

Mother Lode Union School District

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES



Regular Meeting

Mother Lode Union School District-MERC Center

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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
Glen Sellers
Nancy Cahill
Bridgett Hartshorn

Other Attendees: Larry Mahoney
Marti Zizek

1. 4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Board President Will Call the Meeting to Order

Discussion:

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

1.2 Roll Call

Discussion:

Trustees Baker, Cahill, Hartshorn, Sellers and Wilson present.

1.3 Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

Discussion:

No Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Closed Session Agenda

Discussion:

Convene to Closed Session 4:01 pm.

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

Discussion:

Board Reconvened to Open Session 5:15 pm.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

3.3 Roll Call

Discussion:

Trustees Baker, Cahill, Hartshorn, Sellers and Wilson present.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment

Discussion:

No Public Comment for Open Session.

5. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

5.1 Information: Student Representative(s)

Discussion:

Student Representatives spoke from Indian Creek, CBLA and Herbert Green.

5.2 Information: MLTA Representative(s)

Discussion:

MLTA President Tiffany Presgrave reported out.

5.3 Information: CSEA Representative(s)

Discussion:

CSEA President Jennifer Lubenko reported out.

5.4 Information: Superintendent Larry Mahoney

Discussion:

Superintendent Mahoney reported out.

5.5 Information: Board of Trustees

Discussion:

Trustees Baker and Hartshorn reported out.

6. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Superintendent Requests Approval of Consent Items 6.2-6.3

Motion:

Motion By: Nancy Cahill

Second By: Cathy Wilson

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

Results: Motion Passed

6.2 Warrants

6.3 Draft Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025

7. INSTRUCTION

7.1 Information: Principal's Report

Discussion:

Principal Schmidt, Principal Glaister and Principal Mahoney Reported Out.

7.2 Information: Enrollment Summary

7.3 Information: Class Size Summary

8. FINANCE/FACILITIES

8.1 Information: Demographic and Enrollment Summary

Discussion:

Marti Zizek, CBO, provided a presentation to the Board of the 2025 Demographic Study.

8.2 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of the First Interim Budget

Motion:

Motion By: Glen Sellers

Second By: Cathy Wilson

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

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

Marti Zizek, CBO, presented the 25.26 1st Interim Budget to the Board.

9. SETTING DIRECTION

9.1 ACTION: Electing Board President for 2026

Motion:

Motion By: Glen Sellers
Second By: Bridgett Hartshorn
Yeas: Valerie Baker, Nancy Cahill, Bridgett Hartshorn, Cathy Wilson, Glen Sellers
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Motion given by Trustee Sellers for Trustee Wilson for 2026 Board President.

9.2 ACTION: Elect Board Clerk for 2026

Motion:

Motion By: Cathy Wilson
Second By: Bridgett Hartshorn
Yeas: Cathy Wilson, Bridgett Hartshorn, Glen Sellers, Valerie Baker, Nancy Cahill
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Motion given by Trustee Wilson for Trustee Cahill for 2026 Board Clerk.

9.3 ACTION: Elect EDCSBA Representative for 2026

Motion:

Motion By: Glen Sellers
Second By: Nancy Cahill
Yeas: Glen Sellers, Nancy Cahill, Valerie Baker, Bridgett Hartshorn, Cathy Wilson
Results: Motion Passed
Discussion:

Motion given by Trustee Sellers for Trustee Wilson to remain the EDCSBA Representative for 2026.

9.4 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of the Proposed 2026 Board Calendar

Motion:

Motion By: Cathy Wilson
Second By: Nancy Cahill
Yeas: Valerie Baker, Nancy Cahill, Bridgett Hartshorn, Cathy Wilson, Glen Sellers
Results: Motion Passed

10. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES SESSION

10.1 If the 2026 Board Calendar is approved, the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm (Closed) and 5:15 pm (Open) at the District Office MERC Center.

Discussion:

Board President Baker confirmed that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 14, 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Meeting Adjourned

Discussion:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Wilson, President
1/14/2026