DEATH VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

November 18, 2026

3:00 PM - Closed Session

3:30 PM - Regular Session

District Conference Room

Shoshone

Roll Call

Teresa Stevenson	**President**
Cameron Mayer	**Member**
Debra Watterson	**Member**
Kate Knight	**Member**
Joyce Owen	**Clerk**

III. ACTION ITEMS

Personnel and Curriculum

1. Hire Kaitlin McGuire as Community Schools Coordinator and K-12 Administrative Assistant at Range 6, Step 1 of the Classified Salary Schedule. This is an hourly position with hours varying as needs arise. Hire retroactive to October 27, 2026 with a probationary period to expire April 30, 2027.

2. Hire Dilan Sanchez as a cafeteria assistant retroactive to September 1, 2026. Dilan will be placed at Range 1, Step 1 of the Classified Salary Schedule. Position not to exceed one hour per instructional day.

3. By this action the board will appoint Cheryl Copeland as teacher of record for the Shoshone Elementary TK classroom. This appointment will be retroactive to July 1, 2026.

4. Approve stipend of $3,500 for Mr. Hill who, as credentialed staff member, has transported and will transport students to and from their homes in Charleston View as well as Tecopa. This stipend recognizes that certificated staff cannot earn overtime and have voluntarily taken on this task.

5. Approve stipend of $3,500 for Mr. Hawley who, as a credentialed staff member, has transported and will transport students to and from their homes in Charleston View as well as Tecopa. This stipend recognizes that certificated staff cannot earn overtime and have voluntarily taken on this task.

HEARING SESSION

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BOARD REORGANIZATION

First, there will be a swearing in of returning board members. The board will then conduct its annual reorganization election. This annual election will determine who shall fill the position of Board President and Board Clerk for the next 12 months.

Following the swearing in ceremony and board reorganization a meeting schedule will be established for calendar year 2027.

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I. Correspondence

None

II. District Reports for November, 2026

Board Member Reports
Principal's Report
Superintendent's Report

Public Input

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 Death Valley 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.

Business/Transportation and Operation

1. Approve Legal Services Agreement with the Inyo Office of the County Counsel for legal services as outlined in this agreement. Superintendent recommends approval of this agreement. See Appendix - B/T&O Item #1.

2. Approve 5% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for Classified and Certificated employees. This COLA will be retroactive to July 1, 2026. See Appendix - B/T&O Item #2.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the September 15, 2026 regular meeting of the DVUSD Board of Trustees. See Appendix – Consent Item #1.

2. Approve warrant orders in the amount of $105,456.77 for September, 2026. See Appendix – Consent Item #2.

3. Approve warrant orders in the amount of $137,639.94 for October, 2026. See Appendix - Consent Item #3.

4. Approve payroll for September, 2026 in the amount of $112,593.41. See Appendix - Consent Item 4.

5. Approve payroll for October, 2026 in the amount of $128,818.43. See Appendix - Consent item #5.

V. BOARD POLICIES

None

VI. INFORMATION AND REVIEW

1. Review Williams Quarterly Report for April through June, 2026. See Appendix - I&R Item #1.

2. Sunshine Bonanza Peak solar development overview as presented to the Board of Supervisors at their October 27, 2026 meeting. I&R Item #2.

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 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:

December 16, 2026
3:00 P.M. – District Conference Room
Shoshone