



Mojave River Academy

MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - August 20 2026

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Date and Time

Thursday August 20, 2026 at 8:00 AM PDT

Location

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Ontario Airport
222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA 91764

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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I.	Opening Items		8:00 AM
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A.	Call the Meeting to Order		
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The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 am.

B.	Roll Call		
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Board Chair, Mr. Jesse Gaona, will call the name of each Board Member, and each member in attendance will state, "Present."

Mr. Jesse Gaona -

Mr. Jonathan Mendez -

Mr. Gilberto Rivera Jr. -

C. Hearing from the Audience on Closed Session Items

Guidelines for Public Comment

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the school board on any item that is on the agenda and other school related matters, or suggest topics for future agendas. With regards to items not on the agenda, the Board cannot discuss or take action per state law.

Speakers who wish to address the Board must fill out and return a Speaker's Card prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes or less. Charges or complaints against employees should be submitted first to the Superintendent and then to the Governing Board under the provisions of the Governing Board Policy (BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning School Employees). Speakers are cautioned that under California Law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because those comments are made at a public meeting.

PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL. TOTAL TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON EACH ITEM IS LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) MINUTES.

D. Adjourn into Closed Session

E. Closed Session Items

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
3. Pupil Personnel - Consideration of Student Discipline
4. Public Employee Assignment/ Discipline/ Dismissal/ Release/ Reassignment/ Transfer for Employee - Government Cod section 54957: Ed Code 44932(a): Section (a), Section (c), and Section (g)
5. Acquisition of Land, Facilities, and Real Estate

F. Reconvene in Open Session

G. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge will be led by Jesse Gaona.

H. Reporting Out of Closed Session Action

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	Board Chair, Mr. Jesse Gaona will report out any action taken in Closed Session and the votes of the Board.		
I.	Information Items		
	CEO Report		
	COO Report/Business Updates		
J.	Board Member Comments		
	Board Member Comments by Board Members can be made at this time.		
K.	Comments from Attending Public		
	Guidelines for Public Comment		
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L.	Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the minutes of the June 18, 2026 regular board meeting. Approve minutes for MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - June 18 2026 on June 18, 2026		

II. Consent Items

Consent Items may be moved to the ACTION ITEM(s) - MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS category for separate action and discussion at the request of the Board of Directors.

*A consent agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

III. Action Items - Mojave River Academy Schools

A. Approval of Securly Student Safety & Web Filtering Three-Year Renewal

The Board of Directors will consider approving the three-year renewal of Securly Student Safety and Web Filtering services (Filter, Classroom, Aware, and On-Call) through CDW-G in the amount of \$179,950.00, pursuant to the Irvine USD 23/24-01 IT Cooperative Contract.

B. Approval of Teacher MacBook Purchase

The Board will consider approval of an Apple Store for Education proposal for the purchase of **100 MacBook Air laptops** (20 packs of 5) to provide teacher devices in support of instructional and operational needs. The proposed purchase totals **\$153,116.25**, including estimated tax.

C. Approval of Revised 2026–2027 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors will consider approving revisions to the previously adopted 2026–2027 regular board meeting schedule for Mojave River Academy.

D. Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Silver Mountain (Form CL-500)

The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Silver Mountain. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the

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	Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Silver Mountain has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
E.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Route 66 (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Route 66. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Route 66 has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
F.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy National Trails (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy National Trails. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy National Trails has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
G.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Rockview Park (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Rockview Park. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the		

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	Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Rockview Park has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
H.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Oro Grande (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Oro Grande. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Oro Grande has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
I.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Gold Canyon (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Gold Canyon. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Gold Canyon has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
J.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy Marble City (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy Marble City. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the		

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	Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy Marble City has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
K.	Approval of the 2026-2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Mojave River Academy (Form CL-500)		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2026–2027 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (Form CL-500) for Mojave River Academy. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requires local educational agencies that anticipate the need to employ educators on emergency or limited assignment permits to annually adopt a Declaration of Need. Approval of the Declaration certifies that Mojave River Academy has made diligent efforts to recruit fully qualified educators and ensures continued eligibility to request emergency and limited assignment permits, when necessary, to address staffing needs while maintaining compliance with state credentialing requirements.		
L.	Approval of Open Purchase Order with Chroma Digital Imaging		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving an open purchase order with Chroma Digital Imaging in an amount not to exceed \$1,580,362.60 for the printing, sorting, packaging, and delivery of Student Resource Guides (SRGs), including both standard and Targeted SRGs, for the 2026–2027 school year. The open purchase order will provide flexibility to support ongoing printing and distribution of instructional materials throughout the school year.		
M.	Approval of Purchase of McGraw Hill CA Reveal Math and Modern Business Math Instructional Materials		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of McGraw Hill mathematics instructional materials, including student and teacher resources with eight-year digital subscriptions, for implementation during the 2026–2027 school year. The total cost is \$123,912.17 , including estimated shipping and tax.		
N.	Williams Fourth Quarter Report		
	The Board of Directors will consider accepting the Williams 2025–2026 Fourth Quarter Report for Mojave River Academy – Oro Grande, Route 66, and Silver Mountain Charters.		

