

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Library
5:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Blochman Union School District was held at the Benjamin Foxen Elementary School Library on January 13, 2026.

Members present: Shannon Clay, Daniella Pearce, Jeania Reasner, and Kelly Salas-Ernst. Absent: Thomas Gibbons

- I. **PUBLIC SESSION:** Mrs. Clay called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and led the flag salute.
- II. **Welcome Guests**
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Charter School Reports**
 - i. **Family Partnership Charter School** – see attached report.
 - ii. **Trivium Charter Schools** – Trisha Vais reported that they will be finishing the first semester at the end of the week. Last week she went to the Innovation Summit in Phoenix where she met with college administrators to discuss student transition into college. It was very informative. The older students will put on the Snowman Extravaganza for the younger students in two weeks.
 - B. **Teacher Reports** – none.
 - C. **Superintendent/Principal’s Report** – Doug Brown reported that current enrollment is 205. Walk Through History presentations are coming up. Basketball is starting at the end of the month. Grades 6 – 8 will attend the Learn by Doing event at Cal Poly.
- IV. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION** - none
- V. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **Facilities**
 - i. **General maintenance** – Doug Brown reported that removed the cactus from the front of the gym The gym floor has been restriped and waxed. He spoke with Class Leasing about possibly adding a third portable and refurbishing the portables we currently have.
 - B. **Charter School governance structure and Memorandum of Understanding** – Doug Brown distributed a list of requests for how the charter schools manage their governance structure and how to properly follow the Brown Act. The list is attached to this document.

Trisha Vais distributed a report of her interpretation of the issues. Her report is attached to this document. This item will be revisited at the next board meeting.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

i. Minutes of December 9, 2025 Regular Meetin

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes as presented:**

MOVED:	Kelly Salas-Ernst	SECOND:	Jeania Reasner
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

B. Approval of Monthly Warrants – December, 2025

i. Payroll	\$251,893.10
ii. Commercial Warrants	\$ 94,177.23
iii. Revolving Fund	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$346,120.33

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Warrants as presented:**

MOVED:	Jeania Reasner	SECOND:	Daniella Pearce
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

C. Approval of the following Trivium Charter School reports:

- i. Trivium Charter School 2025/2026 First Interim report**
- ii. Trivium Charter School: Adventure 2025/2026 First Interim report**
- iii. Trivium Charter School: Voyage 2025/2026 First Interim report**

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Trivium Charter School reports as presented:**

MOVED:	Jeania Reasner	SECOND:	Kelly Salas-Ernst
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Abstain	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

- D. Approval of Family Partnership Charter School’s reports:**
 - i. Family Partnership Charter School 2024/2025 First Interim report**
 - ii. Family Partnership Charter School 2023/2024 Audit Report**

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Family Partnership Charter School’s reports as presented:**

MOVED:	Daniella Pearce	SECOND:	Kelly Salas Ernst
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of December 2025 Benjamin Foxen Elementary Attendance Report**

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve the attendance report as presented:**

MOVED:	Jeania Reasner	SECOND:	Kelly Salas-Ernst
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

- B. Approval of Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 P-1 Attendance Report**

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 P-1 Attendance Report as presented:**

MOVED:	Daniella Pearce	SECOND:	Kelly Salas-Ernst
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

- C. Approval of Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 Consolidated Application**

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 Consolidated Application as presented:**

MOVED:	Jeania Reasner	SECOND:	Kelly Salas-Ernst
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VOTE:

Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

D. Approval of Blochman Union School District’s Fourth Quarter 2025 Williams Report

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Blochman Union School District’s Fourth Quarter 2025 Williams Report as presented:**

MOVED:	Daniella Pearce	SECOND:	Jeania Reasner
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

E. Approval of the 2025/2026 Audit Contract with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP.

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve contract with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP as presented:**

MOVED:	Kelly Salas-Ernst	SECOND:	Jeania Reasner
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

F. Approval of Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 LCAP Mid-Year Update

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Blochman Union School District’s 2025/2026 LCAP Mid-Year Update as presented:**

MOVED:	Kelly Salas-Ernst	SECOND:	Daniella Pearce
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

