

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
San Andreas, CA 95249
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 1, 2011

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: Karan Bowsher
Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche
Zerrall McDaniel
John Yerman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Liz Valdez
Maria Ortner
Kathy Risso
Titia Ashby
Lorraine Angel
Randall Youngblood
Michelle Besmer
Michelle Olivarria
Nadine Ost-Alberts
Shirley Bell

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - All present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- b) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- c) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- d) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54957)
- e) To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54957)
 - a. Certificated, Temporary Teacher
- f) Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54962)

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – None presented.

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - Open session was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

There was a salute to the flag. Roll call was taken. No one was absent.

OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6) No action taken

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Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54957.6) No action taken

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54957.6). No action taken

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

a. Certificated, Temporary Teacher

MSC 5-0 to release a Certificated, Temporary Teacher

Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54962) No action taken

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – No items reported

CELEBRATIONS, RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mokelumne Hill, Rail Road Flat and West Point Elementary Schools

Michelle Besmer, Principal of Mokelumne Hill, Rail Road Flat and West Point Elementary Schools gave the Board a presentation on her schools. She made a poster on each school, depicting what she sees as the positive areas at each site and discussed in detail the various student incentive programs and community involvement. She gave each Board member the latest school newsletters and showed them a shirt that the West Point staff made for her which has all three of the school mascots embroidered on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE – Emails addressed to the Board (All members)

None presented

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Campbell commended Mike Merrill and Titia Ashby in the Business Department for the good work on our Interim Report and was pleased to announce that the County Office of Education gave us a positive certification in December. He also wanted to commend CSEA and CUEA. We have had a number of opportunities to meet with them – Round Table, Negotiations and joint study sessions. He also announced that effective with the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of February 15, we will be going back to the earlier start times with closed session beginning at 4:30 p.m. and Open session at 6:00 p.m.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – None removed

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC 5-0 to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

January 14, 2011

B. Routine Personnel

Classified Personnel Report

1. Approve resignation of (1) Registrar
2. Approve resignation of (1) Paraeducator
3. Approve new position for (1) Yard Duty
4. Approve return hours from Layoff for (1) Custodian
5. Approve additional hours for (1) Paraeducator
6. Approve new position for (1) Paraeducator

Classified Coaches (Temporary)

1. Approve hire of (1) Head Tennis Coach

Certificated Personnel Report

1. Approve assignment of (1) Science Department Chair for middle school
2. Approve assignment of (1) CORE Department Chair for middle school
3. Approve assignment of (1) Math department Chair for middle school

Certificated Coaches (Temporary) – No item presented

Management/Confidential/Supervisory Report - No item presented

C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent of Business)

The vendor warrant listing from January 13, 2011 through January 24, 2011 is presented for approval.

D. Approval of Donations

See attached list.

E. Approval of Bond Disbursements

The bond disbursements are presented for approval.

F. Approval of Special Contract Services Marchand Heimann

Approval is requested to enter into special contract services with Marchand Heimann to provide art enrichment for Family Fine Arts Night at Mokelumne Hill Elementary School for two hours on February 16, 2011. This is funded through donations.

Mrs. Garamendi asked about the donations for funding and Titia Ashby said it is actually funded by Title I, for Parent Involvement.

G. Approval of Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson

Approval is requested to enter into special contract services with Tim Roberson to provide music classes for one hour per week until the end of the school year at Mokelumne Hill Elementary School. These services will continue until the end of the school year and will not exceed \$500. This is funded through donations.

PERSONNEL

- A. Certificated Report** – Lorraine Angel thanked Mark Campbell for the Round Table and Liz Valdez for always being there. They are able to have open dialogue and solutions to issues before they become problems. She thanked management for rescheduling the budget meeting. When they had the meeting it was very informative. She also thanked Titia Ashby, who answered many of their questions during the meeting. She stressed that open dialogue is really important and that negotiations have started once again. CUEA hopes there are other alternatives to balancing the budget other than layoffs for teachers. We should be able to find solutions outside of the box.
- B. Classified Report** – No item presented
- C. All Personnel** – No item presented
- D. Classified Personnel** – No item presented
- E. Certificated Personnel** - No item presented
- F. Management/Confidential/Supervisory** - No item presented.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - No item presented

BUSINESS

A. Approval, Agreement between CUSD and the Calaveras County Office of Education Occupational Operating Agreement for the 2010-11 School Year

Approval of agreement is requested between the Calaveras County Office of Education, lead agency for the Calaveras County ROP, and the Calaveras Unified School District. The agreement outlines respective responsibilities for offering District-operating ROP classes at school sites with the District.

MSC 5-0 to approve the Agreement between CUSD and the Calaveras County Office of Education Occupational Operating Agreement for the 2010-11 school year.

B. Adoption, Resolution No. 2010/11-10, Establishing Random Acts of Kindness Zones

Resolution No. 2010/11-10 will establish Random Acts of Kindness Zones and help celebrate the official Random Act of Kindness Week, February 14,-18, 2011.

MSC 5-0 to approve Resolution No. 2010/11-10, Establishing Random Acts of Kindness Zones

22. Policies and Regulations

- a. **First Reading – None presented**
- b. **Administrative Regulations/Exhibits – None Presented**
- c. **Second Reading & Adoption - None Presented**

23. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
February 3, 2011	Closed Board Session, 5:30 p.m., District Administrative Offices, Board Room
February 8, 2011	PARS (Public Agency Retirement Services) meetings: 3:30 p.m. CUEA and 4:30 CSEA, District Administrative Offices, Board Room
February 9, 2011	Closed Board Session regarding Personnel, 1:00 p.m., District Administrative Offices, Board Room

Additions to the calendar:

- February 14: Mokelumne Town Hall Dinner, Steak and Lobster for \$25
- February 12: West Point Surprise, Prize, Bingo
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24. Future Agenda Items – None Presented

25. Comments from Board Members

Karan Bowsher thanked the district for sending her to a New Board Member Conference with the California School Boards Association. She said every conversation about boards was to learn to “play nice.” The theme of civility was reiterated during the conference. She was pleased that we, at CUSD, have civility.

Evan Garamendi took Karan Bowsher to visit some of our school sites. They saw some tremendous teaching staff and great kids.

John Yerman had no comments.

Zerrall McDaniel had no comments.

Sherri Reusche attended her first CSBA Director meeting. Hopefully things will get better. In 18 days she will be going with Rotary to the Rotary Youth Leadership. It’s always a great honor for our kids to be selected. She will have 100 Junior girls. She hopes they will come back into the community and share all they have learned.

26. Public Comments

Greg Gustafson asked about the recent lawsuit that affects our band and other school activities.

Mr. Campbell said this was a lawsuit filed by the ACLU against 32 school districts for charging fees. The lawsuit came from Southern California, where a school district was mandating students pay for textbooks.

Effective next school year, we cannot charge fees, except for home to school transportation. We will have to think of some creative solutions and it will affect what we can offer as a school district. It will impact everything across the board in terms of what we were able to offer vs. what we're now going to be able to offer. The keyword is "optional."

Mr. Gustafson said that teachers already spend enough of their own money for students. Now does this mean we'll have to provide pencils, paper and have these materials available if a student shows up to school without them?

Mr. Campbell said that right now we have more questions than answers.

27. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

Note: We are back to the early start -- Closed session will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the open session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant