Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday March 5, 2026
Open Session: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:
District Office- Badger Room
12623 Avenue 416
Orosi, CA 93647
(559) 528-4763

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

	Present	Absent
Sandra Williams, Board President	_____	_____
Marisol Rubalcaba, Board Vice President	_____	_____
Delia Martinez, Board Clerk	_____	_____
Mary Helen Espino, Trustee	_____	_____
Joni Jordan, Trustee	_____	_____
Javier Quevedo, Trustee	_____	_____
Karen Gonzalez, Trustee	_____	_____

District Office Administration:				**School Site Administration:**	
Yolanda Valdez	___	**Linda Montemayor**	___	**Oscar Villaseñor**	___
Shevonne Swanson	___	**Jayboy Camaquin**	___	**Victoria Guzman**	___
Faith Coleman	___	**Ray Quintana**	___	**Dr. Larissa Goosev**	___
Sunsie Tumacder	___	**Leanne Cerda**	___	**Dr. Diana Vides**	___
Raffi Soghomonian	___	**Veronica Raigoza**	___	**Melissa Delgadillo**	___
Lisa Castillo	___	**Laura Gonzalez**	___	**Yovana Castillo**	___
Antonio Quintanilla	___	**Jody Rush**	___	**COUTA Representative**	___
		Micaela Macareno	___	**CSEA Representative**	___

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CALL TO ORDER- REGULAR OPEN SESSION at: Time: _____ By: _____

Pledge of Allegiance led by: _____

BOARD GOALS:

1. **Achieve academic excellence and meet the needs of all students in a safe supportive environment.**
2. **Build human capacity by investing in training, coaching, and setting expectations for students, parents, staff and the Board to support student achievement.**
3. **Create efficient and effective systems that are innovative, accountable and proactive.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CONSENT/ CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE /ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA:

Time is allocated for members of the public to comment on issues of concern related to District business. Action and/or discussion cannot be taken by the Board on items not already on the agenda. People wishing to address the Board must fill out a card which will indicate their names, addresses, group or organization they represent, and subject upon which they intend to speak. Individuals are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes per speaker and up to 20 minutes total on any given item.

CONSENT ITEMS

Item #	Page #	Description	Goal #
1	3-6	**Approve Overnight Trips For Orosi High School Varsity Boys' Basketball Participation in the 2026 CIF State Boys' Basketball Championship – Division V**	1

Motion to approve Item #1 made by: _____
Motion Seconded by: _____

_____/_____/_____
Yes No Abstain

CLOSING ACTIVITIES: The Governing Board members have an opportunity to comment.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, with the Open Session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. The Board Meeting will take place at the COJUSD Board Room – 12623 Avenue 416, Orosi CA 93647.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: _____
Motion Seconded by: _____

_____/_____/_____
Yes No Abstain Meeting adjourned at: _____ p.m.

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CUTLER-OROSI JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Agenda
March 5, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: **CONSENT**

AGENDA ITEM: **APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRIPS FOR OROSI HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 CIF STATE BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – DIVISION V**

ATTACHMENTS: **ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM**
DIVISION V 2026 TOURNAMENT BRACKET
REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION LETTER

FUNDING SOURCE: **GENERAL FUND**

DISCUSSION:
The Orosi High School boys' varsity basketball team has moved on to the next level of the 2026 CIF Basketball Championship tournament. The next game will be held in Rowland Hights, California with the possibility of a second overnight game should they move to the next level. The State Championship game will be held in Sacramento, California. The trips will include staff, athletes, band, cheerleaders, and OHS students. Approval for participation is requested.

ITEM SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY: ***Name and title of administrator who reviewed and approved this item: Yolanda Valdez, Superintendent***

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RECOMMENDATION: **The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Overnight Trips for the 2026 State Basketball Championship tournament.**

PROPOSED ACTION: **APPROVE**

Item #: 1

Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District

12623 Avenue 416 Orosi, CA 93647

ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM

Teacher/Coach Ken Sawatsky/Oscar Villaseno Date Submitted 3 / 4 / 26

Type of Activity: Fundraiser ☐ Field Trip ☐ Assembly/Parent Program ☐
Other ☒ Boys' Basketball State Playoffs Competitions

Please list approved fundraiser: _____

Does this activity require an overnight stay? YES ☒ NO ☐

Please note that any activity requiring an overnight stay MUST be Board approved one month in advance! Please submit this paperwork at least 6 weeks before the overnight trip. For all other activities, please submit paperwork at least 4 weeks prior to activity.

