

Mother Lode Union School District

Agenda

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES



Regular Meeting

Mother Lode Union School District-MERC Center

Wednesday, March 11, 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

The Agenda Packet for this public meeting is available for review at the District Office Reception Area. All members of the public are invited to comment on any item on the agenda. The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate participation of the disabled in all of the District's public meetings. If particular accommodations for the disabled are needed (i.e., disability-related aids, or other services), please contact the Superintendent's Office at 622-6464 Ext. 2215 least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Public inspection of agenda documents that have been distributed to the Board less than 72 hours before the meeting, will be made available at the District Office Reception Area, 3783 Forri Road and, when feasible, attached to the agenda item on the District's online agenda at www.mlusd.net (Government Code 54957.5)

Details

Board Members: Valerie Baker
Cathy Wilson
Glen Sellers
Nancy Cahill
Bridgett Hartshorn

Other Attendees: Marti Zizek
Larry Mahoney

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)

Members of the audience who wish to speak to the Board on any topic, including an item on the agenda, may make a request to the Board President by completing a "Request to be Heard" form (located inside the entrance of the MERC Center) the night of the meeting. Please submit your completed form to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

The Board shall take no action or discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law. (Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.2)

2. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1 Closed Session Agenda

2.2 Student Matters:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 48912 of the Education Code.

2.3 Employer Employee Relations:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code: Conference with Labor Negotiators.

2.4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Litigation:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.

2.6 Personnel Matters:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code: Public Employment, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Retirement, and Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

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

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5. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

5.1 Information: Student Representative(s)

5.2 Information: MLTA Representative(s)

5.3 Information: CSEA Representative(s)

5.4 Information: Superintendent Larry Mahoney

5.5 Information: Board of Trustees

6. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Superintendent Requests Approval of Consent Items 6.2-6.3

6.2 Warrants

[AP Batch Reports-March Agenda.pdf](#)

6.3 Draft Board Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2026

[February 11, 2026 Minutes-Draft to be approved.pdf](#)

7. SETTING DIRECTION

7.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Global Adoption of the Revised Mother Lode Union School District Board Policies

Global adoption of the revised Mother Lode Union School District Board Policies: Index 12-18 Mother Lode Union School District - 0000 Series: Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans 1000 Series: Community Relations 2000 Series: Administration 3000 Series: Business and Noninstructional Operations 4000 Series: Personnel 5000 Series: Students 6000 Series: Instruction 7000 Series: Facilities 9000 Series: Board Bylaws (Action Item)

A copy of the new Board Policy Manual is available for review at our District Office.

8. INSTRUCTION

8.1 Principals Report

8.2 Information: Enrollment Summary

[Enrollment Summary 2025-26 Monthly \(revised\).pdf](#)

8.3 Information: Class Size Summary

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

9. FINANCE/FACILITIES

9.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of the Second Interim Budget

[25.26 MLUSD 2nd Interim.pdf](#)

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

10.1 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Resolution No. 25.26.05 Reduction of Classified Positions

Due to the reduction in work and funding, the Board is being asked to approve the attached resolution calling for the reduction of classified staff by 11.61 FTE (8.86 FTE positions are vacant) and provide affected staff with appropriate notification.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 25.26.05 to reduce classified service positions.

[MLUSD Resolution Class-25-26-05.pdf](#)

10.2 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Resolution No. 25.26.06 Reduction of Certified Positions

Due to the reduction in work and funding, the Board is being asked to approve the attached resolution calling for the decrease and/or reduction of full-time equivalent (FTE) of certificated staff in particular kinds of service by 3.40 FTE and provide affected staff with appropriate notification.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 25.26.06 to reduce certificated positions.

[MLUSD Resolution Cert-25-26-06.pdf](#)

10.3 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Resolution No. 25.26.07 Non-Reelection of Certificated Probationary Employee

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 25.26.07 to non-reelect District Employee ID#2524, probationary certificated employee pursuant to Education Code section 44949.21, and provide the affected staff member with appropriate notification.

[MLUSD Resolution Cert-Non-25-26-07.pdf](#)

10.4 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Resolution No. 25.26.08

Establishment of Criteria for Determining Order of Seniority for Those Certificated Employees with the Same Date of First Paid Service.

In order to implement the reduction in force for the 2026/2027 school year, it may be necessary to use tie-breaking criteria to determine, if certificated employees have the same date of first paid service (seniority date), who will be impacted by the reduction in force.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 25.26.08 to authorize the establishment of criteria for order of layoff and reemployment following layoff for employees with same date of first paid service.

[MLUSD Resolution Cert-Tie-25-26-08.pdf](#)

10.5 ACTION: Superintendent Requests Approval of Resolution No. 25.26.09 Reduction of Confidential Position

Due to the reduction in work and funding, the Board is being asked to approve the attached resolution calling for the reduction of confidential staff 1.00 FTE and provide affected staff member with appropriate notification.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 25.26.09 to reduce a confidential service position.

[MLUSD Resolution Conf-25-26-09.pdf](#)

11. GOVERNANCE TEAM ISSUES SESSION

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Meeting Adjourned