G. Approval of Benjamin Foxen Elementary School’s 2024/2025 School Accountability Report Card

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Benjamin Foxen Elementary School’s 2024/2025 School Accountability Report Card as presented:**

MOVED:	Jeania Reasner	SECOND:	Kelly Salas-Ernst
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

H. Approval of donations
i. Golden State Water Company, \$300, General Fund

***** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve the donations as presented:**

MOVED:	Daniella Pearce	SECOND:	Jeania Reasner
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

IX. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Items Proposed for Future Action or Discussion - none**
- B. Blochman Union School District Board Member Items – Happy Birthday to Jeania Reasner!**
- C. Items not on the Agenda - none**
- D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: February 10, 2026; open session at 5:30 p.m., Library**

X. CLOSED SESSION: The board adjourned to closed session at 6.36 p.m., where they may consider and may act on the following:

- a. Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions**
 - i. The board will be asked to review and approve hiring, transfers, promotion, evaluations, terminations, and resignations.**

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – The board reconvened in open session at 6:37 p.m.

- A. Report of action taken during closed session – Mrs. Salas-Ernst reported that no action was taken.**

XI. Adjourn

TIME: 6:37 p.m.

MOVED:	Daniella Pearce	SECOND:	Jeania Reasner
VOTE:			
Shannon Clay:	Aye	Jeania Reasner:	Aye
Daniella Pearce:	Aye	Kelly Salas-Ernst:	Aye
Thomas Gibbons:	Absent		



Governance Norms

- Agenda notice 72 hours in advance / 24hrs for Special Meeting.
(meeting materials accessible to public)
- Agenda posted on website as well as physical location.
- At least 4 meetings required per year.
- Must have quorum physically present at meetings.
- Meetings held at largest campus in SB County.
- Remote attendance for “just cause” only allowed twice a year. Remote attendee can vote, but not counted towards having a quorum. The agenda must reflect who is remote and the address of their physical location.
- No employees on board.
- Approved minutes posted on website the day following the meeting.
- Minutes need to show how each member voted.

Pursuant to California *Education Code (EC)* Section 47601, it is the intent of the California Legislature under state law that charter schools operate independently from the existing school district structure as a method to accomplish all of the following:

- Improve pupil learning.
- Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are identified as academically low achieving.
- Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods.
- Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the schoolsite.
- Provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system.
- Hold the schools established under this part accountable for meeting measurable pupil outcomes, and provide the schools with a method to change from rule-based to performance-based accountability systems.
- Provide vigorous competition within the public school system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools.

SB 126, codified in Ed. Code 47604.1, is what expressly allows charter schools to have **employees on the board**. Here is the language of the law:

47604.1 (d) Notwithstanding Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, an employee of a charter school shall not be disqualified from serving as a member of the governing body of the charter school because of that employee's employment status. A member of the governing body of a charter school who is also an employee of the charter school shall abstain from voting on, or influencing or attempting to influence another member of the governing body regarding, all matters uniquely affecting that member's employment.

(B) The teleconferenced meetings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.

(C) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

(D) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Section 54954.3.

(3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations. Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference location shall be accessible to the public. During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body shall participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(4) The teleconferencing requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to remote participation described in subdivision (c).

(c) (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a member of a legislative body with a disability from participating in any meeting of the legislative body by remote participation as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to any applicable law.

As we've discussed, and as we wrote a few articles about, there are also rules allowing board members to participate remotely when they have just cause for doing so. Those "remote participation" rules are in addition to the traditional teleconference rules.

As described in the legislative history of SB 707, enacted this past legislative cycle, existing law already "[a]uthorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use teleconferencing, which is generally subject to a number of requirements that include posting agendas at all teleconference locations, identifying each teleconference location in the notice and agenda for the meeting or proceeding, making each teleconference location accessible to the public, and requiring at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body to participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, as specified."

The Brown Act acknowledges the ability of board members to attend by teleconference in other places in the Brown Act as well. For example, in Gov. Code 54952.2, which is the definition of what is a "meeting," the law says: "(a) As used in this chapter, "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location, including teleconference location as permitted by Section 54953, to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body."

The ability of board members to attend by teleconference as long as a quorum are participating from locations inside the jurisdiction isn't new. It's been in the Brown Act since at least the early 2000s.