

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:45 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. Special Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2025
  - a. Regular Meeting – Friday, June 13, 2025
  - b. Special Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2025

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Open Forum: Items Not Included on the Agenda:*

*The public may address the board on any matter pertaining to the school district that is not on the agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the board, each person is limited to 3 minutes per item. If you wish to speak during the Open Forum, please obtain a card that is on the table along with the agenda; fill the card out completely and give it and any supporting materials (e.g. copies of your remarks, charts or graphs, copies of articles or reports) to the administrative assistant or superintendent/principal. Please turn your card in prior to the beginning of the Open Forum. Your card and materials will be presented to the President of the Board, who will call upon you during the Open Forum. Board members are legally prohibited from discussing non-agenda items and, therefore, will not respond to items presented in the Open Forum. The board encourages the public to be mindful of, and exercise discretion when making comments about individual students. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, but wish to have your comments read aloud to the Board, they may be submitted to Pam Rennick by 12:00PM on the date of the meeting. The written comments will be subject to the same time limitations.*

*Items Included on the Agenda:*

*The board encourages your participation in its deliberations and has tried to make it convenient for you to express your views to the board. If you wish to address the board on an agenda item, please obtain a card that is on the table along with the agenda; fill the card out completely and give it and any supporting materials (e.g. copies of your remarks, charts or graphs, copies of articles or reports) to the administrative assistant or superintendent/principal. Please turn your card in prior to the presentation of the item you wish to address. Your card and materials will be presented to the President of the Board, who will call upon you at the appropriate time during the discussion of that agenda item.*

*At regular meetings, the board will follow this format for major agenda items:*

- staff presentation
- preliminary board and staff discussion
- community participation
- board deliberation and decision, if appropriate

*During study sessions and special meetings, this format may vary.*

*Board agendas are very full and time is limited. For that reason, we request that you speak only once on an item and that you limit your remarks either when addressing an agenda item or when speaking in the Open Forum to a maximum of three minutes. If numerous individuals request to speak on a particular item or in the Open Forum, the President of the Board may limit the total time*

allocated to that item, thereby reducing the time for each speaker. A citizen may request to place an item on the board agenda by submitting a written request and supporting information to the superintendent/principal ten days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The superintendent/principal, in consultation with the President of the Board, will determine at which upcoming regular board meeting the item will be scheduled. The person who requested the item will be allowed five minutes at the meeting to present the information to the board. Following this presentation, the board may address the issue, put the issue on a future agenda for more discussion and action, refer the issue to the administration for follow-up, or take no action.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2025/2026 - #1:  
SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Background: As a condition of compliance with the Education Code Section 60119 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 9531 (c), district, charter school, and county office of education local governing boards are required to hold an annual public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil in the district or charter school has, or will have prior to the end of that year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

*Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 2025/2026 - #1: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.*

7. INFORMATION SECTION

a. Calendar

(\*Indicates off campus events that the Superintendent/Principal is scheduled to attend.)

- Tues. 8/5 Random Lottery for Kindergarten
- Mon./Tues. 8/11 & 8/12 Staff Meeting and Teacher Workdays
- Wed. 8/13 First Day of School!
- Wed. 8/13 Back to School Coffee PTA
- Tues. 8/19 \*Valley Superintendent's Meeting
- Wed. 8/20 School Board Meeting
- Thurs. 8/21 Back to School Night Grades 1-6
- Tues. 8/26 \*SAC Meeting
- Mon. 9/1 Labor Day Holiday – No School
- Wed. 9/3 PTA General Association Meeting
- Tues. 9/12 Superintendents' Meeting
- Wed. 9/17 School Board Meeting

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

c. PTA Report

d. Superintendent's Report

- School Start
  - 2025/2026 School Enrollment
  - Specialist Updates
  - Schools for Sound Finance Reports
- Week Ending: 7/18, 7/23, 8/13

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The board will be asked to approve all the following items by a single vote unless any member of the board or public requests an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered and discussed separately.

- a. Approval of Warrants
  - 850538 – 850546 (6/13/25)
  - 851837 – 851845 (6/20/25)
  - 852731 -- 852734 (6/27/25)
  - 854644 -- 854655 (7/11/25)
  - 855888 – 855901 (7/18/25)
  - 856802 – 856814 (7/25/25)
  - 857627 – 857636 (8/1/25)
  - 858457– 858475 (8/8/25)

- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: June 30, 2025
- c. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: July 31, 2025
- d. Quarterly Report on Williams Complaints: April – June 2025

Background: No complaints received

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

#### 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Discussion and approval of the Parent Notification: Optional Curriculum Opt-Out based on sincerely held religious belief.

Background: In accordance with the United States Supreme Court in *Mahmoud v Taylor*, Ballard School will provide an optional curriculum opt-out based on sincerely held religious belief.

Recommendation: Approve the Parent Notification: Optional Curriculum Opt-Out based on sincerely held religious belief.

#### 11. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. Review and Approval of the Unaudited Actuals for the 2024/2025 School Year

Background: The Unaudited Actuals report is mandated by state law. It details actual expenditures for the prior budget year (2024/2025) and must be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Education Office. After their analysis, the report will be sent to the California Department of Education.

Recommendation: Approve the 2024/2025 Unaudited Actuals report

- b. Approval of Resolution 2025/2026 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2024/2025 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2025/2026.

Background: In November of 1979, the California electorate adopted the Gann Amendment, which established maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called 'Gann Limits,' for public agencies, including school districts. The district must establish a revised Gann Limit for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and a projected Gann Limit for the 2025/2026 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII-B and applicable statutory law.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2025/2026 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2024/2025 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2025/2026

## 12. FACILITIES

- a. Approval of contract with 3-Day Blinds to install window coverings (shutters).  
Background: After completing a Request for Proposal process, the bid is being awarded to 3-Day Blinds for the installation of window coverings (shutters) in all classrooms and the front office.  
Recommendation: Approval of the bid from 3-Day Blinds for the installation of window coverings (shutters).

## 13. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- a. Approval of new hire for temporary front office clerk for 10-15 hours per week, step 5, based on experience.  
Recommendation: Approval of new hire for front office clerk
- b. Approval of new hire for classroom aide, 18.75 hours per week, step 1.  
Recommendation: Approval of new hire for classroom aide position.
- c. Approval of temporary contracts with independent contractors for special services
  - i. Approval of the renewed contract with the music specialist for music instruction, \$100 per hour, 17 hours per week.
  - ii. Approval of the renewed contract with the librarian, \$40 per hour, 8-10 hours per week.
  - iii. Approval of renewed contract with Explore Ecology at \$14,500 per year for garden science instruction.
  - iv. Approval of new contract with Sugar Pine Ceramics for \$50 per hour for art instruction, 8-10 hours per week.Recommendation: Approval of the new and renewed temporary contracts with independent contractors for special services.
- d. Discussion and approval to seek and hire an after school drama instructor, pay range to be determined by the board.  
Recommendation: Approval to seek and hire an after school drama instructor.

## 14. STUDENT MATTERS

- a. Renewal of existing Interdistrict Transfers and approval of new Interdistrict Transfers

## 15. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 3:45pm.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

*Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours:*

**Ballard School Office  
2425 School Street  
Solvang, CA 93463. 805-688-4812**

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

*Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in a meeting or function of the Ballard School District may request assistance by contacting the district/school office, 2425 School Street, Solvang, CA 93463; telephone 805-688-4812; or fax 805-688-7325 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*