



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

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MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Recognition**

A. Spotlight on Service: Wellness Committee. Jeannie Tavolazzi, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Pupil Services, recognized and thanked the Wellness Committee for its dedication to fostering a healthy environment that supports students' focus, participation, and overall well-being.

3. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Pursuant to Board Policy 9324, Board 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 staff layoffs and concerns with a vendor contract renewal. She commented on accuracy of the February 5, 2026, minutes regarding her comments on the topics of hiring of a school secretary, validity of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) survey, former Inland Personnel Council advisory committee member, and treatment of instructional aides. Additionally, she stated that the February 10, 2026, minutes lacked details related to interview dates, interview locations, survey results, and transparency in the superintendent search.
- Mrs. Edu commented on the potential safety issues related to the Etiwanda School District Community Day School placement at Summit Intermediate School.

4. **Review / Adopt Agenda and Minutes**

- A. The Board of Trustees adopted the agenda as presented on a motion by Member McAllaster, 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 February 5, 2026, as presented on a motion by Member Jaramillo, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- C. The Board of Trustees adopted the minutes of the special meeting held on February 10, 2026, as presented on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

5. **Instruction**

A. Alica Lyon, Director of Pupil Services, presented the recommendation of continued placement of Community Day School on the campus of Summit Intermediate School for the 2026-27 school year.

- The Board of Trustees confirmed the location search process and noted that the Community Day School operates separately on the Summit Intermediate School campus. There have been no reported issues between student populations and students with repeated or serious behavioral incidents may be referred to a county facility.

After discussion, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to continue the placement of Community Day School on the campus of Summit Intermediate School for the 2026-27 school year, on a motion by Member Fort, seconded by Member Jaramillo, and carried by a unanimous vote, with all members present voting yes.

6. **Business and Legal**

A. Michael Mancuso, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the Second Interim Financial Report through January 31, 2025.

6. Business and Legal (continued)

- The Board of Trustees discussed supplemental funding requirements, the fiscal impact of new student transfers, required minimum funding levels, and other factors affecting the District’s budget.

After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the Second Interim Financial Report through January 31, 2026, and authorized the Board President and Superintendent to sign a positive certification for the Second Interim District Certification of Interim Report for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member Jaramillo and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

7. Superintendent

- A. After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to elect Christina Behringer, Snowline Joint Unified, Amanda Buchanan, Apple Valley Unified, Tom Courtney, Lucerne Valley Unified, Cindy Gardner, Rim of the World Unified, Stephanie Lewis, Rialto Unified, and Scott Wyatt, San Bernardino City Unified, for the 2026 election of representatives to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Ballot sub-region 16B on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- B. After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the Board of Trustees meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year on a motion by Member Fort, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- C. After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the speakers for the 8th-grade promotion ceremonies scheduled for May 21, 2026, on a motion by Member Jaramillo, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- D. Superintendent Sprague recognized Day Creek Intermediate student Shrey Parikh for winning the San Bernardino County Spelling Bee. She also congratulated students who participated in the Battle of the Books (BOB) event and expressed appreciation to Amber Claflin, Melissa Kvalheim, Doug Claflin, library staff, and volunteers for their support and coordination. Additionally, she shared photos from Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, highlighted recent site visits, and provided updates on district communications and upcoming events.

8. Consent Calendar

The Board of Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as presented on a motion by Member Fort, seconded by Member Karsch, 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 29 – February 28, 2026, 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 29 – February 28, 2026.
- D. Ratification of the Budget Financial Reports for the period January 29 – February 28, 2026.
- E. Approval of the declaration that miscellaneous items of district property are less than \$2,500 in value per item, are obsolete and unusable, and will be sold as surplus property, donated to eligible nonprofit organizations or disposed.
- F. Acknowledgement by the Governing Board of the Etiwanda School District of the receipt of letters of fingerprint certification from outside contractors verifying clearance of their employees.
- G. Approval of the following donations:

Donated by:	Donation of:	Donated to:
Etiwanda Colony Elementary PTA	Cash	Etiwanda Colony ES
Pacific Life Foundation	Cash	Day Creek IS

