number	Type of Service	Location of Service
1	Carl's Jr.	CC021225R-01	Summer Camp	Child Care
2	KDM Education Services, LLC	CC021225A-02	Summer Camp	Child Care
3	El Tio Alex	CC021225R-03	Summer Camp	Child Care
4	STEM Center USA	CC021225R-04	Summer Camp	Child Care
5	GambitONEstudios	CC021225R-05	Film and photography workshops	Child Care
6.	History Brought to Life	TV021225R-01	Assembly	Terra Vista ES
7.	Corwin Press, Inc.	JJ021225A-01	Professional Development	Etiwanda School District

I. Approval/Ratification of Proposal and Field Contract services under \$60,000 between Etiwanda School District and the following Contractors:

	Consultant/ Contractor	Contract Number	Type of Service	Location of Service
1	Time and Alarm Systems	ML021225R-01	Install and program cameras	West Heritage ES
2	Time and Alarm Systems	ML021225R-02	Install and program camera	David W. Long ES

J. Approval of the 2024-2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) for Carleton P. Lightfoot, Caryn, Cecilia L. Solorio, D.W. Long, East Heritage, Etiwanda Colony, Falcon Ridge, John L. Golden, Grapeland, Perdew, Terra Vista, West Heritage, and Windrows Elementary schools, and Day Creek, Etiwanda, Heritage, and Summit Intermediate schools.

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

A. Comments on non-agenda items.

- Norman Sayeg commented on his concerns related to a safe learning environment for students with 504 plans, IEPs, Title IX violations, bullying, consequences for bullying, SB 274 suspension and expulsion policies, CPS investigation on administrator, accuracy in communication regarding his child's IEP meeting, and his child's safety at school. He also acknowledged the school administrators who have helped his son.
- President Jaramillo asked Superintendent Sprague to follow up on the concerns raised by Mr. Sayeg.
- Nadya Bahera, Field Representative for Assemblymember Robert Garcia, extended an invitation to their new office open house event and asked for art submissions from students in the district to decorate the walls.
- Des Alvarez commented on concerns related to transition to full-day kindergarten, scheduling of parent conferences for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), bullying, effectiveness of PBIS, and suspension rates.

9. Board / Staff Comments or Suggested Items for Discussion at Upcoming Meetings

- Member McAllaster requested to reschedule the May 8, 2025, board meeting at the next meeting.
- President Jaramillo requested to reschedule the May 29, 2025, board meeting at the next meeting.

10. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees adjourned to Closed Session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss items A. - E.

- A. Student Discipline Hearings: (EC 48914) Consider recommendation of pupil expulsion readmission. Education Code sections 35146 and 48912 require closed sessions in these cases in order to prevent the disclosure of confidential student record information.
Pupil Case Number: 2023-24-03
- B. Conference with labor negotiator (Government Code 54957.6) for the 2024-2025 school year.
District Negotiator: Laura Rowland, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services
Bargaining Unit: Etiwanda Teachers Association
- C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-reelect. (Government Code 54957)
- D. Conference with real property negotiators (Government Code 54956.8)
Property: 7089 Etiwanda Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
District Negotiator: Douglas M. Claflin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- E. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code 54957)

11. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 10:08 p.m.

- Item 10. A. In Open Session, the Board, having received the request for readmission on February 11, 2025, stating that the terms and conditions of the student's rehabilitation plan, as set forth by the stipulated expulsion, have been reviewed and met in compliance with Education code 48916. The Board adopts the proof of completion of the student rehabilitation plan, and the Board recommends the readmission for Pupil Services Case # 2023-24-03 on a motion by Member Gordon, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 10. B. No action taken.
- Item 10. C. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to adopt Resolution No. 2425-29 to release and non-reelect 57 temporary certificated employees pursuant to Education Code section 44954, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 10. D. No action taken.
- Item 10. E. No action taken.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on a motion by Member Gordon, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

Board approved date: March 13, 2025