

**ORANGE CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
3530 South Cherry Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706**

**Board of Education Meeting  
UNADOPTED MINUTES  
March 11th, 2026  
6:00 p.m. – In the School Library**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 The regular session of the Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., by the Board President Rosa DePew. The flag salute was led by Rosa DePew.

1.2 Board Members Present:

Panfilo Cerrillo  
Rosa DePew  
Melinda Morales  
Veronica Salazar  
Ernestine Gonzalez

**2.0 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

- 1) Christy Xiong
- 2) Jeff Xiong
- 3) Natalie Xiong
- 4) Kabo Cha
- 5) Chelsey Xiong
- 6) Xee Xiong
- 7) Kris Ingraio
- 8) Emer O' Brien
- 9) Levi Sanchez
- 10) Brianna Sanchez
- 11) MaryAnn Espinoza
- 12) Claryssa Espinoza
- 13) Mayra Sanchez
- 14) Ruby Treviño

**3.0 AGENDA**

3.1 Approval of the March 11th, 2026, Board of Education Meeting Agenda.  
MSC (Moralez, Salazar).  
Ayes: 5      Noes: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

- 4.1 Approval of the Unadopted Minutes of the February 11th, 2026 Board of Education Meeting as presented.  
MSC (Cerrillo, Moralez).  
Ayes: 5      Noes: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0

#### **5.0 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 An opportunity for the public to address the Board on matters related to school district business which are not on the agenda. Although item(s) may be discussed, no action may be taken on the item(s). Please see the *Welcome!* Pamphlet for additional information.
- 5.2 Orange Center School District Transportation Plan - Update
- 5.3 OC Employee of the year 2025-2026 - Mayra Sanchez  
  
OC Teacher of the year 2025-2026 - Christy Xiong

#### **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

NONE AT THIS TIME

#### **7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Approval of the Annual Statement of Need 30-Day Substitute and Designated Subjects Career Technical Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits for the 2026-2027 school year.  
MSC (Salazar, Cerrillo).  
Ayes: 5      Noes: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0
- 7.2 Disapproval to award the bid for the Orange Center Modernization Project for the Fire Alarm and Telephone System Replacement to Marko Construction Group, Inc. listed on the Bid Tabulation Form and to include and/or exclude the Alternate Bid No. 1. No other alternate bids. (Bid opening took place at Orange Center School District, at 3:30 pm on March 4th, 2026.)  
MSC (Moralez, DePew).  
Ayes: 5      Noes: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0
- 7.3 Approval of the Second Interim Report for 2025-2026, presented by Mayra Sanchez, Business Manager.  
MSC Gonzalez, Salazar).  
Ayes: 5      Noes: 0      Absent: 0      Abstain: 0

- 7.4 Approval of the proposed 2026-2027 Orange Center School District Calendar, (Option #1).  
MSC (Cerrillo, Salazar).  
Ayes: 5          Noes: 0          Absent: 0          Abstain: 0
- 7.5 Approval of the School Psychologist position and salary schedule at Orange Center School District.  
MSC (Cerrillo, Gonzalez).  
Ayes: 5          Noes: 0          Absent: 0          Abstain: 0
- 7.6 Approval of the Declaration of Need For Fully Qualified Educators for the 2026-2027 school year.  
MSC (DePew, Morales).  
Ayes: 5          Noes: 0          Absent: 0          Abstain: 0

## **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 8.1 Modernization update - Kris Ingraio shared that we are finishing up phase one. There are a few items that need to be addressed, however, they are warranty items. We received a new sign and it wasn't what was promised. We sent the sign back and are looking for new signs with a new company. We want the same design but are looking for different material options. Stage curtains for the Cafeteria are being replaced to fit the Cafeteria Modernization Project standards. Preschool is getting new doors and paint during spring break. DSA approval is pending for the modernization project (area around the freezer was not the required specifications). The gap between the railing is too big. The architects will be working with the contractor to bring the project to full compliance.
- 8.2 Fresno County School Trustees Association Spring Dinner Meeting April 21st, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Grace Barn in Del Rey.

## **9.0 PUPIL PERSONNEL**

NONE AT THIS TIME

## **10.0 PERSONNEL**

- 10.1 Approval of hiring Betty Candelaria for Cafeteria Assistant Cook effective March 9th, 2026.  
MSC (Cerrillo, Salazar).  
Ayes: 5          Noes: 0          Absent: 0          Abstain: 0

## **11.0 WARRANTS**

11.1 The February 28th, 2026, regular payroll, and all maintenance cycles were approved, as presented.

MSC (Salazar, Gonzalez).

Ayes: 5          Noes: 0          Absent: 0          Abstain: 0

## **12.0 REPORT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS**

Ernestine Gonzalez shared a concern about drop off for bus. It was reported that our bus driver did not walk across the street on the Britten route. Rosa DePew shared that Fresno County Superintendent of Schools offers Brown Act Training and will get a date for us to attend.

## **13.0 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- LCAP - School Site Council invitations for recommendations to support goals. We have had LCAP meetings for staff, educational partners and will be collecting parent surveys.
- State Testing is coming up in May
- Sports Awards took place and was very well attended
- Spring trips are being planned
- Folklorico will perform at Mexico Magico on March 29th at Roosevelt High School - Tickets available in the office
- Unofficial program data:  
TK-8th -247          Preschool - 10          ASP - 151

## **14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

14.1 The next regular session of the Board of Education Meeting will convene on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

## **15.0 CLOSED SESSION**

15.1 Time called: 7:42 p.m.

15.2 Expulsion (Readmission) Hearing Government Code Section 48915  
Case#23-10-5 (Student B)

15.3 Time regular session reconvened: 7:48 p.m.

## **16.0 OPEN SESSION**

16.1 Report action(s) taken on Closed Session item 15.2

NO ACTION TAKEN

**17.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- 17.1 The regular session of the Board of Education Meeting, was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.  
MSC (Moralez, DePew).

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Ernestine Gonzalez, Board Clerk