

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
P.O. Box 788  
San Andreas, CA 95249

September 5, 2000

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The regular meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 5:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerri Conway  
Jim Foltz  
Zerrall McDaniel  
Hank Nagle  
John Yerman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Frost  
Cheri Folendorf  
Sharon Knick  
Michelle Besmer-Poyner  
Mark Campbell  
Bill Hamilton  
Mark Fairbanks  
Susan Bratset  
Bette Vallergera  
Bill Howe  
Anne Dasch (CUEA Representative)  
Jeanie Kancianich (CSEA Representative)  
Helen Pickens  
Betty White  
Kathy Bell  
Jep Peckler  
Jan Matson  
Jack Pickens  
Mike Merrill  
Lucinda Brower  
Ed Collett

**OTHERS:** Members of the staff and community

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Closed session items were announced as listed on the agenda.

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

There was no public input at this time. At 5:35 p.m. the Board convened into closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**OPEN SESSION**

Open session was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the salute to the flag and roll call.

**Mokelumne Hill Elementary Staff Introductions**

Principal Bette Vallerga introduced members of the Mokelumne Hill Elementary staff. Ms. Vallerga extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Mokelumne Hill Elementary Arts Festival to be held October 19, 2000.

At this time, the Board recognized Lucinda Brower, Technology Supervisor. Ms. Brower introduced the district's new Technology Specialist, James Robertson. Ms. Brower also took this opportunity to commend Technology Specialists Eileen Thorpe and Ken Palkki for their efforts above and beyond during Ms. Brower's recent medical absence from the district.

At this time the Board considered a request to move agenda item XV-B, Request for Approval and Funding for Overnight Trip, forward on the agenda. MSC 5-0 to move item XV-B forward on the agenda.

**Request for Approval and Funding for Overnight Trip**

Jenny Lind Elementary teachers MaryAnne Garamendi and Michelle Erbeck, and students, presented a request for approval and funding support of an overnight environmental studies trip to Dorrington, September 21-22, 2000. MSC 5-0 to approve the overnight trip. The request for funding support for this trip was referred to the Superintendent.

**Humbug Creek Project Report**

West Point Elementary teacher Jim Casey and students presented information for the Board on the class's Humbug Creek garden and orchard project. Students shared a photo presentation of their class and the effort and rewards involved. Produce and fruit were shared with those present.

**OPEN SESSION** (continued)

**Request for Approval to Conduct a Feasibility Study for Snowski and Snowboard Teams at Calaveras High School**

Kieron Chambers requested that the Board approve conducting a feasibility study to show the numbers of students interested in snowski and snowboard teams at Calaveras High School. The results of this study and costs involved in such a sports program will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. MSC 5-0 to approve conducting the feasibility study and a request that all information gathered be presented to the Board in October.

**Support for Healthy Kids Project**

Counselor Ricardo Simental and a student explained the Healthy Kids Project which involves five high school students traveling to various CUSD school sites, discussing choices about drugs, alcohol, relationships, and violence, to students in grades six through eight. Mr. Simental requested Board support of this project by providing these students with drug patches to wear on their arms during classroom presentations and provide students with a complimentary lunch as they visit campuses. Superintendent Frost explained to Mr. Simental that there was probably Drug Free money available and Board member Gerri Conway offered to contact Calaveras County services to see what funding might be available for this project. Members of the Board requested that Mr. Simental estimate the cost involved with this project and discuss it with Superintendent Frost.

**PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator: Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with Labor Negotiator Cheri Folendorf in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken. Matter will be continued on September 19, 2000.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPULSION**

None presented.

# CUSD BOARD MINUTES

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## **STUDENT REPORT**

CHS Student Representative Melissa Huston reported that she had visited with students on the Toyon Middle School campus and relayed student concerns about insufficient restroom facilities and restroom supplies; girls request mirrors in the restrooms; students want more drinking fountains and cleaner drinking fountains; students want soda machines; students would like to see the building painted; students say that there sometimes isn't sufficient food for the third lunch group and that there should be healthier food offered to students.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None presented.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Superintendent Jim Frost thanked the Calaveras High School Athletic Committee for working with District administration in developing athletic fields and other projects. Superintendent Frost explained that funds were budgeted for work on the athletic fields and work will be underway very soon. Mr. Frost also thanked staff for their work at CORE Development Day. Appreciation was expressed to the District and CSEA negotiating teams for their hard work.

## **PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT**

There was no public comment at this time.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2000
- B. Routine Personnel

All Personnel (no item presented)

Certificated Personnel

- 1. Resignation of one probationary Teacher
- 2. Rescind resignation of one probationary Teacher

Classified Personnel

- 1. Employment of five substitute Food Service III
- 2. Employment of one probationary Food Service III
- 3. Resignation of one probationary Food Service III
- 4. Employment of one probationary Gardener
- 5. Step increase for one probationary Skilled Maintenance
- 6. Transfer and increase in hours for two permanent Bus Drivers
- 7. Increase in hours for one permanent Dispatcher
- 8. Employment of one probationary Special Ed Teacher Aide 1:1
- 9. Employment of one probationary Special Ed Teacher Aide RSP
- 10. Step change for one probationary Special Ed Teacher Aide
- 11. Increase in hours for one permanent Special Ed Teacher Aide 1:1
- 12. Increase in hours for one Special Ed Teacher Aide CH
- 13. Employment of two probationary Title I Teacher Aides
- 14. Employment of one probationary Special Ed Teacher Aide

