

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 23, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Alameda City Hall

2263 Santa Clara Avenue

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 were no public comments on Closed Session topics.

2. Recess to Closed Session – 5:00pm:

Board Members met privately in Conference Room 361 in City Hall for Closed Session. Agenda items discussed in Closed Session included:

Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)): 1) John Doe and Alameda Unified School District: Final Compromise and Settlement Agreement dated June 1, 2026; 2) Jane Doe and Alameda Unified School District: Final Compromise and Settlement Agreement dated June 20, 2026.

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

1) Consideration and Approval of Stipulated Expulsion Agreement – Student Case No. 26-06

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

1) Superintendent

3. Reconvene to Public Session – 6:30pm:

The Board reconvened to Public Session in Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

4. Call to Order - Public Session – 6:30pm:

Board President Ryan LaLonde called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:30pm.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Ryan LaLonde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Roll Call/Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board of Education Members present: Board President Ryan LaLonde, Board Vice President Heather Little, Board Clerk Jennifer Williams, and Board Trustee Gary Lim. Board Trustee Carrie Hahnel was absent. Student Board Members had completed the school year and were not present.

7. Closed Session Action Report:

In Closed Session, the Board considered a stipulated expulsion for Student Case #26-06.

Motion to approve approved the stipulated expulsion pursuant to Education Code §§ 48915 and 48918, with enforcement of the expulsion order suspended for one calendar year. The student was placed on probationary status under a mandatory rehabilitation plan, with modifications increasing attendance requirements to 90% and mental health services to 25 hours.

MOTION: Member Little

SECONDED: Member Lym

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, and Lym

NOES: Member Williams

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

MOTION APPROVED

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA

The Board approved a request to remove Board Policy 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth, from the CSBA policy updates on the Consent Calendar and postpone consideration to the next meeting so that Board President Ryan LaLonde could obtain clarification regarding the proposed amendment. The remainder of the Consent Calendar was left for consideration.

Motion to remove Board Policy 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth, from the CSBA policy updates on the Consent Calendar and postpone consideration to a subsequent meeting.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

MOTION APPROVED

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the May 12, 2026 and May 26, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meetings:

Due to Board Vice President Heather Little's absence during the May 26, 2026 meeting, the Board was asked to make two motions and take two votes on the minutes being presented for approval.

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 12, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

MOTION APPROVED

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 26, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, and Lym

ABSTAIN: Member Little

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

MOTION APPROVED

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Carolyn Brossard, AUSD parent: Ms. Brossard thanked Senior Director of Equity, African American and Multi-Ethnic Student Achievement Shamar Edwards for her service and leadership in advancing equity, student achievement, family engagement, belonging, and access. Ms. Broussard highlighted initiatives developed or strengthened under Ms. Edwards's leadership and asked District leadership and the Board to consider whether the current leadership structure provides the role with sufficient authority, accountability, and institutional support to continue this work.

2. Written Correspondence:

The Board received 20 emails regarding Consent Calendar Item #1, the Certificated Personnel Actions.

3. Report from Employee Organizations:

Alameda Education Association (AEA): Judy Ganley, President of AEA, expressed appreciation for the work of Shamar Edwards and thanked AEA leadership, bargaining team, and executive board members for their work during the school year. She announced changes to AEA leadership, including Doug Heim as elementary director and Lindsay Schlachs as middle school director, and noted that Paisley Spencer would continue working with the East Bay Coalition on Student Success. Ms. Ganley recognized temporary and

probationary employees who would not be returning, retirees, and other employees and administrators leaving the District, and emphasized the importance of recruiting and retaining excellent educators and classified staff.

No substantive reports were provided by CSEA Chapter 27 or CSEA Chapter 860.

4. PTA Council Report:

PTA Council President Katie Honegger reported on the work of PTAC groups during the 2025-26 school year, including special education and 504 family outreach, equity and inclusion collaboration, digital literacy, climate and sustainability initiatives, and efforts to secure outside funding. Ms. Honegger highlighted a PTAC-supported pilot project at Edison Elementary and the submission of grant applications supporting environmental education and climate resilience. She introduced Tim McQuillan as the incoming PTA Council President and thanked the Board, PTAC leaders, PTA leaders, and AUSD staff for their support during her two years as president.