Grades/Departments/Club/Team Involved: _____

Activity Date 3 / 5 / 26 **Activity Time** _____ **to** _____ **Location** _____

Activity Purpose See Championship brackets for dates and times

Transportation Needed? YES ☒ **NO** ☐

If "YES" please complete and attach the Transportation Request Form to this Activity Request form.

If transportation is provided by a private vehicle the driver must be registered with the District and meet all requirements of fingerprinting and AB1025.

Name(s) of person(s) driving Jeremy Gomez, Brandon Gonzalez, Gustavo Villarreal

What is the impact of this activity/trip on instructional time?
Basketball Team will miss two days of school

How is this activity correlated to the standards or to topics currently under study?

If this is a fundraising activity, explain how and when money will be collected.

Who is responsible for collecting money from fundraisers or for field trip? _____
Remember any field trip must have enough money collected to ensure that all children in the group/club/class can participate whether or not they choose to participate.

Prior to approval of this activity, the Administrator may require input from other staff members to ensure a balance between academic focus and maximization of instructional time. If the request is not approved, the staff should work cooperatively with the Principal to see possible compromises and/or solutions.

Signature of Teacher/Coach	Date	Cell # - for field trips only
Signature of Department Chair/Grade Level Lead or Activity Director/Athletic Director	Date 3-4-26	
Signature of Administrator	Date 3-4-26	Approved ___ Rejected___

Reason for Rejection: _____

2026 CIF State Boys Basketball Championships - Division V

Location Various Cities, CA

Mar 3 — ROUND I

1	Mission San Jose	Bye
8	Oroville	67
	Drew	51
5	Eureka	75
	Fortune Early Coll...	67
	Argonaut	53
13	Weed	55
3	San Marin	69
	Trinity	55
6	Woodland Christian	63
	Orland	45
7	Sonoma Academy	85
10	Gridley	60
2	Rancho Cotate	50
	Mt. Shasta	47

Mar 5 — ROUND II

3/5 @ 7p
1 Mission San Jose
8 Oroville

3/5 @ 7p
5 Eureka
13 Weed

3/5 @ 7p
3 San Marin
6 Woodland Christian

3/5 @ 7p
7 Sonoma Academy
2 Rancho Cotate

Mar 7 — REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

3/7 @ 7p

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Mar 5 — ROUND II

3/5 @ 7p
1 Coalinga
9 Verdugo Hills

3/5 @ 7p
5 Orosi
4 Rowland

3/5 @ 7p
3 Canyon
6 Victor Valley

3/5 @ 7p
7 Preuss UCSD
2 Sylmar

Mar 3 — ROUND I

1	Coalinga	Bye
10	Colton	47
9	Verdugo Hills	52
5	Orosi	59
12	Redlands Adventi...	35
4	Rowland	78
	Pacific	48
3	Canyon	83
	Franklin	66
6	Victor Valley	72
11	Edgewood	55
7	Preuss UCSD	53
	South El Monte	48
2	Sylmar	104
	Canoga Park	65

FINALS

Mar 10 — REGIONAL FINALS

3/10 @ 7p

3/10 @ 7p

Mar 13 — STATE FINAL

CHAMPIONSHIP

3/13 @ 12p

@ Golden 1 Center

Orosi High School

41815 Road 128, Orosi, CA 93647
(559) 528-4731 (559) 528-4930 fax

Oscar Villaseñor, Principal
Daniel Rocha & Mario Rodriguez, Assistant Principals

March 4, 2026

Dear Members of the School Board,

It is with pride and excitement that I write to inform you of the continued success of our Boys' Basketball program. After securing the Valley Championship, our team has advanced to the second round of the state playoffs. This is a remarkable achievement for our student-athletes, and we are eager to maintain this momentum as they represent our school on the state stage.

Our next game will take place in Rowland, California, on Thursday, March 5, 2026. I am requesting approval for the team to stay overnight near Rowland High School after their game and return on March 6. This would include coaches and athletes.

Additionally, we would also like to request two buses to transport approximately 120 students, including our band, cheerleaders, and a dedicated "rooter" section. Having this level of support is vital for our athletes' morale and provides a wonderful opportunity for our broader student body to participate in this historic moment. Students and chaperones will be returning after midnight.

If our students continue to advance, there may be additional possibilities for overnight stays. Please review the attached brackets in consideration for approval for participation in overnight games. We would also request approval for approximately 120 students, including band, cheerleaders, and rooter students, to attend and return home after midnight.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing commitment to our students' athletic and extracurricular achievements. I look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully,

Oscar Villaseñor
Principal

Dream big – Work hard – Give back