

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 788

San Andreas, CA 95249

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 15, 2012

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
Karan Bowsher
Zerrall McDaniel
Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Titia Ashby
Dawn England
Renetta Hale
Randall Youngblood
Rochelle Pena
Terri Rae Henderson
Liz Stanko
Jan Kendall
Shirley Bell
Celeste Garamendi
Sandy Hoffman
Julianne Youngblood

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL - No one was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to approve the March 15, 2012 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

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - Open session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL. A salute the flag was conducted. Roll call was taken. No one was absent.

OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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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)

CELEBRATIONS, RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The presentation from Dan Klement for Valley Springs Elementary has been rescheduled for May 1.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Campbell cited examples of all that's right in the world. In the last few days we've had the pleasure of watching our girls' basketball team play valiantly. Last night we had thousands of people in our gym listening to our students playing instruments. It was one of the best band festivals ever! There was a lot of great work being done on CORE Development Day. Hearing from the administrators about the dialogue and work being done in those sessions points out the value of collaboration time.

Last week we heard a lot from teachers and as Mr. Campbell listened to the conversations about class sizes and about the disruptions of adding staff after the start of the year, there was nothing he could disagree with. In optimum times we would love to overstaff but we are not at an optimum times. During optimum times we have class sizes of 20 or less. Right now we have to operate with the financial constraints and declining enrollment that we have. We are always looking for ways to keep class sizes low. We had a pool of eight teachers who were on layoff status. That pool has been reduced to five. I'm not pleased we are losing five, but those five are based upon enrollment only and not due to budget. I believe everyone made it clear that keeping class sizes low is a priority but just because it's a priority here doesn't mean it's a priority at the state level. But the fact that we will keep K-3 class sizes 25:1 is a step in the right direction. However, we are not sure, in all honestly, how long we will be able to sustain it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Crystal Montanez, a parent from Valley Springs Elementary, addressed the Board regarding the disruption caused by adding staff last October, after the school year began, which caused her children to change teachers. She hopes this does not occur again this year. Mr. Campbell said if changes have to be made due to increased enrollment after the start of the school year it would be done two to three weeks after the start of the school year.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS – CONTINUED

Mrs. Bowsher understands the concerns and pleaded with everyone to contact our legislature. They do not hear these stories in the capitol about the disruptions caused in the classrooms and how the budget affects individual children. As Board members we can write our letters but all of you need to tell them so they are more aware.

Mr. Bob Garamendi, community member, shared it recently came to his attention the County Assessor is choosing not to collect the unsecured tax roll. This represents over \$700,000 that isn't being collected at the county that could be coming to the schools. It's at the discretion of the Assessor whether or not to do these collections.

Mr. Merrill said we have provided information sheets with legislatures' addresses on the back table.

Mrs. Reusche said when you write your letter, be aware the state owes public education \$10 billion. They are wiping out public education.

Mr. Gustafson shared that Dan Lungren is speaking on Saturday in Angels Camp. He mentioned that nobody's collecting the tax dollars from the foreclosed homes and it's hitting our county hard. He has spoken to Congresswoman Olsen and Senator Gaines. He recommends writing letters. He also wanted to compliment the band. We need to keep in mind the expense of the band and cost of uniforms. Is there anyway the boosters could help? He saw two new school buses this morning. Mr. Merrill confirmed we have two new large buses and one smaller bus that had to be returned due to mechanical problems. He also spoke to some teachers who wanted to know more about what happens when their name comes off the layoff list.

CORRESPONDENCE – No item presented.

ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - No items removed

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to add items g, h and i to the consent agenda:

g. Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Calaveras High School Track and Field

Approval is requested for an overnight field trip for the Calaveras High School Track and Field team to attend the Avis-Kelley Invitational Track Meet at Gilroy High School. The trip will be on March 30-31, 2012. Travel will be by district vans and private vehicles. Funding is through fundraisers. Accommodations will be at motel with coach and parent chaperones.

h. Approval of Bond Disbursements

The bond disbursements are presented for approval.

i. Approval for an Overnight Field Trip for the Calaveras High School Future Farms of America (FFA)

Approval is requested for students of the Calaveras High School FFA to attend Officer Training at Chico State University on March 20, 2012. Transportation will be provided by the CHS Ag track and funding will be provided through FFA. Teacher Abigail Ferrell will be the chaperone

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MSC (5-0) to approve the consent agenda.