5. Board Members' Report:

Board Vice President Heather Little thanked Katie Honegger for her service to the PTA Council and welcomed Tim McQuillan.

Board Trustee Gary Lim thanked Ms. Honegger for her years of service and expressed appreciation to staff and to K. Lonergan for their support throughout the school year.

Board President Ryan LaLonde thanked staff and community members for their work and support during the school year.

6. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi joined in recognizing Shamar Edwards and wished her well in her new position with Milpitas Unified. He also recognized Jody McCarthy, Coordinator of Student Services, who brought approximately \$3 million in grants to the District over the previous three years and is moving to a Director of Student Services position in Castro Valley. Superintendent Scuderi introduced Jean Liu, his recommended candidate for principal of Franklin Elementary School, and shared her educational and professional background and connection to the Alameda community. Ms. Liu expressed appreciation for the recommendation and said she looked forward to partnering with Franklin students, families, staff, and District leaders.

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 (Standing Item)
6. Approval and Ratification of Individual Service Agreements (ISAs) with Non-Public Schools and Non-Public Agencies

7. Approval of 2025-26 FY Annual Report for Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding
8. Approval of 2026-27 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs
9. Approval of 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum
10. Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
11. Approval of CSBA and Staff Recommended Updates to Board Policies Reviewed at the June 10, 2026 Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
12. Approval of Revised Course Titles: Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) for Grades 9-12
13. Resolution No. 2025-2026.69 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
14. Resolution No. 2025-2026.70 Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property
15. Resolution No. 2025-2026.71 Approval of Participation in Bids/Contracts of Other Public Agencies (Piggyback Contracts), Authority to Award Piggyback Contracts, and Adoption of Federal Small Purchase Threshold for Child Nutrition Programs for 2026-2027
16. Resolution No. 2025-2026.72 Authorization of the Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to Sign Orders Drawn on the District Funds During the Summer until August 12, 2026
17. Resolution No. 2025-2026.73 Authorization for Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to Accept Low Apparent Bid Awards During the Summer Until August 12, 2026
18. Resolution No. 2025-2026.74 Annual Delegation of Authority to Approve Year-End Budget Transfers
19. Resolution No. 2025-2026.75 Approval to Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers
20. Resolution No. 2025-2026.76 Appointment of Authorized Agents to Sign Warrants & Disbursements on District's Non-County Treasury Bank Accounts
21. Resolution No. 2025-2026.77 Appointment of Authorized Agents to Sign Official Documents and Reports
22. Resolution No. 2025-2026.78 Delegation of Authority to Purchase and Contract
23. Resolution No. 2025-2026.79 Authorization for Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources to Extend Offers of Employment During the Summer Until August 11, 2026
24. Resolution No. 2025-2026.80 Annual Signature Card for AUSD Board of Education Trustees
25. Resolution No. 2025-2026.83 Acknowledging the Effect of Assembly Bill 1390 on Governing Board Compensation

Public Comments:

Ken Arnerich, Former Head Baseball Coach, Alameda High School: Mr. Arnerich expressed deep disappointment over his sudden removal after 24 years of service without being given a reason or a proper hearing. He noted that the administration failed to investigate an anonymous letter filled with inaccuracies and never interviewed his players or parents. He requested a meeting with Human Resources and urged the Board to rethink its decision.

Sheila Edwards, Team Parent, Alameda High School Baseball Program: Ms. Edwards requested the reinstatement of Coach Ken, stating she never witnessed any inappropriate behavior while attending daily games and practices. She shared that her son and other players have learned vital life lessons, accountability, and discipline under his leadership. She requested that the Board give him at least one more year to coach the upcoming senior class.

Rich Sherratt, Hall of Fame Baseball Member (Alameda High School & Cal State East Bay): Mr. Sherratt, a lifetime resident and former City Council member, praised the coach for running a first-class program and treating young athletes with respect. He expressed serious concern that removing walk-on coaches without a hearing creates a culture of fear and could severely damage district athletic programs. He urged the School Board to honor dedicated walk-on coaches rather than dismiss them.

