CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes
Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center | 170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont, California
(Hybrid Meeting)

Board of Education
Dr. Alex McDonald, President
Kathy Archer, Vice President
Cheryl Fiello, Clerk
Kathryn Dunn, Member
Richard W. O'Neill, Member

Board Members Present: Kathryn Dunn, Richard O'Neill, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Administrative Staff Present:
Dr. James Elsasser, Superintendent and Board Secretary
Desiree Reyes, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Julie Olesniewicz, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Kevin Ward, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Dr. Rick Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kara Evans, Director of Educational Technology and Innovation
Angela Gearhart, Exec. Secretary to the Superintendent

1. ZOOM LINK TO JOIN THE MEETING

2. OPENING ITEMS

2.01 Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.02 Establish a Quorum
A quorum was established with five Board members present: Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, and Alex McDonald. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Elsasser, Executive Cabinet, Angela Gearhart, and Kara Evans.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Elsasser requested that Agenda Item 8.02, El Roble Intermediate School Speech & Debate Team, be removed from the agenda due to the students being unavailable to attend the meeting.
To adopt the Agenda as amended.

- Motioned by: Richard O'Neill
- Seconded by: Cheryl Fiello
- Yeas: Richard O'Neill, Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

4. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS / Public Comment

- 4.01 Public Comment on Closed Session Items
- 4.02 Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Position: Superintendent - California Government Code §54954.5 (e) pursuant to California Government Code §54957
- 4.03 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Designated Negotiator: Dr. James Elsasser, CUSD Superintendent of Schools; CFA/CSEA/CMA/Unrepresented - California Government Code §54954.5 (f) pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6
- 4.04 Personnel Matters: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - California Government Code §54954.5(e) pursuant to California Government Code §54957

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

6.01 Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

6.02 Establishing a Quorum
A quorum was established with five Board members present: Richard O'Neill, Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, and Alex McDonald. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Elsasser, Executive Cabinet, Angela Gearhart, and Kara Evans.

6.03 Flag Salute
Board President McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6.04 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.01 May 21, 2026 Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
To adopt the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 21, 2026

- Motioned by: Cheryl Fiello
- Seconded by: Richard O'Neill
- Yeas: Richard O'Neill, Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS

8.01 Special Order of Business/Recognitions
8.02 Recognition: El Roble Intermediate School Speech & Debate Team
This item was removed from the agenda during the adoption of the agenda.

8.03 Recognition: ACSA Region 15 Award Winners
The Board recognized ACSA Region 15 award recipients Rosa Leong, Administrator of the Year – Classified Leader; Kara Evans, Administrator of the Year – Educational Technology; and Sarah Estrada, Administrator of the Year – Special Education, for their outstanding leadership and service to the Claremont Unified School District.

9. ORAL REPORTS: BOARD OF EDUCATION

9.01 Oral reports by members of the Board of Education

- Board Member Richard O'Neill reported on visits to Mountain View Elementary School and attended the Dual Language Immersion musical performance.
- Board Member Kathryn Dunn reported on her participation as a panelist for El Roble Intermediate School's IB Middle Years Programme community project presentations and noted that a Legislative Action letter had been drafted for Board consideration.
- Board Clerk Cheryl Fiello reported that 15 CLASP students will be graduating this year and noted that CEF scholarships will support CLASP students participating in the SLICE of Summer program. She also attended the District's English Learner Reclassification Ceremony.
- Board Vice President Kathy Archer highlighted recent student artwork and arts-related activities across the District.
- Board President Alex McDonald reported that applications are now available for Village Venture and shared information regarding a meeting with Slow Tech Families. He also announced his appointment to the State Superintendent's Task Force addressing healthcare budget issues, with its first meeting scheduled for June 17.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

10.01 Information/Announcements
Dr. Elsasser highlighted the District's English Learner Reclassification Ceremony, where 53 students were recognized for meeting the criteria for reclassification, and provided an update on the District's technology survey being conducted to help inform future program recommendations. He also shared updates on ongoing facilities community engagement efforts and wished students, families, and staff a successful conclusion to the school year and upcoming graduation celebrations.

11. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

11.01 Comments by Employee Associations: CFA, CSEA Chapter 200, and CMA

- CFA President Brian D'Ambrosia-Donner spoke about the ongoing partnership between CFA and CUSD, highlighting several challenges and opportunities that were successfully addressed through collaboration.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)

12.01 PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)

There were seven online public comments and ten in-person public comments received.