8. Consent Calendar (continued)

Blackbaud Giving Fund	Cash	David W. Long ES
Solorio Elementary PTA	Cash	Solorio 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	University of Redlands School of Education	AR031226A-01	Fieldwork	Etiwanda School District
2	Kids Reptile Parties	CC031226R-01	Summer Camp	Child Care
3	El Tio Alex	CC031226A-02	Summer Camp	Child Care
4	Edward Riley	CC031226R-03	Summer Camp	Child Care
5	KDM Education Services LLC	CC031226A-04	Summer Camp	Child Care
6	Deejay ER	CC031226A-05	Summer Camp	Child Care
7	Alan T. Ledesma-Lopez	CC031226A-07	Summer Camp	Child Care
8	Arux Software, Inc.	CC031226A-06	Software licensing	Child Care
9	Riverside Insights	CR031226R-01	Professional development	Special Education Department
10	KBDJ's Entertainment	DCIS031226R-01	DJ services	Day Creek IS
11	Enviro-Guide	DQ031226R-01	Waste disposal	Etiwanda School District
12	Impact CX	DQ031226A-02	Commissioning authority services HVAC replacement	Perdew ES
13	Ruhnau Clarke Architects	DQ031226A-05	Architect and engineering services for re-roofing project	Caryn ES
14	KBDJ's Entertainment	EIS031226R-01	DJ services	Etiwanda IS
15	Prismatic Magic	GRP031226R-01	Assembly	Grapeland ES
16	KBDJ's Entertainment	HIS031226R-01	DJ services	Heritage IS
17	Marcelo Bell – Fontana Soccer Referee Academy	INSTR031226R-01	Soccer referee	Etiwanda School District
18	Kagan Professional Development	INSTR031226A-02	Professional development	Etiwanda School District
19	Aimee Dawson	INSTR031226A-03	Management of district and school websites	Etiwanda School District
20	Corwin Press, Inc.	JJ031226A-02	Professional development	Etiwanda School District
21	California Baptist University	JS031226A-01	Memorandum of Understanding	Etiwanda School District
22	Big Tex Trailer World	RC031226R-01	Dump trailer	Etiwanda School District
23	Vineyard Little League	RC031226A-02	Use of facilities for Little League	Summit IS
24	TransTax Advisors	RC031226A-03	Consulting services	Etiwanda School District
25	Greenspot Farms	WH031226R-01	Assembly	West Heritage ES
26	SoCal Stem Carnival	WIN031226R-01	Hands on STEM experience	Windrows ES

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

I. Approval/Ratification of Proposal and Field Contract services under \$75,000 between Etiwanda School District and the following Contractors:

	Consultant/ Contractor	Contract Number	Type of Service	Location of Service
1	Acclaimed Electrical Services	DQ031226A-03	Convert to LED lights	Perdew ES
2	Acclaimed Electrical Services	DQ031226A-04	Convert to LED lights	Etiwanda Colony ES
3	Brown Friendly Island Concrete	DQ031226R-06	Replace sand in sandpit with concrete	Windrows ES

J. Approval of Amendments/Addendums/Change Orders/Extensions:

	Vendor / Project	Amendment/Addendum Change Order Number/ Extension	Original Contract Date or Dollar Amount	New Contract Date or Dollar Amount
1	KDM Education Services, LLC	Amendment #1 JJ031226A-01	\$ 28,050.00	\$ 35,050.00

K. Approval of Transportation Plan 2025/26.

L. Approval of Resolution 2526-26 and Resolution 2526-27 of the Etiwanda School District on excusing the Board members' absences for purposes of monthly compensation.

M. Approval of San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Request for New Fund/Resource/Sub-Fund requesting the establishment of Resource 0000 within Fund 40 Special Reserve Capital Outlay, Unrestricted.

N. Approval of San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Request for New Fund/Resource/Sub-Fund requesting the establishment of Resource 9722 within Fund 40 Special Reserve Capital Outlay, with regard to OPSC application 50/67702-00-019 for construction of an eight classroom addition at Grapeland Elementary.

O. Approval of Board Policies (BP), Administrative Regulations (AR), and/or Exhibits (EX), for annual review, revisions, or deletions in alignment with new legislation, recent court decisions, or updated state and/or federal guidance for:

- BP 420.4 *Charter School Authorization*, updated
- AR 420.4 *Charter School Authorization*, updated
- AR 440 *District Technology Plan*, deleted
- BP 1445 *Response to Immigration Enforcement*, updated
- BP 2121 *Superintendent’s Contract*, updated
- AR 3440 *Inventories*, updated
- BP 3512 *Equipment*, updated
- AR 3542 *School Bus Drivers*, updated
- BP 5125.1 *Release of Directory Information*, updated
- AR 5125.1 *Release of Directory Information*, updated
- BP 6159 *Individualized Education Program*, updated
- BP 7131 *Relations with Local Agencies*, updated
- BP 9220 *Governing Board Elections*, updated
- BP 9270 *Conflict of Interest*; updated
- BP 9310 *Board Policies*, updated
- BP 9321 *Closed Session*, updated
- EX 9323.2 *Actions by the Board*, updated

P. Approval of Addendum to add ProCare Therapy consultant Gisselle Pulido for the period of March 16, 2026 through June 26, 2026. Agreement terms and rates will remain the same.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)**A. Comments on agenda items:**

- Elana Mansfield commented on current negotiations, and the impact of class size on student learning, particularly in the early grades.
- Denise Kennedy commented in support of maintaining smaller class sizes, addressed teacher compensation, and urged the Board to consider solutions that support both students and educators.
- Jess Holden commented regarding competitive educator pay and reasonable class sizes.
- Gina Mireles shared the publishing of her book, commented on need for greater Mexican American representation and equity in district practices, and shared concerns about student treatment.
- Annum Memon commented on need for principals to consistently foster inclusive, culturally responsive environments that affirm student identities, support engagement, and promote academic success across all district campuses.
- Melissa Kvalheim commented on current negotiations, class sizes, inclusion practices, special education caseloads, staff burnout, and need for increased compensation for classified employees to support retention and student success.
- Antoinette commented on the preschool inclusion program and shared concerns regarding transitional kindergarten implementation, curriculum alignment, credentialing, and student safety.
- Des Alvarez commented on the lack of bathrooms in TK and kindergarten classrooms, citing safety, student incidents, and regulatory noncompliance. She also shared views on district leadership decisions, including the superintendent search and past administrative actions affecting students.
- Mrs. Edu commented on middle school student safety and discipline procedures. She questioned bus capacity limits and practice of drivers leaving buses unsupervised while crossing students, requesting clarification on safety protocols and the potential use of bus aides and crossing guards. She also addressed the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) system, noting inconsistent parent notification for minor referrals and recommending clearer timelines for meetings and a student led review process to ensure transparency and accountability.

The Board of Trustees extended the 30 minute public comment period to allow an additional speaker to speak for three minutes, on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by a unanimous vote, with all members present voting yes.

- Nigel Baksh commented that the iReady Instruction program should be reinstated, as it enhances learning.

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

- Member Jaramillo reported attending the County Honor Band at the University of Redlands under Mr. Peske's leadership, noting Etiwanda School District had the highest county participation, and also attended the African American Parent and Educator Committee Multicultural Night, highlighting its value in building student and community connections.
- Member Karsch expressed appreciation to the teachers in attendance, noting many had taught her children, and thanked them for their continued dedication to students.
- Member Gordon thanked employees in attendance, expressed appreciation for teachers, and affirmed support for a fair and responsible negotiation process. He requested recognition of a student advancing to the National Spelling Bee and clarified that only temporary teachers are laid off annually, as required by state law, with no permanent staff affected. He also encouraged everyone to stay safe and hydrated during the anticipated high temperatures.

President Gordon motioned to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. to complete Closed Session items A-G, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote, with all members present voting yes.

11. Closed Session

The Board of Trustees adjourned to Closed Session at 8:39 p.m.

- A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Nonrelect. (Government Code 54957)
(Release Temporary Certificated EC 44954)
- B. Public Employee Appointment. (Government Code 54957)
Title: (1) Principal
- C. Liability Claim (Government Code 54956.95)
Claimant: PL2526-07 S.W.
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel/Settlement Agreement
(Government Code 54956.9(d)(1))
Case Number 06-2025/2026

11. Closed Session (continued)

- E. Conference with legal counsel - Settlement Agreement (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1))
Case Number 07-2025/2026
- F. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent (Government Code 54957)
- G. Public Employee Appointment – Superintendent (Government Code §54957)
Conference with search consultant, The Cosca Group, to review and discuss applications and candidate qualifications for the position of Superintendent.

12. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Open Session at 11:47 p.m.

- Item 11. A. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to adopt Resolution No. 2526-25 to release and non re-relect one temporary certified employee pursuant to Education Code section 44954, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 11. B. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to appoint Tania Lautenslager as Principal of John L. Golden Elementary School, effective for the 2026-27 school year, on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 11. C. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to deny the Claim No. PL2526-07 filed by S.W. for minor A. W. against the Etiwanda School District on a motion by Member Jaramillo, seconded by Member Gordon, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 11. D. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the settlement for Case No. 06-2025/2026 on a motion by Member McAllaster, seconded by Member Karsch, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 11. E. In Closed Session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the settlement Case No. 07-2025/2026 on a motion by Member Jaramillo, seconded by Member McAllaster, and carried by unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.
- Item 11. F. No action taken.
- Item 11. G. No action taken.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m. on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member Fort, and carried by a unanimous vote with all members present voting yes.

Board approved date: April 20, 2026