

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 26, 2026
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Niel Tam Educational Center
2060 Challenger Drive
Alameda, California 94501

ADOPTED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at the date and location mentioned above.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics:

There was one public comment on the following Closed Session agenda item:

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Hearing on Uniform Complaint Appeal Against Employee (Govt. Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1))

1) Complaint #26-0008

2. Adjourn to Closed Session – 5:00pm:

Board Members met privately in the Ballena Conference Room at the Niel Tam Educational Center for Closed Session. Agenda items discussed in Closed Session included:

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Hearing on Uniform Complaint Appeal Against Employee (Govt. Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1))

2) Complaint #26-0008

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Request to Hear Appeal of Uniform Complaint Against Employee (Govt. Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1)):

1) Complaint #26-0010

Conference with Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation (Govt. Code §54956.9, subd. (d)

(1) District Designated Representatives: Shariq Khan and Dani Krueger, Alameda Unified School District and Leone, Alberts, & Duus (1 Case):

1) Jane RB Doe v. Alameda Unified School District: Case No. 23CV032022 (Alameda County Superior Court).

Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employee(s):

Public Employee Release/Non-Reelection, Govt. Code §54957; Ed. Code § 44929.21(b)

Student Discipline Matters (Ed. Code §§ 48918, 48919; Govt. Code § 54962) (1 Case):

1) Consideration and Approval of Stipulated Expulsion Agreement: – Student Case No. 26-05

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - (Govt. Code, §54957, subd. (b)(1)):

1) Superintendent

3. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board reconvened to Public Session in the Marina Conference Room in the Niel Tam Educational Center.

4. Call to Order - Public Session – 6:33pm

Board President Ryan LaLonde called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Ryan LaLonde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board of Education Members present: Board President Ryan LaLonde, Board Clerk Jennifer Williams, Board Trustee Carrie Hahnel and Board Trustee Gary K. Lym.

Board Vice President Heather Little was not in attendance at this meeting.

Student Board Members were not in attendance at this meeting.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Timothy Erwin; Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Shariq Khan; Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Kirsten Zazo; Senior Manager of Community Affairs, Susan Davis; and Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Kerri Lonergan.

7. Closed Session Action Report:

This evening during Closed Session the board voted 4 - 0 with one Board member absent to authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to Non-Reelect certain probationary certificated employees from employment for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

The Board also heard a Uniform Complaint appeal for Complaint #26-0008. The Board took action with a vote of 4 - 0 with one Board member absent to uphold the District's decision on that complaint.

Also in Closed Session tonight, the Board of Education voted 4 - 0 with one Board member absent to deny the request to hear an appeal of Uniform Complaint #26-0010.

Lastly, in Closed Session, the Board was presented with information to consider the case of a stipulated expulsion, Student Case #26-05. In accordance with Education Code 35146 and district policy, the Board has reviewed the recommendation and supporting documentation. We will be taking action in open-session.

Motion to approve the stipulated expulsion for Student Case #26-05 pursuant to Education Code § 48900 and 48915.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Williams

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:

There were no modifications of the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the April 28, 2026 Board of Education meeting were considered for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Hahnel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Proclamation: LGBTQ Pride Month – June 2026

Student representative Lani Primus read the proclamation recognizing June 2026 as LGBTQ Pride Month. The proclamation acknowledged the history of the LGBTQ civil rights movement, the contributions of LGBTQ students, families, educators, and community members, and the District's commitment to providing safe, inclusive, and affirming learning environments for all students. The proclamation also recognized the history of LGBTQ advocacy and inclusion efforts within Alameda Unified School District and the broader Alameda community.

Board President Ryan LaLonde thanked the student presenter and highlighted the Alameda Queer History Project, a student-led effort to document and preserve the history of LGBTQ individuals and advocacy efforts in Alameda.

Motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month in Alameda Unified School District.

MOTION: Member Williams **SECONDED:** Member Hahnel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:
There were no public comments under this agenda item.

3. Written Correspondence:
The Board received one email regarding General Business Item F-1, Staff Recommendation for Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption.

4. Report from Employee Organizations:
Alameda Education Association (AEA): Judy Ganley, President of AEA introduced representatives from the Alameda Child Development Center (ACDC) and yielded a portion of her time to address concerns regarding employee vacation leave practices.