Rich Krinks, Baseball Coach / Board of Directors Member (Alameda Little League, Alameda Babe Ruth, Alameda World Baseball Team): Mr. Krinks questioned why the coaching staff was released, asking if it was due to their mission statement that emphasizes character development and earning playing time. He noted that both parents and players sign commitment contracts agreeing to these standards. He concluded by asking the Board if their baseball program was simply considered not good enough.

Colleen Arnerich, Wife of Head Coach and Community Member: Ms. Arnerich highlighted the coach's extensive contributions, including founding the Crab Feed fundraiser, building the batting cages, and partnering with the Special Olympics. She questioned an official district email citing a need for a "new chapter," pointing out that no administration members had actually attended practices or games. She asked the Board to reconsider the dismissal in the interest of fairness.

Noah, Student-Athlete and AHS Baseball Player: Noah shared that the coach's old-school style taught him how to face adversity, work hard, and earn his spot on the team. He emphasized that the coach always fought for his players in school, baseball, and life. He noted the coach's tireless dedication to maintaining the fields and called the dismissal a massive mistake.

Stephanie Anderson, Alameda High Alumna and parent of former AHS Baseball Players: Ms. Anderson voiced profound disappointment regarding the sudden and unfair dismissal of a trusted mentor and community institution. She stated that the coach measures athletes by their character, resilience, and integrity rather than just talent. She urged the Board to look at the human impact, reinstate the coach, and give him a proper public celebration.

Victor Republicano, Local Baseball Coach: Mr. Republicano shared his positive multi-decade experience coaching against Arnerich and noted that his own son loved playing for him. He stated that 24 years of dedication earns a coach the right to transparency and due process. He requested that the Board tell the coach what he did wrong and give him a fair chance to address any allegations.

Bryson Edwards, Student-Athlete and AHS Baseball Player: Bryson credited his growth as a high-level player to the opportunities and confidence provided by the coach since his freshman year. He stated that no replacement coach could ever match Arnerich's passion

and love for the team. He expressed that losing their coach during their final year would be highly unfair to the incoming seniors.

Samuel Berger, Student-Athlete and AHS Baseball Player: Samuel stated that the coach believed in him and taught him that hard work and patience lead to earned opportunities. He praised the coach for teaching valuable life lessons, prioritizing players, and remaining open to player ideas. Please let him stay for one more year.

Jose Ceirda-Zinn, Community Member (Reading statement on behalf of Student-Athlete and AHS Baseball Player, Gavin Ceirda-Zinn): Mr. Ceirda-Zinn read a statement highlighting the coach's thousands of hours of dedication to building a program centered on accountability, discipline, and teamwork. The statement noted that the coach creates a culture where students strive to improve both on and off the field. It concluded that such a positive, multi-generational impact deserves recognition and respect.

Doug Block, Local Youth Coach / Union Representative: Mr. Block stated that as a parent and a union member, he firmly believes in seniority, due process, and respect. He argued that a 25-year coach deserves a fair process and a clear explanation, which the boys and community are also owed. He noted that the situation has moved past a personnel issue and has become a community-wide concern.

Tim Goodman, Community Member: Mr. Goodman expressed shock over the coach's non-renewal, noting that the decision was recommended by an outgoing principal who is now leaving the school. He asked if there are rules preventing the coach from reapplying for his position under the incoming principal. He requested that the Board or district staff follow up with him directly regarding this inquiry.

Ken Arnerich Jr., Assistant Coach, AHS Baseball and Community Member: Mr. Arnerich Jr. noted that rumors of major coaching changes were circulating well before the end of the spring season. He pointed out that the outgoing principal had no presence at games or practices and was using the school as a stepping stone, unlike the coach who poured his heart into the program. He asked the Board to do the right thing and reconsider the dismissal.

