

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

February 6, 2001  
**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 Betty White  
Helen Pickens Cheri Folendorf  
Michelle Besmer-Poyner Bette Vallerga  
Jep Peckler Ed Collett  
Jan Matson Sharon Knick  
Susan Bratset  
Anne Dasch (CUEA Representative)  
Carol Ann Koch (CSEA Representative)

**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)**

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**CLOSED SESSION** (continued)

**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)**

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Introduction of Toyon Middle School Staff**

Assistant Principal Jan Matson introduced members of the Toyon Middle School staff.

**Report on Toyon Middle School Coplanning Activities**

Lauren Funk provided a report for the Board's information on coplanning activities at Toyon Middle School.

**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 item presented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPULSION**

No item presented.

**STUDENT REPORT**

No report presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None presented.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Superintendent Jim Frost recognized and congratulated CHS students Melissa Huston and Joe Fischer who have been selected to participate in the highest leadership training available through FFA in Louisville, Kentucky in February. Mr. Frost commented that he observed great things happening and a great collaborative effort during the last CORE Development Day. Superintendent Frost extended congratulations to the CHS Wrestling Team, noting that they are currently undefeated. Congratulations were also extended to the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams, as well as the Girls' Soccer Team.

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

Bob Garamendi reminded the Board of their commitment to the voters to establish working, contributing Bond Oversight Committees. Mr. Garamendi pointed out that he feels this process has not been working during the last six months and that construction project information needs to be shared with all oversight committees. These committees need to be re-invigorated. Superintendent Frost stated that he agreed with Mr. Garamendi's observations and that the oversight committee process will be re-invigorated. Board Chairperson Gerri Conway noted that it is the Board's responsibility to facilitate communication and to keep these groups informed; Mrs. Conway thanked Mr. Garamendi for his comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

At this time, a request to add an item to the consent agenda was presented: Item "H", Approval of Overnight Trip for CHS Jazz, Etc., members to Grass Valley, February 16-18, 2001. MSC 5-0 to add item H to the Consent Agenda.

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item H:

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2001; January 10, 2001; January 16, 2001
- B. Routine Personnel

All Personnel - No item presented.

Certificated Personnel - No item presented.

Classified Personnel

1. Resignation of one permanent Skilled Maintenance
2. Employment of one substitute Maintenance
3. Resignation of one probationary Teacher Aide
4. Employment of one temporary Special Ed Teacher Aide 1:1
5. Employment of one probationary Special Ed Teacher Aide
6. Employment of two probationary Teacher Aides
7. Employment of one substitute Teacher Aide/Clerical
8. Employment of three substitute Teacher Aides
9. Employment of one substitute Child Care Aide
10. Additional hours for one permanent Office Assistant/Food Serv
11. Employment of one probationary Food Service III
12. Employment of two substitute Food Service III
13. Employment of one probationary Campus Monitor
14. Employment of one substitute Bus Driver/Mechanic
15. Lateral transfer and increase in hours for one probationary Custodian/  
Gardener

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**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

Routine Personnel Report

Management/Confidential/Supervisory

1. Resignation of one Administrative Secretary
- C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing through January 25, 2001
- D. Acceptance of Donations:
  1. Jenny Lind Elementary: \$2,000.00 from Dr. Benedicto Estoesta for library books.
  2. Rail Road Flat Elementary: \$750.00 for musical instruments, anonymous donor.
- E. Rejection of Entire Bids for San Andreas Elementary School Renovation
- F. Approval, Requests for Payment
  1. Application No. 3 (retention) to John W. Hertzig for the Mokelumne Hill Elementary Project, Phase I, in the amount of \$43,361.51.
  2. Application No. 1 to Sam Austin Construction for the Valley Springs Elementary Relocatables in the amount of \$116,993.70.
- G. Approval, Overnight Field Trip for WPE 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Monterey, February 28 through March 2, 2001.
- H. Approval, Overnight Field Trip for CHS Jazz, etc., to Grass Valley, Bear River High School, February 16-18, 2001. The Board expressed concern that there were only two chaperons scheduled to go on this trip and requested that more chaperons be obtained.

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

No items were removed.

**PERSONNEL**

Director of Personnel Cheri Folendorf reported that she presented standards for the Personnel Department to the Administrative Council group; countywide recruitment efforts are underway; Ms. Folendorf attended the CASBO Leadership Training in January in preparation for her upcoming term as Section President; Ms. Folendorf announced that she will serve on the ACSA Legislative Action Committee, and in February she will attend the Personnel Institute and will be a presenter at that institute.

