Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

March 12, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, March 12, 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:

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

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

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Mike Henkel, Kathy Kaher, Erika Molinari, Miriam Bolster, Michelle Venables, Courtney Moody, 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: Courtney Clendenin
Yeas: Cory Morrison , Kyle Baker, Patricia Ciampa , Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Agenda March 12, 2026.pdf

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 he, Mike Henkel and Chris Garrett had attended the CASH conference. They received a lot of information on funding for school facilities. It was a great opportunity for Chris to meet with others in his position.

Files:
Enrollment History March 26.pdf

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that the awards ceremony at Mountain Creek would take place the next day.

The 8th graders are going on a field trip to Folsom Lake College on 5/12. They will visit classes and learn a lot about FLC.

Boys' volleyball is half over! Soccer is coming soon. New sport for us!

Files:

_Trimester Awards.pdf

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that he has received 32 responses to the LCAP survey that was sent to parents. There is a student survey out now, as well. New this year, there will be a staff survey.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

Mike Henkel stated that he will make his report at item 6.1.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that Assembly Member Heather Hadwick submitted a letter to the Finance Committee members about the Walt Tyler project.

There is potentially news about funding coming 5/10, or with the Governor's budget in June.

Patrick Paturel and Mike Henkel met with construction managers, architect and contractor earlier this month to answer questions about the construction timeline for Walt Tyler.

Maintenance staff has been preparing for our Festival of Oral Interpretation, and things are looking great! Painted the front of the cafeteria at Pioneer. Already irrigating the lawns.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that our electric bus is still not running. The heater is broken.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Courtney Clendenin for PMC - 2nd Annual Spring into Music will take place in the Pioneer Cafeteria. Penny Wars will kick-off at Spring into Music. There will also be raffles, cheesesteak sandwiches.

Courtney Clendenin for Sports Booster Club - Raised $2000 with the Valentines Day fundraiser, and will do it again for Mother's Day. There is a potential donor for soccer equipment.

Tricia Ciampa for PTO - STEM Night is 4/8. Former student, Lauren Hernandez, has a non profit that will be donating food and $1000 to PTO for the event. PTO is also working on Staff Appreciation, and the 5th grade Bridging Ceremony that takes place in May.

6. Business and Information Items

6.1 Action: Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 Second Interim Financial Report

Discussion:

Files:

2025-2026 BOT Budget Workbook (2nd Interim).pdf

Second Interim Budget 2025-2026.pdf

Second Interim Narrative - March 2026.pdf

6.2 Information: Statement of Economic Interest Forms

Discussion:

6.3 Action: Consider Approval of the 2026 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Discussion:

Files:
2025_Comprehensive_School_Safety_Plan_Pioneer_Elementary_School_20260213 (1).pdf

6.4 Information: Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter Ending December 31, 2025

Discussion:

Files:
Q4 25 Investment Portfolio Report.pdf

7. Policies and Administrative Regulations

7.1 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 or Board Bylaws.

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

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2026

Discussion:

Files:
Minutes 2.12.26.pdf

8.2 Approval of Warrants:

Discussion:

Files:
Batches 0031-0035.pdf

8.3 Personnel:

Statement:

8.4 Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

9. Next Board Meetings

9.1 Meeting Dates:

Discussion:

10. Public Comments on Closed Session

10.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

11. Adjourn to Closed Session

11.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code §54957(b)(1)

11.2 Litigation

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

11.4 Education Codes, 48918(c)

11.5 Superintendent Evaluation

12. Reconvene Regular Meeting

12.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 pm.

12.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

Statement:

13. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.