Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

August 13, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, August 13, 2026

05:30 PM

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Details

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 by President Ciampa at 5:30 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The pledge was led by Vice President Morrison.

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

President Ciampa, Vice President Morrison, Members Baker and and Houston were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Superintendent Sessions, CBO Riddle, Kathy Kaher and Sarah Fike were present.

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Action: Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

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

Files:
Agenda - August 13, 2026.pdf

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Statement:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

Discussion:

President Ciampa read a letter to the Board from Interim Superintendent, Rusty Vardy.

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Sessions discussed how excited he was to be here, and that the first day of school went very well. He discussed current and near-future ADA and the MOU with the Sheriff's Department.

Files:

Projected Enrollment August 26.pdf

5.4 Principal Report:

Statement:

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Sessions reported that our LCAP was approved by EDCOE, but with some necessary changes to be made. He is meeting with Carolyn Parker and Amy Anderson at EDCOE to help with those changes soon.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Riddle reported that she is working with EDCOE to close 25.26. She is identifying funds and will have an update in September.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Sessions discussed that our Maintenance Director, Chris Garrett, is working on getting bids to repair the piping in the boiler room, and to replace or repair the second septic pump.

Dr. Sessions also reported that he as a meeting with former CBO, Kelly Howard, to go over the Walt Tyler project. They are working on an appeal to the OPSC.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Dr. Sessions discussed the possibility of selling the busses that we don't use.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

PTO - Reported that the Sno-cone is coming up. PTO will hold it's first meeting in August, and that the Halloween Carnival will be their first big event.

Sports Boosters - Courtney Clendenin reported that their first meeting would be Monday at 3 in Mrs. Witcher's classroom, and they are possibly working on planning a kickball tournament as a fundraiser.

6. Presentation and Public Hearing

6.1 A Public Hearing Will be held on the Adoption of Cengage Math and You Instructional Materials for Grades 6-8

Discussion:

- The public hearing was opened at 6:06 pm.
- There were no comments.
- The hearing was closed at 6:07pm.

7. Business and Information Items

7.1 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 26.27-0, Adoption of Cengage Math and You Instructional Materials

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 26.27-2, Adoption of Cengage Math and You Instructional Materials.

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

Files:
Resolution 26.27-02.pdf

7.2 Action: Consider Approval of the Contract with Nicholas Sessions.

Motion:

It was moved to approve the contract with Nicholas Sessions.

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

7.3 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

Motion:

It was moved to approve the submission of the application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for a Provisional Internship Permit for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion By: Nathaniel Houston
Second By: Kyle Baker

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

Files:
Verification of PIP Requirements - C Diiorio.pdf

7.4 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-03 - Verification of Signatures

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 26.27-03, Verification of Signatures.

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

7.5 Personnel:

Discussion:

Michele Blomberg was approved as Instructional Aide.

7.6 Information: Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter ending June 30, 2026

Discussion:

Files:
EOQ 4th June 26 Pool #5.pdf

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Minutes:

Discussion:

Files:
Minutes June 23, 2026.pdf

Minutes June 18, 2026.pdf

Minutes June 11, 2026.pdf

Minutes July 10, 2026.pdf

8.2 Approval of Warrants:

Discussion:

Files:

Files:

25.26 batches 049-058.pdf

26.27 batches 001-004.pdf

8.3 Approval of the Enrichment Program Agreement with Kin Ryu Karate

Discussion:

Files:

26.27 Enrichment Program Agreement - Kin Ryu Karate LLC.pdf

26.27 Facilities Use Agreement - Kin Ryu Karate LLC.pdf

26.27 Certificate of Liability Insurance - Kin Ryu Karate LLC.pdf

8.4 Approval of the Joint Psychologist Agreement with Gold Oak USD

Discussion:

Files:

26.27 Joint Psychologist Agreement with Gold Oak.pdf

8.5 Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

9. Next Board Meetings

9.1 Scheduled Board Meetings

10. Public Comments on Closed Session

10.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

11. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

11.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)

11.3 Litigation

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

11.5 Education Codes, 48918(c)

11.6 Superintendent Evaluation

12. Reconvene Regular Meeting

12.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 pm.

12.2 Disclosure of any action taken in closed session:

Statement:

There was no action taken in closed session.

13. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.