Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

May 13, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Wednesday, May 13, 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

Discussion:

1.2 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order by President Ciampa at 5:32pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

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

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Mike Henkel, Kathy Kaher, Miriam Bolster, Dolores Moran-Colby, and Sarah Fike (Recording Secretary) 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: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Nathaniel Houston
Yeas: Kyle Baker, Patricia Ciampa , Courtney Clendenin, Nathaniel Houston
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

5. Reports/Acknowledgements

5.1 Board Members' Reports:

Statement:

5.2 Correspondence Received by the Board:

Discussion:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Mike Henkel.

5.3 Superintendent Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel shared that current enrollment is holding steady.

Mr. Paturel presented the SELPA award to Dolores Moran-Colby.

Files:

Enrollment 5.26.pdf

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that this is a busy time of year, with lots of fun activities. Our students just competed in the Spelling Bee, held by the Pollock Pines school district. Tomorrow is Open House/concert/Science Fair. PTO will be serving hot dogs. Graduation is May 22nd. 8th graders made a trip to Folsom Lake College for a campus tour yesterday.

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel presented the results of the student survey, with grade-level analysis and yearly comparison.

Files:

student_survey_comparison_2024_2026_revised.pdf

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

CBO Henkel reported that we are hopeful for the Governor's May Revised Budget. It appears that revenue is up.

5.7 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel reported that he had a meeting with Cal OES, regarding the Walt Tyler project. He is working with and advocate from the CDE. Waiting on the Governor's final budget before re-applying to FEMA.

5.8 Transportation Report:

Discussion:

Mr. Paturel discussed the difficulties we are having with the electric bus, and that we may be considering going to a propane-powered bus.

Mr. Paturel discussed the break down and fluid leak on the Grizzly Flat route bus. It was decided that a better system of notification and communication was established between the drivers, EDUHSD Transportation and us.

5.9 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.10 Other Reports:

Discussion:

Courtney Clendenin for Sports Boosters - Flower fundraiser raised $1055.50. New fundraiser in September - kickball tournament at Pioneer Park.

Courtney Clendenin for PMC - Planning a brunch for a fall fundraiser. PMC needs volunteers to help with concert set up.

Tricia Ciampa for PTO - Big thank you to Desiree Gillespie for all of her hard work for Staff Appreciation Week. Open house is tomorrow. Serving hot dogs, chips, and soda from 5-6pm.

6. Business and Information Items

6.1 Action: Interview and Selection of Superintendent Search Firm

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agreement with Leadership Associates for Superintendent search services.

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

Rich Fischer of Leadership Associates presented a proposal for Superintendent search service, including a timeline and sample contract.

6.2 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-08, Declaring an Election

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 25/26-08, Declaring an Election.

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

Files:
Resolution 25.26-08 Declaring an Election 5.26.pdf

6.3 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-09, Certification of Signatures

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 25/26-09, Certification of Signatures.

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

6.4 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-10, Teaching Assignment (Haboush-PE)

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 25/26-10, Teaching Assignment - Haboush to PE

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

Files:
Resolution 25.26-10 Teaching Assignment Haboush PE.pdf

6.5 Action: Consider Approval of New Classified Job Description - Registered Behavior Technician

Motion:

It was moved to approve the job description for Registered Behavior Technician, waiting for new Superintendent to fill the position.

Motion By: Nathaniel Houston
Second By: Kyle Baker
Yeas: Kyle Baker, Patricia Ciampa , Nathaniel Houston

Nays: Courtney Clendenin
Absent: Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

Files:
Registered Behavior Technician - draft.pdf

6.6 Action: Consider Approval of Draft Classified Salary Schedule

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Classified salary schedule.

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

Files:
Salary Schedule Classified - DRAFT 5.26.pdf

6.7 Personnel:

Discussion:

Resignation was accepted.

6.8 Information: Investment Portfolio Report - Quarter ending March 31, 2026

Discussion:

Files:
EOQ 3rd MARCH 26 POOL #5.pdf

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 Approval of Minutes:

Discussion:

Files:
Unapproved Minutes 4.9.26.pdf

Unapproved Minutes 4.30.26.pdf

7.2 Approval of Warrants:

Discussion:

Files:
Batches 040-044 5.26.pdf

7.3 Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

8. Next Board Meetings

8.1 Scheduled Board Meetings

Discussion:

Added Special Meeting on Monday 18 at 5:30pm.

9. Public Comments on Closed Session

9.1 Public Comments/Requests:

Statement:

10. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

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

10.3 Litigation

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

10.5 Education Codes, 48918(c)

10.6 Superintendent Evaluation

11. Reconvene Regular Meeting

11.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:59pm.

11.2 Disclosure of any action taken in closed session:

Discussion:

In closed session, the Board unanimously took action to approve the resignation of Superintendent Patrick Paturel. Vote: 4 aye, 0 nay.

12. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

12.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00pm.