MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

HEBER-OVERGAARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Performing Arts Center, 3375 Buckskin Canyon Road, Heber, AZ 85928

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Leedy (President), Craig Blackburn, Pattie Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy Hall, John Piva

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Tenney, Andrea Despain, Katie Tomerlin

BUDGET HEARING — FY2026-27

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-905(A), President Leedy opened the Budget Hearing on the proposed FY2026-27 budget. Business Manager Andrea Despain presented the budget:

- District revenue is projected between $400,000 and $430,000 lower than last year, driven largely by an ADM loss of 28.584 students and the exhaustion of the budget balance carry-forward.
- The $2,000 certified staff salary increase will be funded entirely from the Classroom Site Fund (301 money), paid out in four installments — return-to-work, Thanksgiving, spring break, and end of year — rather than the prior two.
- Overall M&O expenditures must decrease approximately 8.1%, a reduction of about $485,000. Federal project funding is down about $276,000 and state project funding is down about $41,000.
- Category-level M&O reductions: regular education ~8.7%; support services ~16%; students' support ~9%; administration ~10%; operation and maintenance of plant ~6.7%; co-curricular activities ~33%; athletics ~15%; pupil transportation ~6.3%. Special education lines are largely held steady or increased, funded through the Classroom Site Fund, consistent with maintenance-of-effort requirements for Special Education and Career & Technical Education.
- Forest fee back pay has been received; a forest fee salary schedule is on this agenda for approval, with funding expected to continue through FY27.
- Tax rates will remain unchanged. The bond payment is nearly retired, with two years remaining.
- Enrollment is budgeted at approximately 443.4 students, consistent with last year's 100th-day count.

Board members discussed the risk of a compounding deficit if enrollment continues to decline. The President and Mrs. Despain recommended a study session in October, after the 40th-day enrollment count, to plan ahead. President Leedy closed the Budget Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

President Leedy called the Regular Meeting of the Heber-Overgaard Unified School District No. 6 Governing Board to order at 7:10pm.

PRAYER & PLEDGE

Dispensed with by consensus due to Mr. Blackburn receiving an emergency work call and needing to leave very quickly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board discussed tabling Sole Source Vendors FY2627 due to a disclosed conflict of interest that would require a recusal, leaving an insufficient number of eligible members to act on the item. The Board agreed to table the item to the August 11, 2026 meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Weber moved to approve the agenda as amended, tabling Sole Source Vendors FY2627 to the August meeting. Mr. Blackburn seconded. Motion carried.

CALL TO PUBLIC

None

INFORMATION

Good News

Dispensed with by consensus.

Leadership Team Information

Dispensed with by consensus.

Superintendent Items for Discussion — Mr. Tenney

Mr. Tenney reported that the district was heavily involved in providing facilities for the recent Independence Day festivities. Grounds staff repaired sprinkler heads and completed other maintenance, and the District removed debris at its own cost as a condition of hosting the fireworks display, without receiving rental revenue from the event's organizers.

Information from Governing Board

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A correction was identified in Student Fees FY2627: a $100 fee listed under Junior High should instead be listed under High School.

MOTION: Mr. Blackburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, correcting the $100 Student Fees FY2627 fee to High School. Mrs. Weber seconded. Motion carried.

Items approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 23, 2026.
- Auxiliary and Student Accounts for May 2026.

- Vouchers — Payroll Voucher — #27: $173,141.59
  #28: $124,523.51
  Expense Voucher — #9049: $23,821.24
  #9050: $43,647.89
  #9051: $83,077.92
  #9052: $84,183.67.
- New Hire
  Katie Tomerlin (Superintendent/Board Secretary, AP Clerk
  Kaydee Porter (Preschool Teacher)
  Amanda Crandell (Consultant)
  Scott Robinson (HS Teacher).
- Reassignment
  Erin Goodwin, SPED Aide to Reading Specialist.
- Resignation/Termination
  Nathan Hall, HS Social Studies Teacher.
- Volunteer
  Amanda Crandell, HS Choir.
- Fundraisers
- Cell Phone Stipend Revision FY2627
- Forest Fees Salary Schedule FY2627
- Student Fees FY2627 (as amended)
- Bell Schedules FY2627
- Student Handbooks K-6 & 7-12 FY2627
- Hearing Officers FY2627
- Qualified Evaluators FY2627
- Breakfast & Lunch Price Increase FY2627
- Extra Duty Coaching Listing FY2627
- Direct Line of Credit FY2627
- Fair Labor Standards Act FY2627
- Employee Handbook FY2627
- Calendar Revision FY2627

REGULAR AGENDA

Budget Adopt FY2627

A roll call vote was required for budget adoption.

Roll Call: Leedy — Yes
Blackburn — Yes
Weber — Yes

Motion carried.

Check Signers FY2627

Two typographical corrections were noted and made prior to approval.

MOTION: Mrs. Weber moved to approve the check signers for FY2026-27. Mr. Blackburn seconded. Motion carried.

District Treasurer FY2627

Annual approval required by federal and state law.

MOTION: Mrs. Weber moved to approve the District Treasurer for FY2026-27. Mr. Blackburn seconded. Motion carried.

Sole Source Vendors FY2627

Tabled to the August 11, 2026 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

LAUNCH

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Weber moved to adjourn. Mr. Blackburn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center, 3375 Buckskin Canyon Road, Heber, AZ 85928.

Board President: _____

Board Secretary / Clerk: _____

Date Approved: 8-11-26