Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

January 8, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, January 8, 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 by President Ciampa at 5:34 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

President Ciampa, Clerk Clendenin, Member Houston and Member Baker were present.

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel, Miriam Bolster and Sarah Fike, recording secretary, were present.

3. Public Comments/Requests

3.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

4. Meeting Management

4.1 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

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

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Statement:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

Statement:

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel reported that enrollment is stable.

Mr. Paturel reported that January through March are prime time for academics. Working on P-5 Math, writing benchmarks, culture and climate initiatives.

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that the winter concerts ream much more smoothly than previous years. Even Fellman did a great job of improving logistics.

On February 4th, Pioneer is taking an all-school field trip to see the Jungle Book at Harris Center. All at no cost to us - grant funded.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

The mid-year LCAP update will be brought to the February 12 meeting.

5.6 Budget Report:

Statement:

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that the maintenance and custodial team is doing a great job. They tied up lots of loose ends over winter break; locker removal at Mountain Creek, dishwasher projects at both schools.

Walt Tyler - Kelly Howard will still be assisting on the Walt Tyler project, and will attend future meetings.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel described the decision-making procedures for snow days, as related to transportation.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Other Reports:

Statement:

6. Presentation and Public Hearing

6.1 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on the Initial Sunshine Proposal From the California School Employees Association and its Pioneer Chapter #853 (CSEA) to Open Negotiations for the 2025-2026 year

Discussion:

The hearing was opened.

The sunshine proposal was accepted.

The hearing was closed.

6.2 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on the Initial Sunshine Proposal From the Classified Confidential Employees to Open Negotiations for the 2025-2026 year

Discussion:

The hearing was opened.

The sunshine proposal was accepted.

The hearing was closed.

6.3 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on the Initial Sunshine Proposal From the Classified Management Employees to Open Negotiations for the 2025-2026 year

Discussion:

The hearing was opened.

The sunshine proposal was accepted.

The hearing was closed.

7. Business and Information Items

7.1 Action: Consider Adoption of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) - Pioneer and Mountain Creek Middle Schools

Motion:

It was moved to approve the adoption of the School Accountability Report Cards for Pioneer and Mountain Creek, pending minor corrections.

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

Mr. Paturel explained the SARC, and that we publish it now for the last academic year. The SARC includes information from the LCAP, FIT, etc. Most statistics in the report are auto-populated by the CDE.

8. Policies and Administrative Regulations

8.1 Approve Proposed New or Revised Board Policies / Administrative Regulations or Board Bylaws

Motion:

It was moved to approve the new or revised board policies, administrative regulations and board bylaws.

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

9. Consent Agenda

9.1 Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2025

9.2 Approval of Warrants:

9.3 Personnel:

9.4 Approval of the Williams Quarterly Reports

9.5 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the consent agenda

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

10. Next Board Meetings

10.1 Meeting Dates:

11. Public Comments on Closed Session

11.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

12. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

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

12.2 Litigation

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

12.4 Education Codes, 48918(c)

12.5 Superintendent Evaluation

13. Reconvene Regular Meeting

13.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 6:40 pm.

13.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Statement:

14. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.