**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

Routine Personnel Report, Classified

15. Employment of one probationary Teacher Aide
  16. Employment of one substitute Teacher Aide
  17. Employment of one probationary Child Care Aide
  18. Employment of one probationary Media Specialist  
Management/Confidential/Supervisory
    1. Increase in step for one Special Ed Nurse
- C. Approval to Open a Student Activity Account for Jenny Lind Alternative High School at Central Sierra Bank
- D. Approval, Agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc.
- E. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing through August 24, 2000
- F. Denial of Claim: Huber v. CUSD

**ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were removed.

**PERSONNEL**

**Certificated Report**

No report presented.

**Classified Report**

No report presented. Ms. Kancianich stated that because there was a resolution before the Board tonight in opposition to Proposition 38, she declined to show the video on the same subject.

**All Personnel** - No item presented.

**Classified Personnel** - No item presented.

**Certificated Personnel** - No item presented.

**Management/Confidential/Supervisory** - No item presented.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**Curriculum Report**

Director of Curriculum Betty White reported that there was good attendance at the recent CORE Development Day and that the site administrators did a great job working with their staffs. Staff feedback was positive. Mrs. White also reported that administrators will attend another Facilitating Learning Communities session this Thursday.

**Adoption, CHS Science Textbooks**

MSC 5-0 to adopt CHS Science textbooks as recommended: *Astronomy Today*, Prentice-Hall, 1999, and *Environmental Geology*, Prentice-Hall, 1999. These textbooks were presented to the Board on August 1, 2000, and have been on review at the IMC since that time.

**BUSINESS**

**Facilities Report**

Jim Frost reported that the Mokelumne Hill Elementary and Toyon Middle School projects are out to bid; on 9/13/00 the contractors' walk-through with the architect will take place. Mr. Frost reported that he talked with Dan Santo and we are ready to go to bid for West Point Alternative, West Point Elementary multipurpose building, San Andreas Elementary multipurpose building and modernization, and Valley Springs Elementary kindergarten; we are working on temporary housing for San Andreas Elementary during the modernization project; Rail Road Flat Elementary is still in the design stage at this time; Toyon Middle School gymnasium floor looks good, but there are now some lighting issues.

**Maintenance and Operations Report**

Bill Howe, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations, provided a report for the Board's information. Mr. Howe explained that since his employment with CUSD he has been very busy touring the District, talking with site administrators and collecting data. Mr. Howe advised the Board that he will present a written report to the Board on what he sees the as the needs of the District, with his priorities at this time being: 1) Safety needs. 2) Appearance and Grounds. 3) Painting of some schools.

**Approval, Membership in Mountain Valley Education Coalition**

Board Member Gerri Conway recommended that the District join the Mountain Valley Education Coalition with an annual membership of \$100.00. Ms. Conway advised that this group does research and studies education issues and she believes it is important work and beneficial to schools within Tuolumne, Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Calaveras counties. MSC 5-0 to approve CUSD membership in the Mountain Valley Education Coalition.

**Adoption, Resolution 2000/2001-04, In Opposition to Proposition 38, The School Voucher Initiative**

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2000/2001-04, In Opposition to Proposition 38, The School Voucher Initiative, as presented.

**Adoption, Resolution 2000/2001-05, In Support of Proposition 39, The School Improvement and Accountability Act**

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2000/2001-05, In Support of Proposition 39, The School Improvement and Accountability Act, as presented.

**POLICY/REGULATIONS**

**First Reading**

The following Board Policies were presented and accepted for a first reading:

1. BP 3515.4, Recovery for Property Loss or Damage (Revision)
2. BP 3540, Transportation (Revision)

**Second Reading/Adoption** - None presented.

**Administrative Regulations & Exhibits**

The following Administrative Regulation was presented for the Board's information:

1. AR 3540, Transportation (New Regulation)

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Zerrall McDaniel commented that she spoke with some teachers about co-planning and said these teachers were positive and excited about it.

Jim Foltz noted that the CHS Athletic Committee will meet on September 11.

Hank Nagle commented that he was anxious to “see dirt moved” on the upcoming facilities projects. Mr. Nagle also noted that he had received correspondence from high school staff regarding the District calendar and that he hoped the Calendar Committee will give consideration to input received. Mrs. White explained that Curriculum Council and Calendar Committee have merged and will develop a recommended calendar for next school year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeanie Kancianich informed the Board of a benefit dinner for our Special Ed Nurse to be held the first Saturday in October at the Pickle Patch in San Andreas. Ms. Kancianich also advised the Board that this individual had requested catastrophic leave a month ago and this request hasn't appeared on a Board agenda yet. Ms. Kancianich was referred to the Superintendent with this inquiry.

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2000, 7:00 p.m., District Administrative Offices. It was announced that there may be a special session scheduled on September 29, 2000, to receive the bid results for Mokelumne Hill and Toyon Middle School projects. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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James L. Frost  
by Helen Pickens