

DEATH VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

**Regular Meeting
May 22, 2025**

**1:00 PM Regular Session
Conference Room - Shoshone**

Roll Call

**Teresa Stevenson
Joyce Owen
Debra Watterson
Kate Knight
Seat 5**

**President
Clerk
Member
Member
Vacant**

HEARING SESSION

I. Correspondence

1. Letter from Tom Snyder regarding Second Interim report and its approval as noted. See Appendix – Correspondence Item #1.
2. Second follow up letter from IRS regarding unknown delinquent taxes. See Appendix – Correspondence Item #2.

II. District Reports for May, 2025

- Board Member reports
- Superintendent's report
- Principal's report

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

At this time the Board will extend the courtesy of the Hearing Session to interested parties wishing to speak to the Board about matters pertaining to the schools which do not appear on the agenda.

The Board also wishes to identify members of the community who want to address particular items on the agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person's presentation is limited to 3 minutes.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

III. ACTION ITEMS

Personnel and Curriculum

1. Resolution 25-05 of the Governing Board of Death Valley Unified School District declaring a school board vacancy. See Appendix – Personnel and Curriculum Item #1.

Business/Transportation and Operation

1. Resolution 25-02 authorizing the transfer of appropriations for 2025-2026. This resolution allows the transfer of funds within the district's approved budget to address ongoing spending trends, unforeseen expenses and needs. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #1.
2. Resolution 25-03 authorizing the county superintendent to take such steps as are legally necessary to permit the payment of district obligations at the close of the current fiscal year. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #2.
3. Resolution 25-04 authorizing Jim Copeland (Superintendent), Amy Harris (Business Consultant DVUSD), Craig Hill (Principal DVUSD), Cheryl Copeland (Administrative Assistant), Tom Snyder (Deputy Superintendent of Schools), Heather Barlow (Director of fiscal services), and Susan Distel (Business Advisory Consultant), as authorized agents for fiscal year 2025-2026. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #3.
4. Approve coverage in the SISC (Self Insured Schools of Kern County) Special Education Voluntary Coverage Program. This program acts as a financial buffer in the event that special education legal fees arise owing to litigation or other unforeseen circumstances. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #4.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the April 24, 2025 regular meeting of the DVUSD Board of Trustees. See Appendix – Consent Item #1.
2. Approve warrant orders in the amount of \$57,765.28 for April, 2025. See Appendix Consent Item #2.
3. Approve payroll for April, 2025 in the amount of \$113,372.06.

V. BOARD POLICIES

None

VI. INFORMATION AND REVIEW

1. Articles of Interest
 - a. NYT article on the Internet as a weapon against educators.
2. Review copy of Death Valley Academy Road Map for school years 2025-2026. See Appendix – I&R Item #2.
3. Review copy of Notice of Nonrenewal of Insurance. Ours is the only district carrying an accidental incident medical policy. Our goal will be to secure another insurance carrier to protect the district and its students against accident or injury. See Appendix – I&R Item # 3.

VII. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The board is generally prohibited from discussing items not on the agenda. Under limited circumstances the board may discuss and act on items if they involve an emergency affecting the safety of persons, or a work stoppage, or if the need to act came to the attention of the district too late to be included on the posted agenda.

VIII. UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE:

June 12, 2025
Charles Brown Auditorium - Shoshone
10:00 AM Open Session