**Certificated Report** - No report was presented.

**Classified Report**

Carol Ann Koch reported for Jeanie Kancianich that CSEA officers had attended officer training.

**All Personnel** - No item presented.

**Classified Personnel** - No item presented.

**Certificated Personnel** - No item presented.

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

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## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **Curriculum Report**

Director of Curriculum Betty White reported that Leslie McPeak presented to the Administrative Council team on intervention plans; grade level meetings are beginning again in March; Family Life Advisory Committee met, reviewed and approved the middle school curriculum; Great Valley Writing Project is coming to the District and over 20 teachers are participating; Mrs. White will not be at the next Board meeting as she will be attending a conference in Monterey.

### **Final Approval of the Education Technology Grant Award for High Schools and to Agree to the Assurances**

MSC 5-0 to give final approval to the Education Technology Grant Award for high schools and to agree to the Assurances. CHS will receive \$328,700.00; Gold Strike High School, Jenny Lind High and West Point Alternative High School will each receive \$1500.00, for the purchase of multimedia computers.

### **School Accountability Report Cards for 1999/2000**

School Accountability Report Cards for 1999/2000 were presented for the Board's information and review. Final approval will be requested at the February 20, 2001 Board meeting.

### **Approval, Calaveras Unified School District Calendars for 2001/2002; 2002/2003; 2003/2004**

MSC 5-0 to approve the Calaveras Unified School District Calendars for 2001/2002; 2002/2003; 2003/2004 as presented.

### **Report on 2000 API Scores**

Director of Curriculum Betty White reported for the Board's information on CUSD's 2000 API scores. Mrs. White advised that all CUSD schools met their growth targets, but in an effort to make even greater improvement, the Administrative Council group is working on strategies for improving scores. Updates will be provided to the Board.

## **BUSINESS**

Board member John Yerman inquired as to when the District would receive an answer from the CDE regarding CUSD's request for a waiver allowing attendance because of emergency conditions at CHS. Superintendent Frost responded that it could take up to a month for an answer.

### **Facilities Report**

Pat Van Lieshout reported that the athletic fields are nearing completion; there is a Districtwide Oversight Committee meeting scheduled tomorrow evening and a thorough report on construction projects will be presented to that group; met with ModTech and plans should be delivered to us next week. Superintendent Frost reported that all repairs to the natural gas line at CHS have been completed and there are no leaks. Board Chairperson Gerri Conway complimented all those involved in dealing with this crisis situation for the outstanding manner in which it was handled. Mr. Frost added his appreciation to the staff and students of CHS for their cooperation.

### **Maintenance/Operations Report**

Maintenance/Operations Supervisor Bill Howe will provide a report in March.

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## **BUSINESS** (continued)

### **Approval, Agreements for Special Contract Services**

MSC 5-0 to approve agreements for Special Contract Services, July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, with Bonita Pivrotto Datwyler for: 1) Expert witness testimony not to exceed \$150.00 per hour, up to a total of 3.0 hours; 2) Speech and language services not to exceed \$150.00 per hour to a total of \$1800.00.

## **POLICY/REGULATIONS**

### **First Reading**

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

1. BP 4116, Probationary/Permanent Status (Revision)
2. BP 4131, Staff Development (Revision)
3. BP 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions (Revision)

Questions were raised with regard to proposed revisions to BP 4156.3, 4256.3, 4356.3, Employee Property Reimbursement (Revision). This policy will be returned to Policy Review Committee for further review and research and brought back to the Board at a future date for a first reading.

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

### **Administrative Regulations & Exhibits**

The following Administrative Regulations were presented for information:

1. AR 4116, Probationary/Permanent Status (Revision)
2. AR 4131, Staff Development (Revision)
3. AR 4362, Management/Supervisory/Confidential Work Year (Revision)
4. AR 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions (Revision)

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Hank Nagle expressed appreciation for the professional way communication was handled during the CHS emergency.

Gerri Conway asked that a review of tomorrow's Districtwide Oversight Committee meeting be provided for the Board.

Jim Foltz expressed thanks to everyone for working so hard during the recent emergency at CHS.

Zerrall McDaniel thanked Pat Van Lieshout for attending the SAE Parent Club meeting last night, noting that his presence was very helpful.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bob Garamendi commented that the smaller CUSD schools also had tremendous API gains and that because they were small schools, would not be receiving the Governor's Performance Award. Mr. Garamendi urged the Board to consider doing something itself to reward these small schools. Mr. Frost said that the District was looking into any legal way this could be done.

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**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2001, 7:00 p.m., District Administrative Offices.  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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James L. Frost  
by Helen Pickens