Wilmar Union Elementary School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Call to Order and Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. with the flag salute.

Board members present: Lyn Romstad, Andrea Christensen, Andrea Balf, Kendra Benson, and Renee Waters.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as presented.

Motion: Kendra Benson. Second: Andrea Christensen. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

1.1 Appointment to Two Full Term Board Seats

The Board appointed Kendra Benson and Renee Waters to the two full-term seats for which no candidates were nominated, pursuant to Education Code sections 5328 and 5328.5. Appointees will be seated at the December 2026 organizational meeting as if elected.

Motion: Andrea Balf. Second: Andrea Christensen. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

2.0 Public Comment

No Public Comments

3.0 Public Hearing

3.1 The agenda provided for a public hearing regarding the proposed increase in statutory school facility fees for residential and commercial or industrial development.

No Public Comments

4.0 Reports and Board Presentations

4.1 Superintendent/Principal Steve Hospodar presented Wilson School's 2026–27 goals in literacy, mathematics, Culture of Care, and healthy snacks and lunches. Literacy efforts include Arts & Letters, Fundations K–2, and targeted support, with a CAASPP ELA target of 65% from a 53.6% baseline. Mathematics priorities include piloting and recommending a curriculum and targeted instruction, with a CAASPP target of 60% from a 51.2% baseline. Both academic goals target at least 65% of students meeting STAR growth expectations. Culture of Care emphasizes Modeling the Way, student voice, relationships, and belonging, targeting 80% for student relationships and 75% for staff culture. The nutrition goal is to evaluate meal options, costs, partnerships, and feedback and recommend a next step by June 2027.

4.2 Chief Business Official report: Absent

4.3 Board member reports: Trustee Benson reported that she held a meet and greet with new TK and kindergarten families, introduced the School Board members, explained the Board's role, and invited families to attend Board meetings. Trustee Andrea Christensen, who also serves on the Catalyst Board, shared topics from its previous meeting, including fundraising efforts for the upcoming gala and strong interest in changes to the school's nutrition program.

5.0 Information and Discussion

Agenda topics were the Developer Fee Justification Study and proposed facility fee increase (5.1), and facilities planning and the modernization application update (5.2). Discussion details were not recorded in the supplied notes.

6.0 Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda by consolidated motion, including the September 10, 2026 meeting minutes (6.1) and the Williams Quarterly Report for July 1 through September 30, 2026 (6.2).

Motion: Lyn Romstad. Second: Renee Waters. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 Board Payment Report

The Board approved the Board Payment Report for September 9, 2026 through October 4, 2026, as presented.

Motion: Andrea Christensen. Second: Lyn Romstad. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

7.2 Resolution 2627 4 School Facility Fees

The Board approved Resolution 2627-4 and the related findings, increasing statutory school facility fees to $5.38 per square foot for residential development and $0.87 per square foot for commercial or industrial development, with the increased fees becoming effective as provided by law.

Motion: Kendra Benson. Second: Renee Waters. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

7.3 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan

The Board approved the Wilmar Union Elementary School District Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan as presented.

Motion: Andrea Balf. Second: Lyn Romstad. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

7.4 August Board Policy Updates

The Board approved the second reading of the August Board Policy Updates as presented. The policies and bylaws listed in the agenda were:

BP 0410, BP 4331, BP 6159.2, BP 1312.2, BP 5020, BP 6161.1, BP 1312.3, BP 5022, BP 6161.11, BP 3471, BP 5125, BP 6163.1, BP 4119.1, BP 5131.8, BP 6164.4, BP 4131, BP 5145.3, BP 7214, BP 4219.1, BP 6141, BB 9220, BP 4231, BP 6159, BB 9240, BP 4319.1, and BP 6159.1.

Motion: Lyn Romstad. Second: Andrea Christensen. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

7.5 Additional Regular Board Meeting

The Board approved Resolution 2627-5 to schedule an additional regular Board meeting on October 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and amend the 2026–27 Board meeting calendar accordingly.

Motion: Lyn Romstad. Second: Kendra Benson. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

8.0 Closed Session

8.1 The listed closed-session topic was District Litigation Update and Potential Legal Representation Costs.

8.2 The Board approved entering closed session to consider the listed item.

Motion: Andrea Christensen. Second: Andrea Balf. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

The Board entered closed session at 5:15 p.m.

9.0 Reconvene in Open Session

9.1 The Board approved ending closed session and reconvening in open session.

Motion: Kendra Benson. Second: Andrea Christensen. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 noes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:35 p.m.

9.2 Closed-session report-out: The Board discussed potential District obligations related to legal representation costs for a former trustee in a litigation matter.

10.0 Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for October 28, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Anticipated topics listed in the agenda were a resolution to increase developer fees, budget updates, and a revised public hearing notice.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m., followed by signing of papers of a routine nature.

Draft Review Notes

Confirm the unrecorded public comment, hearing details, reports, discussion summaries, and closed-session report-out. The handwritten adjournment entry was read as 5:38 p.m. Item 7.2 records approval of the fee increase, while the next-meeting topic list also includes a fee increase resolution; confirm the intended wording before finalizing.

Approved by the Board on: 10/28/2026

Board Clerk signature: