

DEATH VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

**Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026**

**3:00 PM Regular Session
Conference Room - Shoshone**

Roll Call

**Teresa Stevenson
Joyce Owen
Debra Watterson
Kate Knight
Cameron Mayer**

**President
Clerk
Member
Member
Member**

HEARING SESSION

I. Correspondence

1. Letter from Tom Snyder regarding First Interim Report and its approval as noted. See Appendix – Correspondence Item #1.
2. Thank you letter to the Friends of Dumont Dunes for Christmas gifts they provided for each of our students. See Appendix – Correspondence Item #2.

II. District Reports for May, 2026

- Board Member reports
- Superintendent'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

None

Business/Transportation and Operation

1. Resolution 26-11 authorizing the transfer of appropriations for 2026-2027. 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 26-12 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 26-13 authorizing Jim Copeland (Superintendent), Amy Harris (Business Consultant DVUSD), Craig Hill (Principal DVUSD), Cheryl Copeland (Administrative Assistant), Tom Snyder (Deputy Superintendent of Schools), and Heather Barlow (Director of fiscal services), as authorized agents for fiscal year 2026-2027. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #3.
4. Approve coverage in the SISC (Self Insured Schools of California) 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.
5. Review with Superintendent's recommendation for approval of Business Services Contract with Inyo County Office of Education for fiscal year 2025-26. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #5.
6. Approve Board Resolution 26-14 – Order of Election. By this action the Board will order an election November 3, 2026 for DVUSD governing board members whose seats are up for election. See Appendix – B/T&O Item #6.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the March 26, 2026 regular meeting of the DVUSD Board of Trustees. See Appendix – Consent Item #1.
2. Approve warrant orders in the amount of \$38,410.84 for March, 2026. See Appendix Consent Item #2.

3. Approve warrant orders in the amount of \$47,825.11 for April, 2026. See Appendix – Consent Item #3.
4. Approve payroll for March, 2026 in the amount of \$127,349.16. See Appendix – Consent Item #4.
5. Approve payroll for April, 2026 in the amount of \$112,618.75. See Appendix – Consent Item #5.

V. BOARD POLICIES

None

VI. INFORMATION AND REVIEW

1. Articles of Interest
 - a. None
2. Review copy of student accident insurance 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.
3. Review Williams Quarterly Report for January through March, 2026. See Appendix - I&R Item #4.
4. Review and share introduction to Death Valley 49ers. See Appendix – I&R Item #5.

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.

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

**June 1, 2026
Charles Brown Auditorium - Shoshone
3:00 PM Open Session**

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