24 AUGUST 2026 BoE MEETING – THE RECORDING/STREAMING FEATURE WAS DISABLED BY GOOGLE MEETS

Summary:

The board reviewed financial controls, compliance policies, academic data, and enrollment planning.

• Approved 2026 Royal Mascaro Co-op agreement

• Approved August expenditures and M427 banking waiver

• Approved HACCP food-safety policy

• Elementary points declined; high-school points increased

• Preschool funding assumes 10 students

• September 28 goals and transparency topics planned

Action Items:

* Conference room participant will ask whether extending the generator's weekly operating time would improve fuel usage or maintenance

* Conference room participant will provide monthly disbursement detail in future expenditure reports

* Conference room participant will place the HACCP policy in the kitchen and provide it electronically to kitchen staff

* Conference room participant will correct the report terminology to identify the disputed figures as proficiency rather than student growth.

* Conference room participant will continue the goal-setting process for the superintendent and board at the September 28 meeting at 5:30 p.m.

* Conference room participant will create a view-only Google document for tracking potential agenda items before the agenda is finalized.

* Conference room participant will research whether nonconfidential board-packet and financial materials can be posted on the website.

* Conference room participant will ask the superintendent group for guidance on posting board-packet materials online.

* Conference room participant will place the Google Docs issue and board-packet transparency issue on the next meeting agenda.

Key Discussion Points:

Minutes, Public Input, and Co-op Agreement

The board corrected and approved the July 15 meeting minutes. No public input was provided, and the board reviewed revisions to the 2026 Royal Mascaro Co-op agreement before approving it.

Expenditures, Fixed Assets, and Facility Equipment

The board reviewed August expenditures, clarified the $5,000 fixed-asset threshold, and discussed preparation of the annual asset list for board approval and audit purposes. Members also examined generator diesel maintenance, fuel management, and a grant-funded projector system for the media production class.

Expense Clarifications and August Expenditure Approval

The board clarified that a fertilizer line item was a misprint and represented two pallets of fertilizer. Members also discussed a missed volleyball payment, requested more detailed disbursement reporting, reviewed the August date range and operational totals, and approved the August expenditure waiver.

Bank Waiver

The board reviewed the annual M427 bank waiver, which supports banking arrangements limited to one day per week and subject to state and county requirements. Cash-handling procedures were discussed, and the waiver was approved.

HACCP Policy and Food-Service Compliance

The board reviewed a USDA-required HACCP policy developed with AI assistance and accepted by state reviewers after an audit finding. The discussion covered existing food-safety logs, staff practices, inspection findings, ice-machine cleaning, chemical labeling, and the policy’s practical application before the board approved it.

Superintendent’s Academic and Attendance Report

The superintendent presented embargoed attendance and academic data comparing the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 school years. Elementary performance declined slightly, high-school performance improved, and both schools qualified as spotlight schools.

Graduation Cohorts and State Performance Formula

The board discussed how freshman cohorts determine graduation-rate accountability and how students who transfer and graduate elsewhere can affect the original school's rate. The superintendent then began reviewing the state points formula and additional information requested from Lee; the discussion was ongoing in the available meeting record.

Accurate Interpretation of Achievement Data

The team reviewed the limits of the information currently available and stressed the importance of presenting statistics accurately. Participants distinguished proficiency from growth and explained that the reported percentage changes compared different cohorts rather than measuring individual student growth.

Growth Measures and Report Corrections

Participants identified MAP testing as a preferred tool for monitoring student growth because it follows the same students through the year. They reviewed percentile-based growth benchmarks and agreed that the report should use "proficiency" instead of "growth" for the disputed figures.

Enrollment and Program Funding Concerns

The team discussed declining enrollment, including three projected preschool students, one infant, and one kindergartner. Participants noted that preschool funding is based on 10 students and that enrollment levels affect the broader educational program, FFA, sports, and other activities.

Superintendent and Board Goals

The team agreed to continue the goal-setting process for the superintendent's evaluation and to establish one or two goals for the board itself. The next meeting was identified as September 28, the fourth Monday of the month, at 5:30 p.m..

Agenda Development and Shared Documents

Participants requested a shared Google document that would allow board members to view agenda items as they are developed without editing the document. The superintendent and board president would continue to make the final agenda decisions, while the document would provide earlier visibility and reduce surprises.

Board-Packet Transparency and Public Records

The team debated whether nonconfidential board-packet materials, including financial support documents, should be posted on the website. Participants raised concerns about disclosure of unapproved or disbursement-related information, and further research was requested before making a decision.

Technology Follow-Up and Adjournment

The team discussed email access for Google Docs and agreed to place both the Google Docs issue and the board-packet transparency question on the next meeting agenda. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved.