

Mother Lode Union School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting of the Trustees



Regular Meeting

Mother Lode Union School District - MERC Center

Wednesday, August 12, 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.

MEETING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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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

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Trustee Wilson.

1.2 Roll Call

Discussion:

In attendance: Trustee Hartshorn, Trustee Baker, Board Clerk Cahill, and Board President Wilson. Appointed trustee Skjelbred was also present.

1.3 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

Discussion:

There was no public comment.

1.4 ACTION: Oath of Office

Discussion:

Trustee Skjelbred took the Oath of Office.

2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Closed Session Agenda

Discussion:

The Board convened to Closed Session at 4:06pm.

2.2 Student Matters:

Discussion:

No formal action was taken.

2.3 Employer Employee Relations:

Discussion:

No formal action was taken.

2.4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Litigation:

Discussion:

No formal action was taken.

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

Discussion:

No formal action was taken.

2.6 Personnel Matters:

Discussion:

The Personnel Report, including all hires, promotions, and resignations, was approved as presented.

3. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

3.1 Board to Reconvene to Open Session

Discussion:

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 5:15pm.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

3.3 Roll Call

Discussion:

Trustees Skjelbred, Hartshorn, Baker, Cahill, and Wilson were in attendance.

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

Discussion:

The Board announced the approval of the confidential Personnel Report discussed in closed session.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment

Discussion:

There was no public comment.

5. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

5.1 Information: MLTA Representative

Discussion:

Information about the positive start to the school year was delivered by Mother Lode Teachers' Association Co-President Janet Hensley.

5.2 Information: CSEA Representative

Discussion:

Information about the positive start to the school year was delivered by California School Employees Association President, Jennifer Lubenko.

5.3 Information: Superintendent Larry Mahoney

Discussion:

Information about the Back to School Staff Breakfast and the start of the school year was presented. Special recognition was given to Retired MLUSD teachers Sara Green and Susan Atkinson for their willingness to help cover staffing shortages.

5.4 Information: Board of Trustees

Discussion:

Trustees shared experiences with Back to School events and optimism about the upcoming school year.

6. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION ITEMS

6.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Consent Items 6.2 - 6.4

Motion:

Motion By: Valerie Baker

Second By: Nancy Cahill

Yeas: Nancy Cahill, Valerie Baker, Bridgett Hartshorn, Cathy Wilson

Abstain: Geoffrey Skjelbred

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

No discussion.

6.2 Warrants

6.3 Draft Board Meeting Minutes from 6/10/26, 6/11/2026, and 6/24/26

6.4 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint for April, May, and June 2026

7. HUMAN RESOURCES/COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

7.1 ACTION: Superintendent Request Approval of Resolution 26.27.01 Signature Verification

Motion:

Motion By: Bridgett Hartshorn

Second By: Valerie Baker

Yeas: Valerie Baker, Bridgett Hartshorn, Cathy Wilson, Geoffrey Skjelbred, Nancy Cahill

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

No discussion.

7.2 ACTION: Superintendent Request Approval of the Amended Declaration of Need for 26-27

Motion:

Motion By: Nancy Cahill

Second By: Valerie Baker

Yeas: Bridgett Hartshorn, Valerie Baker, Geoffrey Skjelbred, Cathy Wilson, Nancy Cahill

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

No discussion.

8. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES SESSION

8.1 The Next Regular Board Meeting Will be Held on September 9, 2026, at 4:00 pm (Closed) and 5:15 pm (Open) at the District Office (MERC Center)

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Meeting Adjourned

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned by President Wilson at 5:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Wilson

Cathy Wilson, President
9/9/2026