

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 19, 2026 4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Art Kaslow called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

2. ROLL CALL

Two board members were present. Two community members and two teachers were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Art Kaslow led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Special Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026

b. Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026

The minutes from the regular board meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, were approved on a motion by Art Kaslow, seconded by Aniesa Ballinger; the motion passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

6. INFORMATION SECTION

a. Calendar

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

- Mon./Tues. 8/10 & 8/11 Staff Meeting and Teacher Workdays
- Wed. 8/12 First Day of School!
- Wed. 8/12 Back to School Coffee PTA
- Wed. 8/19 School Board Meeting
- Thurs. 8/27 Back to School Night Grades 1-6
- Wed. 9/2 PTA General Association Meeting
- Mon. 9/7 Labor Day Holiday – No School
- Tues. 9/11 Superintendents' Meeting
- Wed. 9/16 School Board Meeting

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

None

c. PTA Report

Pam Rennick reported on behalf of the PTA to the board that the beginning of the school year coffee was a huge success. They are currently working on increasing the membership.

d. Superintendent's Report

- School Start

Pam Rennick reported that the school year is off to a terrific start. Ballard has several new families that have moved into the area and a full TK/K class! All of the summer projects were completed and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

- 2026/2027 School Enrollment

Pam Rennick shared that the enrollment is currently 101 students and that it will increase in January to 105.

- Specialist Updates

Pam Rennick shared the specialist schedules and start dates.

- Schools for Sound Finance Reports

Week Ending: 7/16, 7/10, 7/16

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

8. 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

904130 – 904137 (6/12/26)

905390 – 905395 (6/18/26)

906330 -- 906339 (6/26/26)

907172 -- 907178 (7/02/26)

908067 – 908082 (7/10/26)

909289 – 909296 (7/17/26)

910303 – 910312 (7/24/26)

911105 – 911111 (7/31/26)

911860 – 911866 (8/07/26)

Number	Amount	Payee	Description
Page 1 904131	\$8,797.50	Diane Turner	Financial Services
904132	\$491.16	Heidi Nedegaard	K Graduation
904133	\$84.79	Karen Dannemiller	End of the Year School Supplies
904134	\$255.33	Kate Ranelletti	End of the Year School Supplies
904135	\$771.53	Pam Rennick	End of the Year Luncheon/Graduation
904136	\$1,440	Rachael Dillon Fried	Library Services/Books
Page 2 905390	\$350	Dillon Ruse	Music Instruction 6th grade graduation
905393	\$52.45	Kim Bramsen	Mileage
Page 3 906331	\$1,450	Explore Ecology	Garden Science Instruction
906332	\$19,437.60	Jet Mulch	Playground wood chips
906334	\$416.93	Emily Pakulski	Postage/Office supplies

906335	\$1,386.07	South West School Supplies	Paper
906336	\$500	Schools for Sound Finance	Annual Dues (2026/2027)
Page 4 907172	\$8,358.62	Aeries Software	Annual Renewal
907173	\$4,500	Brainpop	Annual Renewal
907174	\$1,135	Converged	Technology Services
907175	\$4,643	Johnson Controls Fire	Annual
907177	\$1,999	Simplify Learning	Science Curriculum
907178	\$26,830.30	SISC III Health	Health Insurance
Page 5 908067	\$3,397.14	Converged	Technology/Phones
908070	\$50	Kim Bramsen	Gas - mower
908072	\$3,638.25	Parent Square	Annual Renewal
908073	\$605	Phils Plumbing	Plumbing repair (room 2)
908074	\$4,754.55	Renaissance Learning	Annual Renewal
908075	\$527.01	Southwest School Supplies	Back to School Supplies
908077	\$2,653	Sagebrush Painting	Bathroom/Office wall painting
Page 6 909290	\$18.25	Heather Blanchard	3rd Grade School Supplies
909291	\$51.99	Karen Dannemiller	2nd Grade School Supplies
909292	\$36.82	Kim Bramsen	Mileage
909294	\$388.63	Emily Pakulski	School Supplies
909295	\$898.99	Really Good Stuff	School Supplies
Page 7 910304	\$1,209	Clay's Septic and Jetting	Septic tank clean out
910305	\$1,135	Converged	Technology Services
910307	\$188.63	Emily Pakulski	School Supplies
910308	\$1,652.35	Ring Central	Phones
910309	\$1,251.81	Southwest School Supplies	Back to School Supplies
Page 8 911106	\$328.93	Lindsey Owen	School Supplies
911110	\$210	Sagebrush	Paint Trim true up
Page 9 911860	\$670	Flinns Heating and Air	A/C repair
911862	\$626.88	Heidi Nedegaard	School Supplies
911863	\$40	Kim Bramsen	Gas Mower
911864	\$84	Megan Morgan	Live Scan
911865	\$235.34	Emily Pakulski	Lunches

- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: June 30, 2026
- c. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: July 31, 2026
- d. Quarterly Report on Williams Complaints: April – June 2026

Background: No complaints received

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved on a motion from Aniesa Ballinger and seconded by Art Kaslow; the motion passed.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Review and universal adoption of board policy updates.

Background: The following board policies are being updated for compliance with state legislature.

BP 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan

AR 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan

BP 1445 Response to Immigration Enforcement

AR 1445 Response to Immigration Enforcement

BP 5125 Student Records

AR 5125 Student Records

BP 5125.1 Release of Directory Information

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BP 4119.24 Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

AR 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

BP 5145.2 Freedom of Speech/Expression

AR 5145.2 Freedom of Speech/Expression

BP 6173 Education for Homeless Children

AR 6173 Education for Homeless Children

BB 9320 Meetings and Notices

BB 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials

AR1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 3517 Facilities Inspection

AR 4112.5 Criminal Record Check

BP 5141.75 Weather Safety

BP 5142 Safety

AR 5142 Safety

Recommendation: Approve updated board policies

The updated board policies were globally adopted on a motion by Art Kaslow, seconded by Aniesa Ballinger; the motion passed.

10. BUSINESS MATTERS

a. Review and Approval of the Unaudited Actuals for the 2025/2026 School Year

Background: The Unaudited Actuals report is mandated by state law. It details actual expenditures for the prior budget year (2025/2026) 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 2025/2026 Unaudited Actuals report

A positive certification of the Unaudited Actuals for the 2025/2026 School Year were approved on a motion by Art Kaslow, seconded by Aniesa Ballinger; the motion passed.

11. FACILITIES

Approval of a contract with Converged for the installation of a new Phone system, for \$6,794.28 to replace the existing phones from Ring Central.

Background: Ballard has been operating with an outdated phone system and intercom system. The new phone system would be an upgraded safety feature including outdoor intercoms to improve the safety after hours during the after school program. All new phones would have the "all call" ability.

Recommendation: Approve the contract with Converged for installation of the new Phone system from Ring Central for \$6,794.28 to replace the existing phones.

The contract with Converged for installation of the new Phone system from Ring Central up to \$6,794.28 approved on a motion by Art Kaslow, seconded by Aniesa Ballinger; the motion passed.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- a. Approval of new hire for classroom aide, 18.75 hours per week, step 4, based on experience.

Recommendation: Approval of new hire for classroom aide position.

The new hire for a classroom aide position was approved on a motion by Aniesa Ballinger, seconded by Art Kaslow; the motion passed.

- b. 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, 15 hours per week.
 - ii. Approval of the renewed contract with the librarian, \$40 per hour, 8-10 hours per week.
 - iii. Approval of new contract with art specialist for \$50 per hour for art instruction, 10 hours per week.
 - iv. Approval of renewed contract with Explore Ecology at \$14,800 per year for garden science instruction.
 - v. Approval to hire a science support instructor, \$30 per hour for science instruction, 6 hours per week.

Recommendation: Approval of the new and renewed temporary contracts with independent contractors for special services.

The new and renewed temporary contracts with independent contractors for special services approved on a motion by Art Kaslow, seconded by Aniesa Ballinger; the motion passed.

13. STUDENT MATTERS

14. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

15. CLOSED SESSION

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9: 1 case

Closed Session began at 5:13pm

Closed Session ended at 5:42pm

After the closed session, the board reported out that they had held a conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation.

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.

Signature (Art Kaslow)

Date