Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

April 9, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting

Room E-3 of Mountain Creek Middle School, 6862 Mt Aukum Road, Somerset, CA 95684

Thursday, April 9, 2026

05:30 PM

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Board Members:

Nathaniel Houston
Cory Morrison
Patricia Ciampa
Courtney Clendenin
Kyle Baker

1. Call to Order

1.1 Meeting Access

1.2 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

Kyle Baker, Cory Morrison, Courtney Clendenin, Tricia Ciampa and Nathaniel Houston were all present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

In person: Kathy Kaher, Patrick Paturel, Erika Molinari, and Sarah Fike (Recording Secretary).

Online: Miriam Bolster, Catherine Diiorio, Ann Sirochman and Tausha Winn.

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Discussion:

Tricia Ciampa read one statement.

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Kyle Baker
Yeas: Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin, Kyle Baker, Cory Morrison , Patricia Ciampa
Results: Motion Passed

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Statement:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported on the potential sharing of a psychologist with Gold Oak. Improved service at lower cost.

Enrollment is holding steady at 276.

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported on the successful start of soccer season. One team with two coaches - Catherine Diiorio and Melissa Witcher. Working on shaping up the field for next year.

Lots going on toward the end of the year, including field trips, which are getting under way.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that the LCAP is in the culminating phase. He is working with EDCOE and other districts. Great support.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Henkel reported that we are in the lull between the presented budget and the May revised budget. News yesterday said that California is the 4th largest economy in the world. He is holding out hope that that means extra dollars at May revised.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that we are still working o the Walt Tyler build. Meetings with CDE next week. Re-submitting appeal to the OPSC soon. Holding hope for good news in the May revised or the June final budget.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Statement:

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Tricia Ciampa for PTO - STEM event was last night. About 100 kids. Farm animals, egg drop and other exhibits. Local non-profit called Our Egg participated.

Courtney Clendenin for Sports Boosters - Soccer started. Donation of equipment and gear from Soccer Doctors has been very helpful for our new program! Snack Shack was open during Oral Interp, and earned about $200. Mother's Day flowers will be sold again at the Dinner Station on May 9 & 10.

PMC - Penny Wars raised $886.10.

6. Business and Information Items

6.1 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-07, School Employees Appreciation Week

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 25/26-07, School Employees Appreciation Week.

Motion By: Cory Morrison
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Courtney Clendenin, Kyle Baker, Cory Morrison , Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston
Results: Motion Passed

Files:

Resolution 25.26-07 School Employees Appreciaition Week.pdf

6.2 Action: Consider Approval of the District Curriculum Inventory and Recommendation

Motion:

It was moved to approve the District Curriculum Inventory and Recommendation.

Motion By: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Kyle Baker
Yeas: Cory Morrison , Kyle Baker, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin
Results: Motion Passed

6.3 Action: Consider Approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement

Motion:

It was moved to approve the the School Plan for Student Achievement.

Motion By: Cory Morrison
Second By: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Patricia Ciampa , Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston, Kyle Baker, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2026

Discussion:

Files:
Approved Minutes 3.12.26.pdf

7.2 Approval of Warrants:

Discussion:

Files:
Batches 036.039.pdf

7.3 Personnel:

7.4 Approval of the Williams Quarterly Reports

Discussion:

Files:
Williams Quarterly Jan & April 2026.pdf

7.5 Approval of Contractor Agreement with GA Technical Services, Inc.

Discussion:

Files:
Prime Contractor Agreement - EXECUTED.pdf

E-Rate Bid Evaluation Worksheet - EXECUTED.pdf

7.6 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion By: Nathaniel Houston
Second By: Kyle Baker
Yeas: Nathaniel Houston, Courtney Clendenin, Kyle Baker, Cory Morrison , Patricia Ciampa
Results: Motion Passed

8. Next Board Meetings

May 13, 2026

June 11, 2026

June 18, 2026

August 13, 2026

September 10, 2026

October 8, 2026

November 12, 2026 (if needed)

December 10, 2026

December 17, 2026

9. Public Comments on Closed Session

9.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

10. Adjourn to Closed Session

During this time, the Board may adjourn to Closed Session to discuss confidential material.

10.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (G.C. 54957)

10.2 Litigation

10.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6)

10.4 Education Codes, 48918(c)

10.5 Superintendent Evaluation

11. Reconvene Regular Meeting

11.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:31 pm.

11.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Statement:

12. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

12.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.