

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
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MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 18, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Reusche
Zerrall McDaniel
John Yerman
Evan Garamendi
Hank Nagle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Frost
Mark Campbell
Michael Merrill
Titia Farthing
Ric Stitt
Jan DuRaine
Karen Wallace
Kim Osmanski-Potter
Jan Smith
Dale Yeagley
Peggy Stout

OTHERS: Parents, community members
and other interested parties

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the salute to the flag and roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Closed session items were announced as listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

At this time the public is invited to offer comments or direct questions to the Board concerning any topic within the Board's jurisdiction whether on the agenda or not. Time will be limited to five minutes per item with a twenty minute maximum for input.

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)

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

OPEN SESSION

A. Salute to the Flag and Roll Call

OPEN SESSION (continued)

B. Presentation of Mini Grants

Jan DuRaine, CUSD Education Foundation Member, presented the recipients of the October round of Mini Grants. Two students from Toyon Middle School; Crystal Saelee and Jamie Busi, were in attendance and were recognized for their grants, along with Jan Smith, ROP Teacher from CHS, also recognized for her grant.

OPEN SESSION – 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

None at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Frost congratulated the CHS Girl's Volleyball team as they made the playoffs and came in second place, and also the CHS Boy's Football team. Mr. Frost reported that the CHS Band missed second place in a Band Review by a fraction and congratulated them too.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

None at this time.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Item (F) on the Consent Agenda: Approval, Membership/Participation in the Institute for Educational Inquiry's League of Democratic Schools for Toyon Middle School was removed and tabled to the December 16, 2008, Board Agenda.

MSC (5-0) to remove and table this item to the December 16th Board Meeting. Mr. Peckler will be invited to attend and answer questions the board members have.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda with the Removal of Item (F)

- A. Approval of Minutes
November 4, 2008
- B. Routine Personnel

All Personnel – No item presented.

Classified Personnel

- 1. Approve employment of one substitute Child Care Instructor
- 2. Approve employment of two substitute Child Care Aides
- 3. Approve employment of two substitute Paraeducators

CONSENT AGENDA

Classified Personnel

4. Approve employment of one substitute Bus Driver
5. Approve employment of one substitute Mechanic
6. Approve employment of three Girl's Basketball coaches
7. Approve employment of one Boy's Basketball coach

Certificated Personnel

1. Approve ½ Stipend for Athletic Director (TMS)

Management/Confidential/Supervisory- No item presented

- C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing** (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)
No item presented.
- D. Approval of Donations: (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services)**
No item presented.

E. Approval, Request for an Overnight Field Trip for Toyon Middle School Relay for Life Team
Toyon Middle School students request approval for an overnight field trip to Bret Harte High School, Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, 2009, for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Chaperones will be parents and teachers.

F. Approval, Membership/Participation in the Institute for Educational Inquiry's League of Democratic Schools for Toyon Middle School
Toyon Middle School is requesting Board approval to join the Institute for Educational Inquiry's League of Democratic Schools. Membership agreement requires endorsement of support from the governing agency.

G. Rejection of Claim: Arvizu v. CUSD-Amended 11/03/08
The District was presented with a claim in excess of \$10,000.00 on October 16, 2008. The District has been presented with an amended claim, dated November 3, 2008. It is recommendation of the District's property and liability claims adjuster to reject the amended claim and begin the statute of limitations timeline.

PERSONNEL

Certificated Report

Karen Wallace, CUEA representative, said negotiations are ongoing and CUEA will meet tomorrow.

Classified Report

CSEA President Peggy Stout, reported negotiations are continuing. Ms. Stout told the Board that CSEA was on hold with regard to Round Table meetings, with the changing of officers at this time.

All Personnel - No item presented

Classified Personnel – No item presented.

Certificated Personnel

Approval, Request to Apply for a Short Term Staff Permit

Approval is requested to apply for a Short Term Staff permit for Josette Summersett to teach Independent Study while she is completing her program with CalTEACH.

MSC (5-0) to Approve the Request to Apply for a Short Term Staff Permit for Josette Summersett to teach Independent Study with no objections.

PERSONNEL

Management/Confidential/Supervisory – No item presented.

Chairperson Zerrall McDaniel closed the Open Session and opened a Public Hearing.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (Mark Campbell, Assistant Superintendent)

PUBLIC HEARING: For the Determination that a Waiver be applied for the Ninth Grade Class Size Reduction Program (Morgan-Hart)

The District data for our ninth grade students, specific to Algebra, indicated we need to make adjustments to our instructional program to provide a stronger academic program.

Chairperson Zerrall McDaniel closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Open Session.

Approval, Class Size Reduction Waiver

Approval is requested to apply for a waiver for CHS 9th grade Algebra classes that are now double-blocked periods, so they qualify for the same level of funding as single-blocked periods.

MSC (5-0) to Approve Applying for a Waiver for CHS 9th Grade Algebra classes

BUSINESS (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services)

Approval, Agreement for Special Contract Services with Mid Sierra Builders

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement for special contract services with Mid Sierra Builders for construction of walls for new water laboratory. This will eliminate the need to send out for water testing.

MSC (5-0) to Approve the Agreement for Special Contract Services with Mid Sierra Builders

Approval, Special Contract Services with Marchand Heimann

Contract services to include "Art-in-Education" for the Transition School students.

MSC(5-0) to Approve the Special Contract Service Agreement with Marchand Heimann for the Transition School students.

Approval, Special Contract Services with Marchand Heimann

Contract services to include "Art-in-Education" at Mokelumne Hill Elementary School for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

MSC (5-0) to Approve the Special Contract Service Agreement with Marchand Heimann for Mokelumne Hill Elementary School 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Approval to Declare Surplus Property

It is recommended that the Board declare previous room #19, DSA#100612 and previous room #16, DSA#/NA at Valley Springs Elementary School as surplus property in accordance with sections 17545-17555 and 60500-60530 of the Education Code. This allows the district to sell, auction, donate, or otherwise dispose of district equipment or materials that are obsolete, unusable, or no longer needed for district use.

MSC (5-0) to Declare Surplus Property

POLICY AND REGULATIONS

First Reading

1. BP 6172.1, Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes
2. BP 6178.2, Regional Occupational Center/Program

POLICY AND REGULATIONS

MSC (5-0) to adopt Board Polices 1-11

Second Reading and Adoption

1. BP 4136/4236/4336, Nonschool Employment
2. BP 4151/4251, Employee Compensation
3. BP 5112.1, Exemptions from Attendance
4. BP 5131.1, Bus Conduct
5. BP 6141, Curriculum Development and Evaluation
6. BP 6141.5, Advanced Placement
7. BP 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
8. BP 6142.8, Comprehensive Health Education
9. BP 6146.11, Alternative Credits Toward Graduation
10. BP 6162.6, Use of Copyrighted Materials
11. BP 6163.2, Animals at School

Administrative Regulations/Exhibit

1. AR 6172.1, Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes
2. AR 9124, Attorney
3. AR 9230, Orientation
4. AR 9324, Minutes and Recordings

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Reusche said JLE PTO meeting was today and then spoke about the after school science program. She was very delighted to announce that the JLE Girl's Basketball team won a trophy.

Mrs. Garamendi said she attended the craft faire and won two prizes.

Mr. Nagle said he was at CHS and was very, very impressed with the principals, and the very enthusiastic new teachers. He gave kudos to all CHS staff members.

Ms. McDaniel said she attended an ROP meeting at the County Office this afternoon. She expressed her desire to have Mr. Silva come to a board meeting and share what our ROP program is doing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on December 16, 2008. 7:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

James L. Frost, Superintendent