

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
San Andreas, CA 95249
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 4, 2010

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Yerman
Hank Nagle
Zerrall McDaniel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Liz Valdez
Maria Ortner
Titia Ashby
Michelle Besmer
Sandy Hoffman
Karen Wallace
Kathy Risso
Beverly Boone
Janine Schumann
Amy Hasselwander

OTHERS: Parents, community members
and other interested parties

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6)

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Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54957)

To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54957)

Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54962)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Salute to the flag and roll call.

OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Beverly Boone gave a presentation about the various programs at West Point Elementary and Rail Road Flat Elementary, describing the attendance incentive programs, Mega Skills program, counseling for bullying, victims and social skills by Tanya Kiernan (available due to an anonymous donation), the Missoula Children's Theatre, and Fine Arts Day at West Point (Rail Road Flat is planning a Fine Arts Day, which will hopefully occur this Fall). Beverly also said the PTC's at both schools are very involved in raising funds for some of these programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Campbell shared that Angie Barney took 24 students to the FFA State Conference from April 17-20. They returned with 3 awards: One for the Central Region FFA Scrapbook award, the second for the Central Region FFA "Ag in the Community 2010" award and the third award for the "2010 Superior National Chapter Award.". Two of their members were selected to be part of the FFA State Band and the FFA State talent, James Emshoff and Walt Hoyt.

Mr. Campbell gave his kudos to our Business Department. They received a positive certification on the second interim from the County Office of Education and continue to actively work to respond to declining enrollment, while striving to maintain a balanced budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Campbell said there are only twenty-three days left of school. The adults and kids are working hard. STAR testing is still ongoing. AP testing begins tomorrow. We have about 30 students who will be taking the High School Exit Exam. Most of the students taking the Exit Exam are Sophomores and Juniors. It takes 30 days to receive the results, so any seniors taking the exam (only two or three), will come back in August or September for a small graduation ceremony.

He gave kudos to staff for all their hard work and thanked the staff members who were in attendance tonight for extending their day.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. McDaniel asked about the attorney fees for approving timesheets. Mr. Merrill explained that these are related to construction projects and to ensure we are following prevailing wage law.

Mr. Nagle asked if Dr. Hoffman brings his own equipment. Mr. Merrill said he does.

MSC (3-0) to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

April 20, 2010

B. Routine Personnel

Classified Personnel

1. Approve temporary hire of (1) high school assistant basketball coach.
2. Approve temporary hire of (1) elementary volleyball coach.

Certificated Personnel – No item presented.

Management/Confidential/Supervisory – No item presented.

C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)

The vendor warrant listing from March 25, 2010 through April 29, 2010, was presented for approval. ***Members of the Board have been provided a copy of this document; it is available for review in the district office.***

D. Approval of Donations (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)

(See attached list.)

Mr. Merrill said there was over \$6,500 of donations. He thanked everyone who made donations of both cash and items useful to the school district and said it is especially appreciated during these times of budgetary constraints.

E. Approval, Payment Disbursements/Bond Project, (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)

Payment disbursements for our Bond Projects are presented for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

F. Approval of Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Report

The quarterly report for the Williams Settlement Legislation Act for January through March 2010 is presented for Board approval. This report provides information on complaints received for instructional materials, facilities and/or teacher vacancy and misassignments. This report is sent to the County Office of Education. The district had no complaints during this reporting period.

G. Rejection of Claim: Debi Heier vs. CUSD

Debi Heier filed a claim against the Calaveras Unified School District for an accident that occurred on November 2, 2009, with her vehicle and our school bus in the CHS bus loop. It is the recommendation of the District's property and liability claims adjuster to reject the claim and begin the statute of limitation timeline.

H. Approval, Carl D. Perkins Vocational education Application Fund

Board approval is requested to submit the annual Career Technical Education Application for funding for the 2009/10 school year.

I. Approval, Special contract Services for Sacramento Hearing Center, Inc. for the 2010/11 School Year

Approval is requested for the annual hearing screening for the 2010/11 school year with Sacramento Hearing Center. Inc.

J. Approval, Special Contract Services for Robert Hoffman, OD, for the 2010/11 School Year

Approval is requested for the annual vision screening for the 2010/11 school year with Robert Hoffman, OD.

PERSONNEL

A. Certificated Report

Karen Wallace, CUEA Representative, reported the Administrative Hearings are set for May 11th. Annie Aquino will not be attending but Teresa Fasola will be there. CUEA is very happy that there are a lot less layoffs and appreciate our efforts.

B. Classified Report

Jim Ditzler, CSEA President, was absent.

C. All Personnel

No item presented

D. Classified Personnel

1. Adoption, Resolution No. 2009/10-22, Classified School Employees' Week

The California legislature adopted the third full week in May each year as Classified Employees' Week. Calaveras Unified School District's Board of Trustees wish to recognize our school district employees with the adoption of Resolution 2009/10-22, declaring May 17-21, 2010 as Classified School Employee Week.

MSC (3-0) to approve Resolution No. 2009/10-22.

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PERSONNEL (Continued)

E. Certificated Personnel

1. Approval, Proclamation: Day of the Teacher

Approval to proclaim Wednesday, May 12, 2010, as Day of the Teacher.

MSC (3-0) to approve the proclamation for Day of the Teacher.

Mr. Nagle said he has traveled to many different school districts and has come to truly appreciate our people. We need to make note of these special days this month.

