

prioritize emotional literacy and the "human" systems that support students and teachers.

Caleb Willow, Santa Maria Middle School Teacher

Mr. Willow addressed the Board regarding the district’s leadership trajectory, alleging that recent appointments were based on personal relationships rather than professional merit. He highlighted the qualifications of Dr. Berg and Mr. Ostrom, noting their specific successes in curriculum development, staff collaboration, and K-8 administrative experience. Mr. Willow questioned the selection of the current acting superintendent, asserting that their background does not match the complex demands of the district. He concluded by criticizing the Board for a perceived lack of transparency, stating that decisions are being made without stakeholder input, and urged the Board to prioritize the education of students over "closed-door conversations."

ACTION ITEMS

<p>Recommendation to Approve Contract Return Incentive for the 2026-2027 School Year, For All Employees</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve Issuance of Contracts to Certificated Staff and Certified Administrators for 2026-2027 School Year</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Montoya, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve the Issuance of Wage Notices to Classified Support Staff, Food Service, Pre-K Staff, and Contracts to Classified Administrators for 2026-2027 School Year</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve the Second Reading of ASBA Policy Advisory 960</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve the Summer Work Calendar</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Table the Action Item. <i>Ms. Montoya suggested postponing the approval to allow Mr. Medina sufficient time to meet with district staff. She emphasized the need to ensure the proposed schedule is functional and supported by those it affects.</i> <i>Ms. Perez requested that the item be brought back for a vote during the April Board Meeting. She noted that approving the calendar by April is essential so that staff members can plan their summer vacations and personal schedules accordingly.</i> Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>

<p>Recommendation to Approve Waiving Policy GCQE, Approving the Retirement of Ms. Josie Guillen, effective at the end of the Current School Year</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Montoya, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve Waiving Policy GCQE, Approving the Retirement of Ms. Emma Banuelos, effective at the end of the Current School Year</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya, and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve Disposal of District Property</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Montoya, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya, and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve the Updated Salary Schedules for Related Services Staff</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Table the Action Item. <i>Ms. Montoya expressed a desire to compare to what other districts are doing before taking action</i></p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve 2026-2027 Governing Board Meeting Dates</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya, and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve a Continued Partnership with International Alliance Group, IAG, to employ and collaborate on H-1B Visas for Employees to be Hired for the 2026-2027 School Year</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya, and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Award E-Rate Eligible Contracts to Logicalis for the Purchase Equipment and Licenses for the Network</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya</p>
<p>Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel and Related Costs for Mr. Roy Valenzuela’s Participation in the AASBO Spring Conference in Laughlin, NV, April 1-3, 2026</p>	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Table the Action Item. <i>Ms. Montoya expressed a desire for the Board to remain consistent and fair regarding travel requests from all staff members.</i></p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya</p>

Recommendation to Approve Revised Check Signers for FY 26	<p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve the Action Item as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Montoya, Ms. Perez and Mr. Montoya</p>
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CONSENT ITEMS:

Personnel Changes Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) <i>Current Employee</i> Assignments were processed • Four (4) <i>New Hire</i> Assignments were processed • Six (6) Employees <i>Separated</i> from employment • Sixteen (16) <i>Supplementals</i> for additional duties or stipends were processed 						
Payroll and Expense Vouchers	Payroll vouchers FY26 22.1021, 23.1022 and 24.1023 Expense vouchers FY26 2618, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637 and 2638						
Budget and Expenditure	The Budget and Expenditure Report was provided to the Governing Board for approval. By approving the report monthly, the Board approves any minor changes between programs that the Finance Department may make as needed.						
Student Activities and Fundraising Activities	The Student Activity Reports and their planned Activities through February 2026.						
Donations	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site/Donor</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fowler – Kathleen Hirsekorn</td> <td>\$553.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunridge – Fedex – Operation Warm</td> <td>\$12,750</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There was a motion made by Mr. Montoya, seconded by Ms. Perez, to Approve consent items 1 through 5 as presented.</p> <p>Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya, and Mr. Montoya</p>	Site/Donor	Amount	Fowler – Kathleen Hirsekorn	\$553.80	Sunridge – Fedex – Operation Warm	\$12,750
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E. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Food Service Reports	The Food Services report covers February 2026. All are presented for information purposes only.
Head Start Monthly Report	The Fowler Elementary School District Head Start Monthly Report for February 2026 was presented for information purposes only.

Request for Future Agenda Items

Ms. Perez

- **Sale of Bonds:** Ms. Perez noted that Ms. Montoya has responded to her request for a formal presentation regarding the sale of bonds, which is scheduled for the April Board Meeting.
- **Meeting Accessibility:** Ms. Perez requested a formal discussion regarding the livestreaming and recording of Board meetings. She noted that while new equipment was previously purchased for this purpose, the meetings are not currently being streamed or archived for

public viewing. She emphasized the importance of providing this access to the community.

REPORTS:
Acting Superintendent

Summary of Current Events

Acting Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Medina

- **Condolences:** Mr. Medina shared the somber news of the passing of Wendy Tarin, a beloved preschool teacher, following a year-long battle with cancer. He noted that many members of the FESD community attended her funeral and expressed that she is deeply missed by all who knew her.
- **Site Visits:** Mr. Medina began his district-wide site visits at Western Valley Middle School (WVM) on **March 9, 2026**. During the visit, he engaged in an open discussion and campus tour with Dr. Nardi.
 - **Commendations:** He extended thanks to Mr. Davis and Mr. Ostrom for the exceptional landscaping on the campus and acknowledged Dr. Nardi for the hallway mural she designed.
- **Future Planning:** Following Spring Break, Mr. Medina’s goal is to conduct visits with various district departments and directors.
- **Spring Break:** A reminder was shared that Spring Break is scheduled for March 16–20, 2026.

Governing Board Members

Board Member Report – Ms. Perez

- **Community Development:** Ms. Perez reported on a new construction project at 63rd Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road. The development plan includes 1,000 homes, followed by retail and commercial spaces.
- **Public Input:** She encouraged the community and stakeholders to submit any feedback or concerns through the city’s official comment section regarding this project.

Board Member Report – Ms. Montoya

- **WVMS Leadership Meeting Observation:** *Ms. Montoya thanked Dr. Nardi for the invitation to attend and observe the March 12 WVMS Leadership Team Planning meeting. She shared how she was impressed with the level of knowledge of the leadership team, their collective sharing of ideas for improvement, and passion for supporting students in their academic performance.*

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Ms. Perez, seconded by Mr. Montoya, to adjourn the meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Perez, Ms. Montoya and Mr. Montoya
Ms. Montoya adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

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