- Michiko, representing Slow Tech Families, spoke regarding technology use in schools.
- Wendy Marlar expressed concerns regarding the Summer Physical Education program.
- Shalay Clements expressed concerns regarding technology use in the classroom.
- Gautam expressed concerns regarding limiting student screen time.
- Sharon expressed concerns regarding technology use in schools.
- Alicia Brady, representing Slow Tech Families, spoke regarding technology use in schools.
- Jennifer Goward expressed concerns regarding technology use in schools.
- Valerie Roundtree expressed concerns regarding technology use in schools.
- Gabi Garcia expressed concerns regarding student screen time.
- Lydia Hernandez expressed concerns regarding teacher compensation and benefits.

Board Vice President Kathy Archer requested additional information from staff regarding the Summer Physical Education program to ensure alternative options are available to students.

13. PRESENTATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

13.01 Presentations and Reports

14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.01 Secondary Schools: Additions, Deletions, and Revisions to the Courses of Study

Dr. Olesniewicz presented recommended additions, deletions, and revisions to the secondary courses of study for El Roble Intermediate School and Claremont High School to ensure alignment with state standards, graduation requirements, college admissions expectations, and student learning needs. San Antonio High School reported no proposed revisions to its courses of study.

To approve the additions, title changes, and revisions to the Secondary Courses of Study for El Roble Intermediate School, Claremont High School, and San Antonio High School as presented.

- Motioned by: Kathryn Dunn
- Seconded by: Cheryl Fiello
- Yeas: Richard O'Neill, Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

15. GENERAL ITEMS

16.01 Facilities Bond Feasibility Outreach and Community Engagement Update

Dr. Elsasser presented an update on the District's facilities bond feasibility outreach and community engagement efforts, including feedback gathered through stakeholder meetings, community presentations, and Facilities Advisory Committee discussions regarding the District's facilities needs and the potential placement of a bond measure on the November 2026 ballot. Board members discussed the District's aging facilities, the impacts of delaying facility improvements, and the proposed project list. Following discussion, the Board reached consensus to proceed with preparation of a resolution for consideration at the June 18, 2026, Board meeting regarding placement of a facilities bond measure on the November 2026 ballot.

16.02 Second Reading: Board Policies 4119.24, 4219.24, & 4319.24

Dr. Elsasser presented a second reading of Board Policies 4119.24, 4219.24, and 4319.24, Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions. Board members discussed implementation, staff training, communication of the new policies, and the continued transition to a unified platform for monitoring and reporting. Board members expressed appreciation to Dr. Lopez, staff, and employee association representatives for their collaborative work on the policies. Following discussion, there was consensus to bring the policies forward for adoption at the June 18, 2026, Board meeting with no additional revisions.

17. CONSENT CALENDAR

17.01 Approval of Consent Calendar

To approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- Motioned by: Richard O'Neill
- Seconded by: Cheryl Fiello
- Yeas: Richard O'Neill, Kathryn Dunn, Cheryl Fiello, Kathy Archer, Alex McDonald

Motion Carried

17.02 Baldy View ROP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Dual Enrollment College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement between The Citrus Community College District and the Claremont Unified School District
To authorize the Baldy View ROP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Dual Enrollment College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement between The Citrus Community College District and the Claremont Unified School District.

17.03 Budget Transfer
To approve the attached budget transfer BUDK12T 26*0015.

17.04 Budget Adjustment
To approve the budget adjustment as presented.

17.05 Obsolete Items
To declare obsolete and dispose of the attached items.

17.06 Gifts
To accept donations and gifts as listed in the attached.

17.07 Vendor Agreements
To authorize the following agreements with the attached vendors.

17.08 Certificated Personnel Actions
To approve the attached Certificated Personnel Actions as presented.

17.09 Classified Personnel Actions
To approve the attached Classified Personnel Actions as presented.

17.10 Adoption of Board Policies: 6112
To adopt Board Policy 6112 as presented.

17. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17.01 New or Revised Calendar Information
There are no changes to be made.

18. ADJOURNMENT

18.01 Final Adjournment
The meeting adjourned in closed session at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. James Elsasser, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

Attested and Approved:

Cheryl Fiello, Board Clerk
Board Approved on the 18th day of June 2026