

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 788

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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 19, 2011

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: Zerrall McDaniel
John Yerman
Karan Bowsher
Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Titia Ashby
Shirley Bell
Nicole Orlandi
Mary Quindimil
Michelle Boitano
Susan Wolters
Sheila Quinn
Anne Katherine Smith
Karen Wallace
Kaarn Egge
Denise Gustafson
Liz Stanko
Kim Potter
Randall Youngblood
Allison Hampton
Dawn England
Renetta Hale
Valerie Conrado
Kristen DuFloth
Bunnie Hale
Lorraine Angel
Kari Goldsmith
Angela Acuna
Dobbi Fletcher

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL - All present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC – 5-0 to approve the July 19, 2011 agenda.

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)**

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT - None presented

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - Open session was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

There was a salute to the flag. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present.

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) No action taken

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

CELEBRATIONS, RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – No items presented

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

It's been a quick six weeks. During that time Mr. Campbell has seen a lot of familiar cars in our school parking lots. He thanked everyone for working on their time off. Our campuses are getting ready for the first day of school next Tuesday. There is still some work to be done. There is now a Marquee at Toyon Middle School, which looks great. He thanked everyone involved in that project, which has been in the works for a long time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teacher and CUEA President Karen Wallace addressed the Board, reading the CUSD Mission Statement and CTA Mission Statement. Of concern is the 30:1 class size. They would like the Board to reconsider a 27:1 class size ratio, with the ability to bring back some of our teachers on layoff. Members of the community, parents and teachers also addressed the Board with concerns about:

- 30:1 class size ratio
- the inability to give the attention our students deserve with these larger class sizes
- consideration of the Williams Act in regard to square footage per student
- a large portion of the layoffs occurred at Jenny Lind and how it affects that particular school site
- people who work with students (teachers and aides) are most important and it will be what the children will remember
- in the past we were 30:1 but had classroom aides
- inability to make personal connections with large class sizes
- more behavior problems and less learning time

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CONTINUED

- request for a Citizen Oversight Committee for CUSD budgets
- paying too much for outside facilities/construction work
- the late bus getting cut and ways to restore the service
- more discussion was held about the late bus not only to support athletics but also the remediation programs for CASHEE, targeted study hall, after school tutoring, credit recovery and plans for a Homework Club
- Can the new bus fees for sports help pay for the cost of the late bus?

CORRESPONDENCE – No item presented.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - No items were removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC 5-0 to vote separately on item 13

Correction to Classified Routine Report, number 7. It should be a Health Aide and not a Media Specialist.

MSC 5-0 to approve the consent agenda, with the correction and minus item 13.

A. Approval of Minutes

June 28, 2011

B. Routine Personnel

Classified Personnel Report

1. Approve resignation of (1) Child Development Manager
2. Approve resignation of (1) Dispatcher
3. Approve transfer of (1) Food Service III
4. Approve promotion of (1) Child Development Aide
5. Approve new assignment of (1) Custodian
6. Approve lateral transfer of (1) Custodian
7. Approve reinstatement from layoff for (1) Health Aide
8. Approve hire of (1) Bus Driver
9. Approve promotion of (1) Lead Custodian
10. Approve hire of (1) Skilled Maintenance
11. Approve lateral transfers of (3) Paraeducators
12. Approve hire of (1) Paraeducator

Classified Coaches (Temporary) - No item to present

Certificated Personnel Report

1. Approve resignation of (1) Science Teacher
2. Approve hire of (1) Temporary Intervention Teacher
3. Approve hire of (1) Ag Teacher

Certificated Coaches (Temporary) – No item presented

Management/Confidential/Supervisory Report - No item presented

CONSENT AGENDA - CONTINUED

- C. **Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing** (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent of Business)
The vendor warrant listing from June 21 through June 30, 2011 is presented for approval.
- D. **Approval of Donations** – No item presented
- E. **Approval of Bond Disbursements** - No item presented
- F. **Approval, Annual Agreement for Legal Services, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the 2011-2012 School Year**
Approval is requested to enter into an annual agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the 2011-12 school year. The District has used the services of this firm for the last several years for legal advice regarding negotiations, interpreting or enforcing the provisions of the District's collective bargaining agreements and various other issues.
- G. **Rejection of Claim: Caywood vs. CUSD**
The District has received a claim from Mr. Caywood. It is recommended the claim be rejected so it may be handled by the district property and liability carrier.
- H. **Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services with Arleen Bates**
Approval is requested to enter into an Agreement for Special Contract Services with Arleen Bates to provide training (one of two trainers) to CUSD Pre-K staff for the EISS grant compliance. The cost is \$2,055, which is funded by the EISS grant.
- I. **Approval of Agreement for Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree**
Approval is requested to enter into an Agreement for Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree to provide training (one of two trainers) to CUSD Pre-K staff for the EISS grant compliance. The cost is \$1,200, which is funded by the EISS grant.

MSC (4-1) (Evan Garamendi, Nay) to approve the Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree for EISS Training

- J. **Approval of Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Report**
The quarterly report for the Williams Settlement Legislation Act for April through June 2011 is presented for Board approval. This report provides information on complaints received by instructional materials, facilities and/or teacher vacancy and misassignments. This report is sent to the County Office of Education.

15. PERSONNEL (Mark Campbell, Superintendent)

a. **Certificated Report** (Lorraine Angel)

Ms. Angel and Karen Wallace were on a trip to Reno on July 5 – a trip they won through CTA. They are looking forward to scheduling another Roundtable. Karen Wallace and Mark Campbell have agreed to a once-a-month meeting to keep the lines of communication open. We are heading into a fiscally challenging year, maybe several years, which will hopefully bring some opportunities and growth. CUEA desires to work with CUSD to rise to the challenge and fill some gaps in funding. We talked about that a couple of meetings ago. We need active support from this District Office to do it and from the Board members. She explained that she is talking about fundraising districtwide, modeled after Los Gatos Unified. Instead of a lot of individual

PERSONNEL - CONTINUED

fundraisers at school sites, getting together and planning districtwide fundraisers. We hope that we can raise more money with a unified effort, and when we can fund teachers and programs in the future this money can be used for enrichment programs. She is proud to be a part of CTA and of CUEA.

b. **Classified Report** (Terri Henderson) – 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**

16. **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** - No item presented

17. **BUSINESS** (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent/Business)

a. **Adoption Resolution 2011/2012-01, To Certify the Approval of the Governing Board to Enter into this Transaction with the California Department of Education for the Purpose of Providing Child Care and Development Services and to Authorize the Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents for Fiscal Year 2011/2012**

This Resolution names the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Administrator of Preschool to sign documents with the California Department of Education for the Preschools located in Calaveras Unified School District. This agreement provides \$236,553 for Child Development Services for the 2011/2012 school year.

b. **Adoption, Resolution No. 2011/12-02, Authorizing the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Administrator of Preschools to Sign a Contract with the Department of Education for a \$2,500 Grant for the Pre-K and Family Literacy Program in West Point**

This Resolution names the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Administrator of Preschool to sign documents with the California Department of Education for the Preschools located in Calaveras Unified School District. This grant provides \$2500 for use in the Family Literacy Program in West Point.

c. **Approve Change of Signatures on Calaveras Unified School District Bank Accounts**

Board approval is requested to designate Superintendent, Mark Campbell, the authority to approve required changes of signatures to CUSD bank accounts upon written notice. This authorization will be valid July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

18. **Policies and Regulations**

Policy Overview - No item presented

a. **First Reading – Board Policies & Bylaws** – No item presented

b. **Administrative Regulations/Exhibits** – No item presented

c. **Second Readings/Adoptions** – No item presented

19. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
July 20, 2011	Toyon Warrior Welcome, 1-6 p.m.
July 22, 2011	CSBA Governance Leadership Workshop for Board of Trustees, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., IMC Training Room
July 26, 2011	First Day of School
July 28, 2011	Valley Springs Elementary Back to School Night, 6-7 p.m.
August 3, 2011	Toyon Middle School Back to School Night, 6-7:30 p.m.
August 4, 2011	Jenny Lind Elementary Back to School Night, 6-7 p.m.

20. Future Agenda Items

21. Comments from Board Members

Evan Garamendi asked how the CHS Round Up went today. Mr. Campbell said he was there for an hour and said it was going well and any issues were minor. Mrs. Boitano said she would like to see this go online. Mrs. Garamendi said the CUSD calendar goes to 2014 and wanted to know if he comes up for “reelection.” Mr. Campbell explained are looking at going in the direction of a county-wide calendar. This is something we would have to bring to the bargaining table and many people have many different views and we will navigate the process. Mrs. Garamendi said 30 children are too many in today’s classroom. She won’t say it’s unmanageable because she has seen some tremendous classroom management going on. There is nothing good about 30 kids in a classroom; although we love each and every one of them. She asked Mrs. Reusche a question about an item in the news regarding cheating on tests and a superintendent in Atlanta and whether or not CSBA comments on those types of things. Mrs. Reusche has not heard anything but she can ask.

John Yerman had no comments.

Zerrall McDaniel said welcome back. She knows it’s going to be a big challenge and she wishes they could make it easier. She is anxious to get back to work.

Sherri Reusche just returned from Las Vegas with the CHS Trap Shooting Team and Gold Country Shooters. The Elementary Rookie team placed 2nd and the 6th, 7th and 8th grades also placed 2nd. It was very hot and grueling. She is looking forward to a new adventure at Toyon Middle School, where her son will begin attending. She will be going to their Round Up for the first time. She commented on the 30 to 1 class size, stating that your voices are heard. She has children who will experience exactly what you will experience and we will do the best we can to have a balanced budget and not allow the school district to go bankrupt and make sure the cuts they make are ones that must make and that our children are our priority.

22. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. Open Session begins at 6:00 p.m.

**THE AUGUST 16, 2011 BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011.**

24. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant