

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

December 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
Helen Pickens
Jep Peckler
Lucinda Brower
Michael Merrill
Mark Fairbanks
Jan Matson
Anne Dasch (CUEA Representative)
Jeanie Kancianich (CSEA Representative)
Betty White
Susan Bratset
Bill Hamilton
Michelle Besmer-Poyner
Cheri Folendorf
Bill Howe
Bette Vallerga

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. The Board convened into closed session at 5:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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CLOSED SESSION (continued)

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)
Student Expulsion Hearing AHP 00/01-08**

OPEN SESSION

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

At this time the CHS Student Representative report was moved forward on the agenda.

Student Report - CHS Student Representative, Melissa Huston

Melissa Huston informed the Board that she had been extremely busy and had been unable to visit school sites for information for her Board report, but that she will follow through with this after the winter break. Ms. Huston commented on the excellent CHS football season and advised the Board that she recently attended the National FFA Conference in Nashville, TN, and also visited Washington, D.C.

Oath of Office

The following Board members elected November 7, 2000 were given the Oath of Office by Superintendent James L. Frost:

James L. Foltz, Trustee Area #1
Zerrall McDaniel, Trustee Area #4
John Yerman, Trustee Area #3

Organization of Board

Election of Chairperson

MSC 5-0 to elect Gerri Conway to the position of Chairperson.

Election of Clerk of the Board

MSC 5-0 to elect James L. Foltz to the position of Clerk of the Board.

Appointment of Secretary to the Board

MSC 5-0 to appoint James L. Frost to the position of Secretary to the Board.

Appointment of Board Representatives

The following Board members accepted appointments as:

James L. Foltz - ROP Board Member
Zerrall McDaniel - Special Education Administrative Unit Board Representative
John Yerman - Calaveras Education Foundation
Zerrall McDaniel - Policy Review Committee Board Representative

Organization of Board (continued)

Adoption of 2001 Board Meeting Calendar

MSC 5-0 to adopt the 2001 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.

Adoption of 2001 Master Board/District Activities Calendar

MSC 5-0 to adopt the 2001 Master Board/District Activities Calendar as presented.

Adoption, Resolution 2000/01-11, Accepting Canvass and Certified Statement of Results of the Governing Board Member Election Held in the Calaveras Unified School District on November 7, 2000 and Consolidated with the General Election

MSC to adopt Resolution 2000/01-11, Accepting Canvass and Certified Statement of Results of the Governing Board Member Election Held in the Calaveras Unified School District on November 7, 2000 and Consolidated with the General Election, as presented.

Nomination for CSBA Delegate Assembly, Subregion 8-B (Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne)

MSC 5-0 to nominate Gerri Conway for the CSBA Delegate Assembly, Subregion 8-B, for a two year term beginning May 1, 2001.

Introduction of Staff and Presentations - Valley Springs Elementary

Michelle Besmer-Poyner, Principal of Valley Springs Elementary, introduced members of the school's staff who were present. Several members of the school teaching staff gave a brief presentation on co-planning activities at Valley Springs Elementary School.

Presentation of Education Foundation Mini-Grants

Peggy Carroll, of the Calaveras Education Foundation, presented mini-grant awards to recipients.

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.

PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Student Expulsion Hearing AHP 00/01-08

The Board considered the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel with respect to Student Expulsion Hearing AHP 00/01-08. No action was taken during closed session.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPULSION

Student Expulsion Hearing AHP 00/01-08

MSC (5-0) to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel with respect to AHP 00/01-08, to expel the student from Gold Strike High School through the 2000/2001 school year, with alternative placement at Mountain Ranch Community School under the terms and conditions of a rehabilitation plan. The student was in violation of Ed Code 48900 (g) and (k).

STUDENT REPORT - Moved forward on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Jim Frost congratulated the TMS and CHS Bands on the recent outstanding winter performance. Mr. Frost also congratulated the CHS sports teams, mentioning that the newly formed Ski Team is preparing for their season. Mr. Frost noted that he is looking forward to attending the remaining winter programs at school sites. The Superintendent displayed the Sweepstakes award presented to The Legends of Calaveras (CHS Band) following their performance at the Angels Camp Christmas Parade.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Joe Rodriguez addressed the Board with a complaint concerning his feeling that the District is in violation of Education Code 17573 in that there is not a warm, safe environment for Toyon Middle School students to eat lunch. Mr. Rodriguez said that students generally have to eat lunch out in the cold, inclement weather and that classrooms are not open nor is the gym usually available. Mr. Rodriguez expressed that he felt students deserve the same considerations as the teachers - a warm place to eat. Superintendent Frost responded that the District is concerned about this situation and asked Mr. Bill Hamilton, TMS Principal, to share plans that have been drawn up that will provide a solution to the problem. Mr. Hamilton explained that the plan will include rooms for students to eat; the TMS Oversight Committee will meet on Tuesday to review these plans. Mr. Rodriguez advised the Board that he had talked with a representative from the California Department of Education who advised him that it was mandated that the district provide proper eating facilities for the students and that he would follow up with legal action against the District if this situation is not addressed. Mr. Frost advised the Board that he felt it was possible to come up with a solution to this problem within five days. MaryAnne Garamendi extended an invitation to those concerned about this issue to attend the TMS Parent Group meeting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2000.

Superintendent Frost advised the Board that there will be a special session on Monday, December 11, 2000, to ask for approval to issue purchase orders for multipurpose rooms at San Andreas Elementary, West Point Elementary and Mokelumne Hill Elementary, and an

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT (continued)

administrative/media center and eight classrooms for Mokelumne Hill Elementary; modular classrooms, bathroom and a Library/Media Center for Toyon Middle School.

Amy Nelson, TMS parent, addressed the Board with her concerns about the curriculum content of the sex education class. Superintendent Frost advised the Board that he was currently working with TMS administration on this issue and parent concerns about the family life curriculum.

At this time the Board took a five minute recess.

Gerri Conway took this opportunity to thank Valley Springs Elementary staff for the Board room display. Jim Foltz thanked parents for bringing their issues to the Board tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2000; November 14, 2000
- B. Routine Personnel (no report presented)
- C. Vendor Warrant Listing Approval through November 27, 2000
- D. Approval, Overnight Field Trip Request for the CHS Basketball Team to Redding, CA, 12/7 to 12/9/00.
- E. Approval, Renewal of Lease Agreement with My Own School for 2000/01 School Year
- F. Approval of School lease Agreement and Amendment to School Lease Agreement with EMP America, Inc., for Medic First Aid Classroom Training Program
- G. Approval, 2000/2001 Agreement Between Calaveras Unified School District and the Calaveras Women's Crisis Center
- H. Approval to Submit Application for the Education Technology Staff Development Program for Grades 4-8, 2000/2001 Application
- I. Acceptance of Donations:
 1. Calaveras High School - \$100.00 from James L. Frost for "Keeping the Drive Alive" Alfred Matthews dealership.
 2. Mokelumne Hill Elementary - \$2000.00 from Shirley A. Teale (\$1000.00 for technology fund and \$1000.00 for the playground fund).
 3. Rail Road Flat Elementary School - \$261.00 from various donors for cheerleading uniforms; and \$2,500.00 from an anonymous donor for remediation/intervention materials.
- J. Approval, Notices of Completion:
 1. Mokelumne Hill Elementary School, Phase I, in accordance with contract documents with Heiser & Associates.
 2. Independent Learning Center, CHS campus: Completion of paving, drainage and electrical work.
- K. Approval to Enter into a Rental Service Agreement with AmeriPride Uniform Services. Agreement is on an annual purchase order basis.

ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed.

PERSONNEL

Certificated Report

Dr. Anne Dasch, CUEA Representative, reported that CUEA is looking forward to the next meeting with the Superintendent and Board member representatives.

Classified Report

Superintendent Frost read a list of new CSEA Officers:

President - Jeanie Kancianich
Vice President - Maddie Perpignion
Secretary - June Mills
Treasurer - Linda Logg
Reporter - Karen Motenko-Neal

All Personnel - No item presented.

Classified Personnel - No item presented.

Certificated Personnel

AB 1200 Public Disclosure of CUEA 2000/2001 Agreement

Budget adjustments created by an agreement reached between the District and CUEA for compensation and health and welfare benefits were disclosed in accordance with AB 1200. These items are in addition to the previously approved 2000/2001 agreement with CUEA. The additional items include participation in the Beginning Teacher Minimum Salary Program offered through the State of California, an increase of the health insurance benefit cap to \$400, and inclusion of a new coaching stipend for a high school ski team.

Management/Confidential/Supervisory

PUBLIC HEARING: Management / Confidential / Supervisory 2000/01 Salary Agreement

The Board convened into public hearing at this time to allow for comment concerning the 2000/01 Salary Agreement for Management / Confidential / Supervisory employees. AB 1200 disclosure was provided at the November 7, 2000 meeting of the Board. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed and the Board reconvened into regular open session.