Mr. Campbell said we shouldn't just celebrate these special days. These are days to celebrate in a more formal fashion but we should celebrate our staff everyday.

2. Approval Request for Retirements, Denise McDonald, Pam Alvarado and Jane Sprouse

Denise McDonald, Pam Alvarado, teachers at Gold Strike High School, and Jane Sprouse, teacher at Rail Road Flat Elementary, are requesting retirement at the end of the 2009/10 school year.

MSC (3-0) To approve the retirements of Denise McDonald, Pam Alvarado and Jane Sprouse at the end of the 2009/10 school year.

Mr. Campbell said these are 3 tremendous teachers. Jane Sprouse is dedicated to her students and community and worked hard to keep Rail Road Flat open. He observed Denise McDonald and Pam Alvarado working with their students to put them at ease during the STAR testing. These teachers are not just coasting until the end of the school year toward their retirements. They are finishing up strong.

F. Management/Confidential/Supervisory

1. Approval, Management/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule for 2010/11

Approval is requested to add High School Assistant Principal/Teacher and Elementary Assistant Principal/Teacher to the Management/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule for 2010/11.

Mr. Campbell informed those present that Rene Malamed was serving Jury Duty in Fresno and that she will be a strong addition to the Calaveras High School staff. He acknowledged Janine Schumann's presence this evening and welcomed the new faces, along with the new energy to the administrative team and is looking forward to having them aboard.

MSC (3-0) to approve the the Management/Supervisor/Confidential Salary Schedule for 2010/11.

2. Approval, Certificated Management Employee Contracts

It is recommended that the following certificated administrators be affirmed for employment as administrators in the District for the 2010/11 school year:

Rene Malamed, High School Assistant Principal/Teacher, Calaveras High School

Janine Schumann, Elementary Assistant Principal/Teacher, Jenny Lind Elementary

MSC (3-0) to approve the affirmation of employment for Rene Malamed and Janine Schumann as administrators for the 2010/11 school year.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

No item presented

BUSINESS

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1. Approval, Agreement for Special Contract Services with Marchand Heimann

Contract services to include art lessons at Valley Springs Elementary School on May 6 and May 25, 2010, in Ms. Harper's and Mr. Bonomo's classrooms.

Mr. Merrill said this service is paid for by the Associated Student Body fund.

MSC (3-0) to approve the Agreement for Special Contract Services with Marchand Heimann

2. Approval, Agreements for Special Contract Services/Jenny Lind Fine Arts Festival

Agreements are presented for the "Fine Arts Festival" at Jenny Lind Elementary on May 27, 2010.

Mr. Merrill said there are multiple contracts for this day which are paid for with donations and the PTC.

Mr. Nagle said the district is in no financial position to fund these types of events/classes so having volunteers, donations and PTC participation is a good thing.

MSC (3-0) to approve Agreements for Jenny Lind Elementary's "Fine Arts Festival."

3. Approval to Establish a Wells Fargo Savings Account for the Summer Swim Program

A new savings account is requested to be open at Wells Fargo Bank in San Andreas for the Summer Swim Program. The Pool Manager and authorized employees will deposit gate revenue and participation fees.

Mr. Merrill explained the monies raised from the Summer Swim Program and with Leanne Sparvel as Summer Pool Manager and the addition of an aquatic aerobics and individual swim lessons, we can offset the encroachment to the general fund for the cost of running the program.

Mr. Campbell said that Leanne Sparvel provides a strong oversight for our program and, hopefully, in the not too distant future, we can get the Sharks Swim Team back. The Sharks provide good fundraisers for our kids.

Mrs. McDaniel asked if our Water Polo team was an official team. Mr. Campbell said they are not yet an official team and at this point play by organizing scrimmages.

MSC (3-0) To approve the establishment of a Wells Fargo savings account for the Summer Swim Program.

POLICY AND REGULATIONS

First Reading – No item presented

Second Reading and Adoption – No item presented

Administrative Regulations – No item presented

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mr. Nagel recommends we know when our Open Houses occur.

The San Andreas Open House has been rescheduled for May 18 at 5:00 p.m.

The other Open Houses are as follows:

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| • Valley Springs Elementary
(and art show) | May 6 | 6-7 p.m. |
| • Jenny Lind Elementary | May 20 | 5 – 7 p.m. |
| • Rail Road Flat Elementary | May 20 | 6-7 p.m. |
| • West Point Elementary | May 26 | 6-7 p.m. |
| • Mokelumne Hill Elementary | May 27 | 6:30 p.m. |

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Yerman had no comments to make.

Mrs. McDaniel said the Bump City concert last Saturday was a success. This is the first in a series of concerts to be held the first Saturday of every month, through December. These concerts will help raise money for the CUSD band program and put on a music festival without an encroachment to the general fund. Last Saturday they raised \$2,500 in ticket sales. Mrs. McDaniel said Mr. Campbell took over the dance floor. It was a lot of fun.

The next concert is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, at the Met. The band will be "Chains Required." The opening act will be an ex-student doing a drum piece and they hope to have the Toyon Middle School dueling drums. Tickets for adults are \$15 and students and seniors \$10.

Mrs. McDaniel says if you are going to spend money somewhere, why not do it by supporting our school programs.

Mr. Nagle said Rail Road Flat is having a fundraiser, which is an all-day/all-evening event on June 5. Mrs. McDaniel and Mr. Nagle will be in the "dunk tank."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday May 18, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent