Pioneer Union School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, September 11, 2025

05:30 PM

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Details

Board Members:	Nathaniel Houston Cory Morrison Patricia Ciampa Courtney Clendenin

1. Call to Order

1.1 Meeting Access

1.2 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Clendenin.

2. Roll Call

2.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

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

2.2 Staff Members present:

Discussion:

Patrick Paturel, Kathy Kaher, Kelly Howard, Miriam Bolster, Catherine Diiorio, Michelle Venable 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: Courtney Clendenin
Second By: Cory Morrison
Yeas: Courtney Clendenin, Cory Morrison , Patricia Ciampa
Absent: Nathaniel Houston
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:

- September enrollment is at 282. 297 in 24/25. 286 in 23/24.
- Working with the Superintendent at Gold Oak on a social media education program for parents and students.
- Superintendent Paturel and the Board expressed their appreciation for recently resigned board members Jonathan Russell and Nanette Hargo. They were presented with appreciation gifts.
- Short recess for refreshments 5:42-5:50

Files:

Sept 25 Enrollment History.pdf

5.4 Principal Report:

Discussion:

- Mr. Paturel spoke about picture day and the local company that has been creating great pictures for us.
- Next Friday is a super minimum day, and there will be collaboration with teachers related to writing goals.
- Sacramento Breathe organization presented a new plan to Pioneer students in regard to food scrap separation. Working out well in the Pioneer lunch room.

Files:

Sept 25 handout - Open Performance Tasks.pdf

5.5 LCAP Report:

Discussion:

- Mr. Paturel met with Carolyn Parker at EDCOE about LCAP. They made a few small revisions, mostly language changes.
- LCAP says we will have an Intervention teacher at the elementary school. We were able to bring Katey Levin on as a 2nd grade teacher, enabling Miriam Bolster to return to her role as Intervention teacher.

5.6 Budget Report:

Discussion:

Deferred to item 8.2.

5.7 Budget Report:

Discussion:

Duplicate item.

5.8 Maintenance and Operations Report:

Discussion:

- Superintendent Paturel reported that the State Allocation Board voted 6-4 to approve funding for Berry Creek Elementary. We are hoping to meet with that board ahead of PUSD's presentation to them. Hoping to help them with understanding the challenges we face in regard to rebuilding Walt Tyler.
- New kitchen equipment was installed at Pioneer.
- Lots of irrigation repairs at Mountain Creek.
- Required meters to be installed on our water wells in the near future.
- Working on removing lockers and replacing them with benches on the Mountain Creek campus.
- New custodian just started - going well.

5.9 Transportation Report:

Statement:

5.10 Reports from Employee Group representatives:

Statement:

5.11 Other Reports:

Discussion:

- Victoria Trask for PTO - Halloween Carnival 10/24. Working on building the outdoor haunted house at Pioneer. Volunteers are needed for the carnival. PTO needs pallets for the haunted house build.
- Robyn Adams for PMC - Movie night coming up at D'Agostini Ranch. Sip & Support at Mediterranean Winery on 10/18.

6. Board Policy / Administration

6.1 Interview Candidates for Provisional Appointment to the Board

Discussion:

The Board interviewed two candidates for the open position on the board.

6.2 Action: Call for Vote on Direction of Appointment

Motion:

It was moved to call for a vote to appoint a candidate.

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

6.3 Action: Call for Vote for Board Appointment Candidate

Motion:

It was moved to appoint candidate Kyle Baker.

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

6.4 Administer Oath of Office

Discussion:

Superintendent Paturel administered the Oath of Office to Kyle Baker.

7. Presentation and Public Hearing

7.1 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on Certfication of Sufficient Textbooks/Instructional Materials

Discussion:

- Public hearing was opened at 7:14 pm.
- There were no comments.
- Public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

Files:
Certification of Sufficient Textbooks Public Hearing.pdf

8. Business and Information Items

8.1 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-01, Certification on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Pioneer Union School District

Motion:

It was moved to approve Resolution 25/26-01, Certification on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Pioneer Union School District.

Motion By: Cory Morrison

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

Files:
Resolution 25.26-01 Certification of Sufficient Textbooks.pdf

8.2 Action: Consider Approval for the Certification of Pioneer Union School District's 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

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

CBO Howard presented the 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

Files:
24.25 Unaudited Actuals.pdf

2024_25 Unaudited Actuals Presentation.pdf

UA Form 1 Expenditures by Object.pdf

8.3 Action: Consider Approval of Sunshine Proposal from the Pioneer Faculty Association

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Sunshine proposal from the Pioneer Faculty Association.

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

Files:
Sept 25 PFA Sunshine Proposal.pdf

8.4 Action: Consider Approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Discussion:

The Board asked for clarification on this document. It will be brought back to the October meeting.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1 Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2025

Discussion:

Files:
Minutes August 14 2025 (Sept 25).pdf

9.2 Approval of Warrants:

Discussion:

Files:
Sept 25 Batches 004-008.pdf

9.3 Personnel:

9.4 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, Cory Morrison
Results: Motion Passed

10. Next Board Meetings

10.1 Next Board Meetings

11. Public Comments on Closed Session

11.1 Public Comments:

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

13. Reconvene Regular Meeting

13.1 Meeting Reconvened:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 8:06 pm.

13.2 Disclosure of any action, taken in closed session:

14. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.