Request for Approval of Management / Confidential / Supervisory Salary Agreement for 2000/2001

MSC 5-0 to approve the Management / Confidential / Supervisory Salary Agreement for 2000/2001 as presented, representing a 4% increase from the previous year to become effective July 1, 2000. Changes to the salary schedule include new Range placements for High School Assistant principals (from Range 5 to Range 4); new Range placements for Elementary and Middle School Assistant Principals (from Range 6 to Range 5); new Range placements for Administrative Interns (Range 7 to Range 6); equalizes the Directors' annual salaries (Range 2); amends work year schedule for Directors of Curriculum and Special Education and Middle School Principal to 217.5 work days; and eliminates the Range Placement for Director II, Director of Physical Support Services, Construction Inspector, and Coordinator of Personnel Services.

PERSONNEL (continued)

Management/Confidential/Supervisory

Approval AR 4366(a) and (b), Management / Confidential / Supervisory Salary Schedule

MSC 5-0 to approve AR 4366 (a) and (b), Management / Confidential / Supervisory Salary Schedule as presented. The salary schedule reflects changes presented in the 2000/2001 Salary Agreement.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Curriculum Report

Director of Curriculum Betty White reported that the Calendar Committee has reviewed input received concerning the CUSD Calendar and is drafting sample calendars for staff review. The Committee will be bringing forward a three-year calendar recommendation to the Board in February 2001. Work is underway on the teacher evaluation process. Jim Pesout is working on monthly teacher support meetings.

Information on School Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 1999

Betty White presented information on the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 1999 grant application for \$51,840.00 for grades 8 through 12.

Report on Co-Planning at Valley Springs Elementary

This report was provided during staff introductions and the beginning of the meeting.

BUSINESS

Facilities Report

Superintendent Frost advised the Board that things are moving forward quickly at Valley Springs Elementary and Rail Road Flat Oversight Committee met recently. Mr. Frost noted the special session scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2000, 2:00 p.m., to take action concerning the purchase orders for modulars. Pat Van Leishout provided a facilities projects update for the Board's information. Bill Howe advised that Briski's schedule is not looking good for getting the new well dug at Toyon Middle School and he is looking at two other proposals. Mr. Frost advised that a meeting is scheduled next week regarding a problem with the Community School well (Mt. Ranch).

Approval, Memorandum of Understanding, Responsibility for the Calaveras County Special Education Administrative Unit

MSC 5-0 to approve the 2000/2001 Memorandum of Understanding, Responsibility for the Calaveras County Special Education Administrative Unit as presented.

Certification of 1999/2000 Unaudited Actuals for Calaveras Unified School District

MSC 5-0 to certify the 1999/2000 Unaudited Actuals for the District.

Approval, Joint Powers Agreement, Tuolumne JPA

MSC 5-0 to approve the revised Agreement and Bylaws for the Tuolumne Joint Powers Authority as presented.

BUSINESS (continued)

Adoption, Resolution 2000/01-10, Approving Special Education Mandated Cost Claim Settlement & Agreement to Waive Future Claims

MSC 5-0 to adopt Adoption, Resolution 2000/01-10, Approving Special Education Mandated Cost Claim Settlement & Agreement to Waive Future Claims as presented.

POLICY/REGULATIONS

First Reading

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

1. BP 5113, Absences and Excuses (Revision)
2. BP 5145.8, Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals (Revision)

Second Reading/Adoption

MSC 5-0 to adopt the following Board Policies at the second reading:

1. BP 6142.6, Visual and Performing Arts (Revision)
2. BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements (Revision)
3. BP 6161.3, Toxic Art Supplies (Revision)

Administrative Regulations & Exhibits

The following Administrative Regulation and Exhibit were presented for the Board's information:

1. AR 5113, Absences and Excuses (Revision)
2. AR 5145.8, Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals (Revision)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Gerri Conway thanked Valley Springs Elementary School for the wonderful Board room display and congratulated the CHS football team on the outstanding season.

Hank Nagle commented on the difficult issues regarding sex education that were brought up this evening and noted that administration will work on this.

Jim Foltz thanked John Yerman for the outstanding job this past year serving as Board Chairperson and noted that he is looking forward to Gerri Conway serving this year in this capacity. Mr. Foltz added that the CSBA Conference was good, but there was very little information provided on special education or the high school exit exam.

Zerrall McDaniel mentioned that she was impressed with the numbers of staff present this evening from Valley Springs Elementary. Ms. McDaniel thanked Pat Van Lieshout for his hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2001, 7:00 p.m., District Administrative Offices. A special session for the Board and Administrative Council to meet will be held on January 10, 2001, 5:00 p.m., District Administrative Offices. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

James L. Frost
by Helen Pickens