O. Approval of Purchase of Savvas Instructional Materials

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of Savvas instructional materials, including student and teacher resources for middle school mathematics, high school mathematics, and Miller & Levine Biology, to support instruction during the 2026–2027 school year. The total purchase amount is **\$155,272.85**.

P. Approval of Purchase of Vista Higher Learning Instructional Materials

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of Vista Higher Learning instructional materials, including student and teacher resources, to support world language instruction during the 2026–2027 school year. The total purchase amount is **\$114,112.84**.

Q. Approval of Purchase of i-Ready Instructional Program and Professional Learning Services

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of the i-Ready instructional program, Toolbox resources, and professional learning services from Curriculum Associates to support instruction during the 2026–2027 school year. The total purchase amount is **\$235,738.70**.

R. Approval of Purchase Order for McGraw Hill California Impact Instructional Materials

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of McGraw Hill California Impact instructional materials to support K–12 science instruction. The purchase includes student editions, inquiry journals, research companions, explorer magazines, and related classroom resources for implementation across designated grade levels. The McGraw Hill quote totals **\$134,300.84** (including estimated tax), and the corresponding Purchase Order #270009 totals **\$127,601.66**.

S. Approval of McGraw Hill California Reveal Math Instructional Materials

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of McGraw Hill California Reveal Math instructional materials to support K–12 mathematics instruction. The purchase includes student instructional materials and digital subscriptions for designated grade levels. The total purchase amount is **\$123,912.17**, including estimated shipping and tax.

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T.	Approval of McGraw Hill California Wonders Digital Licenses The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of McGraw Hill California Wonders digital licenses to support K–12 English language arts instruction. The purchase includes digital instructional materials and licenses for designated grade levels. The total purchase amount is \$115,263.42 .		
U.	Approval of Disposal of Outdated Art and Health Textbooks The Board of Directors will consider approving the disposal of outdated Visual Experience (published 2005) and Lifetime Health (published 2007) textbooks following the adoption of new instructional materials.		
V.	Approval to Purchase Four Vehicles for the Maintenance & Operations Department The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of four (4) vehicles for the Maintenance & Operations Department, including one (1) Ford F-150 Crew Cab Pickup and three (3) Ford Transit Cargo Vans. The vehicles will support district maintenance, facility operations, and the transportation of equipment and supplies across school sites. The purchase will be made through High Desert Ford in an amount not to exceed \$283,512.42 , including taxes and applicable fees.		
W.	Approval of 2026–2027 Authorized Official Transcript Signers Approval of the 2026–2027 MRA Authorized Official Transcript Signers. The authorized individuals will be permitted to sign official student transcripts on behalf of Mojave River Academy. The complete list of authorized signers is maintained as supporting documentation for this item.		
X.	Approval of Scout Edu, Inc. Scout SIS Agreement It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the agreement with Scout Edu, Inc. for Scout SIS student information system services, per Quote MRA-002, in an amount not to exceed \$212,500.00 for the implementation period of January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Chief Academic Officer, or designee, to execute the Quote and any related documents.		
Y.	Approval of Braintrust Tutors One-Year Partnership Agreement		

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the one-year partnership agreement with Braintrust Tutors for the 2026–2027 school year to provide Braintrust SPARK and managed tutoring services, including virtual 1:1 and small-group tutoring, SPARK licensing, staff training, implementation and instructional coaching, and family and community engagement, in an amount not to exceed \$2,860,000.00, and authorize the Chief Academic Officer, or designee, to execute the agreement and any related documents.

Z. Approval of HMH READ 180 and MATH 180 Intervention Programs

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of HMH's READ 180 and MATH 180 as Mojave River Academy's core Tier 2/3 reading and mathematics intervention programs for School Year 2026–2027. Each program provides 3,000 one-year student licenses, teacher licenses, print and manipulative materials, and professional services, including getting-started sessions, leader training, and in-person coaching. READ 180 totals \$358,793.05 and MATH 180 totals \$350,141.52, for a combined one-year investment not to exceed \$708,934.57, and authorize the Chief Academic Officer, or designee, to execute the proposals and any related documents.

AA. Approval of Open Purchase Order with The Stepping Stones Group for 2026–2027 Services

The Board of Directors will consider approving an open purchase order with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC, a California Department of Education–certified Nonpublic Agency, in an amount not to exceed **\$500,000.00** for the 2026–27 school year to provide special education related services and mental health services on an hourly, as-needed basis in accordance with the attached rate sheet. The agreement term will end July 1, 2027.

IV. Action Item(s) - Moved From Consent Agenda - Mojave River Academy Schools

V. Future Business

A. Future Business

The next board meeting of the Mojave River Academy Schools Board of Directors will be held on September 17, 2026 at 8:00am at Mojave River Academy, 13911 Park Ave Suite 108, Victorville, CA 92392.

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VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting may request assistance by contacting Susanna Garcia at sgarcia@mojaveriver.net at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.