

Mother Lode Union School District

Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees



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Mother Lode Union School District - MERC Center

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

04:00 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Mother Lode Union School District is the successful education of every student.

TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

We strive to nurture a partnership with student, staff, parent and the community.

We are committed to meeting the educational needs of each student while providing a safe, respectful, and connected school experience and environment.

We are dedicated to advancing each student's academic achievement while developing a life-long love of learning, building personal responsibility, enhancing the use of problem solving skills, and the ability to learn independently.

We provide all employees with the resources necessary to perform their function, while maintaining a fiscally responsible organization.

We employ competent, committed, and caring staff who believe in respect for others, teamwork, continuous self-improvement, and that all students can learn and be successful.

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Details

Board Members: Valerie Baker
Cathy Wilson
Nancy Cahill
Bridgett Hartshorn
Geoffrey Skjelbred

Other Attendees: Larry Mahoney
Marti Zizek

1. 4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Will Call the Meeting to Order

1.2 Roll Call

1.3 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Closed Session Agenda

2.2 Student Matters:

2.3 Employer Employee Relations:

2.4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Litigation:

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

2.6 Personnel Matters:

3. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

3.1 Board to Reconvene to Open Session

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

3.3 Roll Call

3.4 Disclosure of Action taken, if any, in Closed Session

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment

5. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

5.1 Information: Student Representatives

5.2 Information: MLTA Representative

5.3 Information: CSEA Representative

5.4 Information: Superintendent Larry Mahoney

5.5 Information: Board of Trustees

6. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION ITEMS

6.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Consent Items 6.2 - 6.3

6.2 Warrants

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6.3 Draft Board Meeting Minutes from 9/9/26

[PrintBoardPacket.pdf](#)

6.4 GASB 75 OPEB Actuarial (7.01.25-6.30.26)

[GASB 75 Actuarial \(7.01.25-6.30.26\).pdf](#)

6.5 Gold Oak Nutrition Services Contract

[26.27 MLUSD - GOUSD Nutrition Services Contract \(Signed\).pdf](#)

6.6 ECDOE Food Services Contract

[26.27 MLUSD EDCOE Food Services Contract.pdf](#)

6.7 Surplus Items

[BOT Surplus 10.14.26.pdf](#)

6.8 Master Contract - Special Education

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7. INSTRUCTION

7.1 Information: Principals' Reports

[10-14-26 Principals Report.pdf](#)

7.2 Enrollment Summary

[Enrollment Summary 2026-27 Monthly.pdf](#)

7.3 Class Size Summary

[Class Size Summary September Board.pdf](#)

8. FINANCE/FACILITIES

9. HUMAN RESOURCES/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

9.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Board Policy 4127 (Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

9.2 Action: Approval of Submission of an Application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for a Provisional Internship Permit for the 2026-2027 School Year

It is recommended that the Board approve the employment of Nicole Prado on the basis of a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) pursuant to California Education Code and Title 5 Regulations.

MANDATORY DISCLOSURE DETAILS:

- ◊ Name of Applicant: Nicole Prado
- ◊ Employing School Site: Herbert Green Middle School
- ◊ Assignment Subject: Special Education

The District conducted a diligent search to recruit a fully credentialed teacher or a qualified intern for this position. Despite these recruitment efforts, a fully qualified educator remains unavailable. The candidate listed above meets all state-mandated requirements for a Provisional Internship Permit, which will allow them to serve as the teacher of record while completing their outstanding credentialing prerequisites.

10. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES SESSION

10.1 The Next Regular Board Meeting Will be Held on November 18th, 2026, at 4:00 pm (Closed) and 5:15 pm (Open) at the District Office (MERC Center)

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Meeting Adjourned