Michelle Brannon, Community Member: Ms. Brannon emphasized that the crowd in attendance represented only a fraction of the lives the coach has changed over 25 years. She questioned why the district would push away a mentor who models accountability, resilience, and lifelong support for his players. She asked the Board to consider if this decision was truly made in the best interest of students.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception noted in Modifications of the Agenda earlier in the meeting.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

MOTION APPROVED

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Presentation of 2025-2026 Local Indicators:

Senior Manager of Data Assessment and Research Lindsay Jenkins Stark presented the 2025-2026 local indicator results, focusing on the Family Relationships and Trust Survey and the California Healthy Kids Survey. The presentation reported approximately 35% participation in the family survey and generally positive overall results, while noting variation among student and family groups and a notable difference in reported experiences for families of gender-fluid students. The California Healthy Kids Survey showed generally strong relationships with caring adults at school, with differences for some student groups and a notable dip in ninth grade. The Board discussed survey participation, representativeness of the data, outreach methods, survey length, site-specific analysis, and the use of results by school sites to identify trends and conduct focus groups. Staff reported that survey results are shared with school sites and used to inform planning and follow-up.

Public Comments:

*Carolyn Brossard, AUSD parent:*Ms. Brossard expressed concern regarding the low response rate of a family trust survey, noting that a data collection effort missing 65% of the population lacks true representation. She questioned how the district plans to use the results knowing a significant portion of the community is unrepresented. Additionally, she inquired about the district's outreach and incentive strategies for distributing the survey and gathering feedback.

2. Approval of 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents:

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Kirsten Zazo recommended approval of the 2026-27 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents. The item had previously been presented to the Board as an informational item and public hearing on June 9, 2026. No public comments or additional written information were received, including no additional comments from the Alameda County Office of Education. The Board approved the 2026-27 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents.

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget Overview for Parents.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

3. Adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget and Approval of Resolution No. 2025-2026.81 Designating Certain General Funds as Committed Fund Balance:

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Shariq Khan recommended adoption of the 2026-27 budget and approval of Resolution No. 2025-2026.81. The item had previously been presented to the Board as an informational item and public hearing on June 9, 2026. No public comments were received during the meeting or during the public hearing process, and no revisions had been made to the budget presented at the prior meeting. The Board adopted the 2026-27 budget and approved Resolution No. 2025-2026.81.

Motion to adopt the 2026-27 Budget and Approve Resolution No. 2025-2026.81, Designating Certain General Funds as Committed Fund Balance.

MOTION: Member Lym

SECONDED: Member Williams

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

4. Approval of the 2026-2027 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan and Resolution No. 2025-2026.82:

Assistant Superintendent Khan recommended approval of the 2026-27 Education Protection Account spending plan and Resolution No. 2025-2026.82. The item had previously been presented to the Board as an informational item and public hearing on June 9, 2026. No public comments were received and no changes had been made to the information presented at the prior meeting. The Board approved the 2026-27 EPA Spending Plan and Resolution No. 2025-2026.82.

Motion to approve 2026-2027 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan and Resolution No. 2025-2026.82.

MOTION: Member Little

SECONDED: Member Lym

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Little, Williams, and Lym

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Hahnel

Prior to the discussion of General Business item #5, Board Vice President Heather Little disclosed that she is employed by Alameda Family Services as their Chief Operating Officer. Board Vice President Little stated she does not have a direct or non-remote interest in the outcome of the contracts being reviewed in the next agenda item, but she recused herself and left the meeting prior to the discussion.

5. Approval of Alameda Family Services Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

Assistant Superintendent Zazo was available to answer questions regarding the contracts. Board Clerk Jennifer Williams requested to review the term of the contracts, which provides that the contracts commence July 1, 2026 and continue for one year. No public comments were received. The Board approved the Alameda Family Services contracts for fiscal year 2026-2027 with three yes votes and two Board members absent.

Motion to approve Alameda Family Services Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: Member Little

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members LaLonde, Williams, and Lym

NO:

ABSENT: Members Little and Hahnel

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm. Board President Ryan LaLonde thanked students, staff, families, and the community for their dedication and support throughout the school year and announced that the next regular Board meeting would be held August 11, 2026.