

SAVANNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. John Shook at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. John Shook, President
Dr. Gay Zambrano, Vice President
Mrs. Tina Karanick, Clerk
Mrs. Chris Brown, Member
Mr. Rigoberto A. Ramirez, Member

Motion by Mrs. Brown seconded by Mrs. Karanick, to adopt the agenda was unanimously carried.

Flag salute and invocation was led by Mr. Shook.

There were no public comments regarding closed session items.

Motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to adjourn to closed session at 4:03 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Karanick, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to adjourn closed session at 4:28 p.m. was unanimously carried.

In a report out from closed session, the board voted 5 to 0 (unanimously) to appoint Matthew Clinton to the position of Principal effective 7/14/2025. He will be placed on the Principal Salary Schedule Step 1 (\$137,004 annually plus mileage \$300 annually). His work year will consist of 207 work days. He will be eligible for Health Benefits and Retirement available to other Certificated staff.

Mr. Clinton began his teaching career at Hansen School, inspiring young minds in the fourth/fifth grade combination class. He later brought his energy and dedication to Cerritos School, teaching a third/fourth grade combination class, before moving to Holder School in 2013 to teach fifth and sixth grades. Most recently, in 2022, Mr. Clinton joined Reid School, where he has supported students in Title I classes for the past three years.

Throughout his time in the Savanna School District, Mr. Clinton has provided leadership and a commitment to student success. He has served as a grade level team lead, a volunteer at the annual Reach the Reader night, and a member of the School Site Council, District Advisory Committee, Student Study Team, and site leadership teams. He has also played a vital role in organizing Field Days at Holder and Reid Schools, actively contributed to the PBIS teams, and was instrumental in creating organized lunch recess games – giving students opportunities to build friendships and stay active through flag football, nation ball, soccer, and basketball. In addition, Mr. Clinton has led our Summer Academy as principal for the past three years, showcasing his passion for creating meaningful learning experiences.

As we look toward the upcoming school year, the Board wholeheartedly supports the transition of principals across our schools, viewing these moves as exciting opportunities for our leaders to share their talents, inspire new school communities, and bring fresh ideas that will enrich every campus. These changes reflect our shared commitment to ensuring all Savanna students continue

to learn, grow, and thrive under the dedicated, committed leadership of a cohesive team that works together to support student success.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 4:37 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. John Shook, President
Dr. Gay Zambrano, Vice President
Mrs. Tina Karanick, Clerk
Mrs. Chris Brown, Member
Mr. Rigoberto A. Ramirez, Member

Mr. Shook read the meeting protocols.

A member of the public addressed the Board.

Information was presented on the Special Audit conducted by Jeanette L. Garcia & Associates on the S.T.A.R.S. Community Foundation and Employee Reimbursements. Ms. Garcia mentioned that few Districts have policies regarding reimbursement and credit card use.

Information was presented by Foundation President, Arthur C. Brown, on the S.T.A.R.S. Community Foundation.

Information was presented by legal counsel, Ron Wenkart, on the Brown Act Compliance and Website Development.

Information was presented by Darcy Spicer, Coordinator of Early Learning Programs, on how B.R.I.G.H.T. Learners and W.I.N.G.S. will be promoting and advertising programs for the upcoming school year.

Board took a break from 5:48 p.m. to 5:56 p.m.

Superintendent Report was presented by Superintendent, Dr. Sue Johnson, which included the following items:

- 1) Out & About in the Community.
- 2) Summer Academy had 400+ students enrolled.
- 3) WINGS Summer Camp had 200+ students enrolled.
- 4) Summer Registration opens July 14.
- 5) July 22 Board Meeting will include Principal presentations.
- 6) Back to School Meeting August 1. Breakfast provided by Buena Park Noon Lions.
- 7) Keenan Mandated Trainings

Motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to authorize and approve the following items:

Board minutes

Personnel action on listing on file in the District Office

List of persons authorized to sign district documents

Information regarding E.C. 35186(d) Williams uniform complaint procedure

Agreement between Savanna School District and Phoenix House Behavioral Health Intervention & Support Services of Orange County

Agreement between Savanna School District and Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc. for preschool substitute staffing services

Agreement between Savanna School District and Tustin ABA Services for Kids LLC for BRIGHT

Learners Academy programs
Check numbers 36888 through 36984
Purchase order numbers U52R2019 through U52R2221
Revolving cash fund check numbers 2193 through 2199
The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Dr. Zambrano, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to adopt the California Multiple Awards Schedules (CMAS) resolution 2025/26-01. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Dr. Zambrano, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to approve the project, and direct staff to file a Notice of Completion for the 2025 Holder After School WINGS Phase 1 Building Improvements Project, #40-07a/2024-25, based on the 2020 Maintenance/ Construction Unit Price Bid (UPB) Master Agreement, which was performed by M.P. South. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Karanick, to approve the Tentative Agreement between California School Employee Association (CSEA) Chapter #322 and Savanna School District. The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, to appoint members of the Savanna Elementary School District Citizens' Oversight Committee (Measure G Bond Election). The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Karanick, seconded by Dr. Zambrano, to appoint members of the Savanna Elementary School District Citizens' Oversight Committee (Measure N Bond Election). The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Ramirez, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. was unanimously carried.