

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
P.O. Box 788  
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**AUGUST 16, 2005  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The 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:** John Yerman  
Gerri Conway  
Sherrie Reusche  
Hank Nagle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Zerrall McDaniel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Frost  
Betty White  
Bill Hamilton  
Peggy Stout (CSEA)  
John Walsh (CUEA)  
Mike Merrill  
Jan Matson  
Vikki Lacey

Karen Dickerson  
Jep Peckler  
Jeanie Kancianich  
Patty Robitaille  
Annette Danmeier  
Lisa McInturf  
Sharon Schlegmilch  
Cheryl Haynes  
Maria Ortner  
Nioma Patrick

**OTHERS:** Staff and Community Members

**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.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with Management / Confidential / Supervisory (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.

**REQUEST TO VOTE TO ADD ITEMS to the August 2, 2005 Board Agenda.**

MSC 4-0 to add items under section IV, OPEN SESSION, C and D respectively.

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**FOOD SERVICE REPORT** (Gail McFarlin)

Gail McFarlin, (Aramark Consultant) reported on the start up of the new food service program in our district. She spoke about everything from tickets to current menus and what will be offered in the future. Her general direction is for healthier school lunches.

**JENNY LIND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (Karen Dickerson)

Karen Dickerson introduced those of her staff present and talked about the starting of school. She noted that Jenny Lind Elementary now has a population of 740 students, 31 teachers, and 4 support teachers. Jenny Lind is looking forward to receiving the API scores. Ms. Dickerson discussed the Skills Block, Science Lab and how they are looking forward to tackling such issues as bullying, and technology.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005/06-03, APPROVING CERTAIN ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT, SIGNATORIES AND MAKING OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

Scott Mills advised the Board that by adopting this resolution, it will authorize the district to enter into energy conservation contracts pursuant to which the District may acquire and finance equipment and services to reduce energy use or to make for a more efficient use of energy.

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel absent) to approve Resolution No 2005/06-03, Approving Certain Energy Conservative Measures Authorizing the Execution of Agreements, Signatories and making other Determinations in Connection therewith.

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

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with Management / Confidential / Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken

**Conference with labor Negotiator: Jim Frost in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54954.5)**

No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Yerman acknowledged correspondence from the County Office of Education approving the district's 2005/06 budget.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Superintendent Jim Frost opened discussion on the national trend toward restructuring school grade levels to a more traditional model of kindergarten through eighth grade. He explained that the district is seeking input from our community and will be holding community town meetings in the weeks to follow. Mr. Frost went on further to say the Toyon is a very smooth running middle school. The district wishes to look at the pros and cons of this issue.

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

A parent from Toyon Middle School addressed her concerns about the rumors that have already started regarding the closing of Toyon Middle School. She commented on the newspaper article that was in the Calaveras Enterprise, rumors coming from teachers at Toyon, and rumors coming from community members. Mr. Frost reiterated that the district is looking for input from staff and community at this time and that no decision has been made. He urged everyone to attend the community town meetings in order to have dialog regarding the pros and cons of this issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MSC 4-0 (MCDaniel absent) to approve the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: August 2, 2005

B. Routine Personnel:

All Personnel: No item presented.

Classified Personnel:

1. The lateral transfer of one Bus Driver
2. The employment of one substitute Bus Driver
3. The lateral transfer and increase of hours for one Custodian/Gardener
4. The transfer of one paraeducator to Child Care Instructor
5. The reemployment of two paraeducators from layoff.
6. The employment of one Child Development Coordinator (Healthy Start Program)
7. The employment of three substitute Child Care Aides
8. The employment of two probationary Child Care Aides
9. The resignation of one paraeducator
10. The release of one probationary paraeducator
11. The lateral transfer and increase in hours for one Food Service III

Certificated Personnel:

1. Employment of two Temporary Teachers

Management / Confidential / Supervisory

1. Approve correction as to step placement for one Waster Water Treatment employee

C. Approval, Vendor Warrants through August 4, 2005

D. Approval of Donations

1. **West Point Elementary School:**

One thousand dollars (\$1000.00) from an anonymous donor for West Point Science Camp.

2. **Toyon Middle School:**

A metal "Office" sign from Mark Ease Sign Shop, valued at \$20.00  
A subscription to RANGE magazine from Radar Ranch.

E. **Rejection of Claim:** Proctor vs. CUSD

F. **American Fidelity Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan**

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

No items removed.

**PERSONNEL**

**Certificated Report**

John Walsh read a statement from the Calaveras Unified Educators Association (CUEA) Executive Council regarding their concerns with the possible closing of Toyon Middle School. The Council urged the district to examine how well Toyon has done academically. Discussion ensued between Mr. Walsh and Superintendent Frost. Mr. Walsh asked if in fact we are dealing with a marketing problem and not necessarily an academic problem.

**Classified Report**

Peggy Stout reported on the CSEA conference she recently attended in Las Vegas. She too is curious as to what other districts are doing in terms of restructuring schools to K-8. She then discussed ballot measures coming up in November and a Union meeting to be held September 8 to help educate the unit on what propositions can do to our district.

**All Personnel**

None presented at this time.

**Classified Personnel**

None presented at this time.

**Certificated Personnel**

None presented at this time.

**Management/Confidential/Supervisory**

None presented at this time.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**A. 2005 STAR Testing**

Betty White, Assistant Superintendent presented information on STAR Testing and how well the district is doing. Mrs. White shared graphs that track the progress of our students over a period of years. The district is doing quite well in comparison to the State. Mrs. White said she will have API test scores sometime in September and will report back to the Board.

**BUSINESS**

**Budget Revision 2005/06**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel absent) to approve the budget revision for the 2005/06 school year.

**Public Hearing** – For the Determination of Sufficient Student Access to Textbooks and/or Instructional Material for each pupil for the 2005/06 school year.

Chairman John Yerman opened the Public Hearing to determine the sufficiency of student access to textbooks and/or instructional materials for the 2005/06 school year.

**Adoption, Resolution No. 2005/06-02, Determination of Sufficiency of Student Access to Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials for the 2005/06 school year.**

MSC 4-0 (McDaniel absent) to table this resolution as not all students have access to textbooks

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**POLICY/REGULATIONS**

**First Reading:**

None presented.

**Second Reading:**

None presented.

**Administrative Regulations:**

None presented.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Gerri Conway commented that she was delighted to read the letter from Cindy Boitano in support of the district. Sherrie Reusche thanked Gail McFarlin, Betty White, and Bill Hamilton on their reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2005, at 7:00p.m., District Administrative Offices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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James L. Frost  
by Vicki Becerra