Ligaya Payopay, ACDC teacher and AEA site representative, spoke on behalf of ACDC staff regarding limitations placed on the use of consecutive vacation days. Ms. Payopay stated that staff members historically had been permitted to utilize vacation leave in accordance with provisions of the collective bargaining agreement and expressed concern that a new administrative practice limiting consecutive vacation days could negatively affect employee morale, recruitment, and retention. She requested that staff be permitted to continue using accrued vacation leave consistent with past practice.

Ms. Ganley emphasized the importance of supporting and retaining early childhood education staff and stated that AEA would continue advocating on behalf of affected employees.

5. Report from PTA Council:

PTA Council (PTAC): No PTA Council report was presented. Staff shared that PTA Council President Katie Honegger was unable to attend and noted PTA Council had identified a new incoming president who would be introduced at a future meeting.

6. Board Members' Report:

Board Member Gary K. Lym: Board Member Lym expressed appreciation to staff and community members involved in the District's Black Graduation Celebration and commended the event organizers for their efforts supporting students and families.

Board President Ryan LaLonde: Board President LaLonde thanked staff and administration for their work on the Kofman Auditorium ribbon-cutting ceremony and recognized the significance of the project for students and the community. President LaLonde also provided an opportunity for students involved in the Alameda Queer History Project to describe their work documenting and preserving the history of LGBTQ individuals, advocacy efforts, and inclusion initiatives in Alameda. Student presenters Luke Probst, Juna Rose Kobler, Annika Wong, and Echo described the project's goals and discussed the importance of preserving local LGBTQ history for future generations.

7. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi: Superintendent Scuderi thanked District staff for their work as the school year approached its conclusion and acknowledged the efforts of teachers, administrators, classified staff, and support personnel. Superintendent Scuderi also highlighted the significant work that continues during the summer months, including technology upgrades, maintenance projects, construction activities, and facility improvements throughout the District.

8. Student Board Member Reports:

Student Board members were not in attendance during this meeting.

E. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Certificated Personnel Actions
- 2) Classified Personnel Actions
- 3) Approval and Acceptance of Donations
- 4) Approval and Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
- 5) Approval and Ratification of Facilities Bond Measure I and Measure B Contracts
- 6) Approval and Ratification of Individual Service Agreements (ISAs) with Non-Public Schools and Non-Public Agencies
- 7) Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
- 8) Approval of California Interscholastic Federation Representatives to League for 2026-27 School Year for Alameda High School and Encinal Jr./Sr. High School

- 9) Approval of CDE Approved List of Courses to be Offered for the 2026-27 School Year at Alameda Adult School
- 10) Approval of Elementary English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Adoption Recommended by Staff at the May 12, 2026 Board of Education Meeting
- 11) Approval of High School Biology Textbook Adoption: Understanding for Life
- 12) Resolution No. 2025-2026.55 Annual Declaration of Certain Textbooks Unusable or Obsolete
- 13) Resolution No. 2025-2026.56 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
- 14) Resolution No. 2025-2026.57 Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property

Public Comment:

Lindsey Nofeldt, reading advocate with Learning for Berkeley and member of the North Region SELPA Community Advisory Committee: Ms. Nofeldt requested that the Board remove the Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption item from the Consent Calendar and consider it separately. Ms. Nofeldt expressed concerns regarding the recommended curriculum and encouraged the District to delay adoption until additional state-approved instructional materials become available.

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Lym

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

Board members commented on the extensive review and pilot process conducted by staff and participating teachers. Board members noted that additional information had been provided following the May 12 public hearing and that questions regarding implementation, professional development, assessment of outcomes, and curriculum supplementation had been addressed. Board members expressed appreciation for the work of participating teachers and literacy specialists and noted that the curriculum recommendation reflected a multi-year review process.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2025-2026.58 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Election of 2022 General Obligation Bonds, Series C

Shariq Khan, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, introduced the item and Katie Dodson, Bond Counsel with Jones Hall, presented the proposed issuance of the third series of bonds authorized under Measure B. Ms. Dodson explained that voters approved \$298 million in general obligation bonds in 2022 and that the proposed issuance would authorize the next series of bonds, not to exceed \$100 million, to support District facilities projects.

Board members indicated they were familiar with the Measure B bond program and did not have additional questions.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-2026.58 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Election of 2022 General Obligation Bonds, Series C.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Williams

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

2. Resolution No. 2025-2026.59 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bonds

Katie Dodson, Bond Counsel with Jones Hall, presented a proposal to refinance certain outstanding Measure I bonds issued in 2015. Ms. Dodson explained that favorable market conditions could allow the District to refinance existing bonds and generate savings for local taxpayers. She noted that refinancing would only proceed if it resulted in measurable financial benefit.

A Board member asked whether the District could delay the transaction if more favorable market conditions emerged. Staff explained that the financing team would continue monitoring the market and would seek the most advantageous rates available before completing the transaction. Board members commented that taxpayer savings resulting from the refinancing would be a positive outcome for the community.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-2026.59 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bonds.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Hahnel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, Hahnel, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

3. Consideration and Selection of a Name for the Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School Athletic Field

Susan Davis, Senior Manager of Community Affairs, presented the results of the field naming process conducted pursuant to Board Policy 7310. Ms. Davis reviewed the community engagement process, the work of the naming committee, and survey results collected from students, families, and staff. The naming committee recommended three finalist names: Jetway Field, Jets Field, and Jet Pride Field, with Jet Pride Field identified as the committee's preferred recommendation. Survey results showed varying preferences among students, families, and staff, with Jets Field receiving the highest overall level of support.

Board members discussed the survey results, the committee's recommendation, and the importance of preserving opportunities to recognize alumni, coaches, and student-athletes through plaques, displays, and other forms of recognition. Board members noted that existing honors, including Willie Stargell Field and Don Grant Track, would remain unchanged. Several board members commented on the value of incorporating student feedback into the final decision.

Following discussion, a motion was made to name the facility Jets Field. The Board continued discussion regarding the exact styling and punctuation of the name before proceeding with action.

Motion to approve Jets Field with an apostrophe S as the name of the new athletic field at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School.

After some discussion, Board Clerk Williams amended her motion to be:

Motion to approve Jets Field with an apostrophe S after the S as the name of the new athletic field at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member LaLonde

After further discussion and before a vote on the previous motion, Board Member Hahnel made a motion:

Motion to approve Jets Field as the name of the new athletic field at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School with specific copy-editing guidance left to staff.

MOTION: Member Hahnel

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Board President LaLonde repeated the motion and second on the floor:

Motion to approve Jets Field with an apostrophe S after the S as the name of the new athletic field at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Lym

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: Members Byrne-Sarno, Smith, and Woldesemayat

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, and Lym

ABSTAIN: Member Hahnel

ABSENT: Member Little

MOTION APPROVED

4. 2026-2027 Budget Adoption Process: Presentation on Governor's May Revise Report & Recommendations on Budgeting by Site and by Program

Shariq Khan, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the third budget development update for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Mr. Khan reviewed the budget adoption timeline, Governor Newsom's May Revision proposal, and proposed site and departmental budget allocations. Staff reported that the Governor's proposal includes a 2.87% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and an additional 1.44% augmentation, for a combined increase of 4.31%, along with several one-time and ongoing funding proposals. Staff also discussed concerns regarding the State's continued use of Proposition 98 funding deferrals and the uncertainty associated with future repayment timelines.

The presentation included an overview of potential increases in special education funding, expanded Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) funding, proposed employee leave provisions, and other state budget proposals that could affect District finances. Staff explained that many proposed revenues had not yet been incorporated into the District's budget projections because final legislative action had not occurred.

Staff also reviewed school-site and department budget allocations and explained the methodology used to calculate per-pupil expenditures. Board members discussed enrollment impacts, Transitional Kindergarten staffing allocations, site funding comparisons, and assumptions used in budget development. Superintendent Scuderi commented on statewide concerns regarding Proposition 98 deferrals and the uncertainty associated with future state funding commitments.

G. ADJOURNMENT - Board President Ryan LaLonde adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Kerri Lonergan
Senior Executive Assistant
Alameda Unified School District