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – No item presented
- b. **Routine Personnel Report , March 13, 2012**
- c. **Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing**
The vendor warrant listing from February 28 through March 5, 2012 was presented for approval.
- d. **Approval of Donations**
Donations were presented for approval.
- e. **Approval of Special Contract Services with Jocelyn Mitchelmore & Regina Richardson**
Approval is requested for special contract services with Jocelyn Mitchelmore and Regina Richardson to provide two days of GLAD theory/input training for 18 teachers from Valley Springs Elementary, West Point Elementary and Jenny Lind Elementary schools on May 8 and 9, 2012. The cost is \$8,200, funded through Title 1.
- f. **Approval of Overnight Field Trip of Calaveras High School Students Participating in Relay for Life**
Approval is requested for the Calaveras High School Relay for Life team to participate in Relay for Life on April 28-29, 2012, at Calaveras High School. Students will walk in teams for 24 hours. Other day activities include booths, games, music and food. Evening activities include movies and field games. Supervision is provided by parent volunteers and teachers for the entire 24-hour period.

15. PERSONNEL (Mark Campbell, Superintendent)

- a. **Certificated Report**
Renetta Hale reported on behalf of Lorraine Angel. They had a site rep meeting recently. They wish to thank the board on their commitment to the 25:1 class size.
- b. **Classified Report** (Terri Rae Henderson)
Mrs. Henderson reported they had their Chapter meeting last week. They are planning a cookbook fundraiser for scholarships. They had negotiations yesterday and it went pretty well. They are not finished so they will meet at least once more. She requested the district give back time to Jenny Lind food services. They are looking forward to their Spring break.
- c. **All Personnel** - No item presented
- d. **Classified Personnel** - No item presented
- e. **Certificated Personnel** – No item presented

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PERSONNEL - CONTINUED

f. **ROP**

Zerrall McDaniel attended the ROP meeting on Tuesday. We have 37 ROP programs in our county. ROP funding is looking dim in the future. They are talking about going to a weighted system which would eliminate any extra money in ROP and it's going to probably be up to our Board to choose what programs we want to fund. This is speculative at this point, but it was discouraging to hear. It's a wait and see game.

g. **Management/Confidential/Supervisory**

1. **Approval, Certificated Management Employee Contracts for 2012/13**

It is recommended the following certificated administrators be reaffirmed for employment as administrators in the District for the 2012/13 school year:

Michael Merrill	Jan Kendall
Lisa McInturf	Amy Hasselwander
Dan Klement	Maria Ortner
Janine Schumann	Ric Stitt
Federico Mier	Rene Malamed
Tierra Crothers	Tim Reno
Kimberly Osmanski-Potter	

MSC (5-0) to approve the Certificated Management Employee Contract for 2012/13 as shown above.

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

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

1. **Approval of Second Period Interim Report**

The Second Interim Report as of January 31, 2012 will be presented for Board approval and positive certification, assuring the District can meet its financial obligations for the remaining 2011/12 fiscal year and subsequent two years. *(A copy of the Second Period Interim Report will be available at the District Office)*

Mr. Merrill provided a presentation on the Calaveras Unified School District's Second Interim Report. He answered questions from the Board and audience. A copy of the presentation will be posted on the CUSD website.

MSC (5-0) to approve the Calaveras Unified School District Second Interim Report as of January 31, 2012.

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18. Policies and Regulations Policy Overview

- a. **First Reading – Board Policies & Bylaws**
 - BP 0450 **Comprehensive Safety Plan**
 - AR 0450 **Comprehensive Safety Plan**
 - AR 1340 **Access to District Records**
 - BP 2121 **Superintendent’s Contract**
 - BP 3110 **Transfer of Funds**
 - AR 3513.1 **Cellular Phone Reimbursement**
 - AR 3541.1 **Transportation for School-Related Trips**
 - BP 3553 **Free and Reduced Price Meals**
 - BP 4140 **Bargaining Units**
 - AR 4217.3 **Layoff/Rehire**
 - BP 5111 **Admission**
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 - AR 5111.1 **District Residency**
 - BP 5117 **Interdistrict Attendance**
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 - BP 6170.1 **Transitional Kindergarten**

- b. **Second Readings/Adoptions** – No Item presented

- c. **Exhibits**
 - E 5117.1 **Application for Interdistrict Transfer**

19. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
March 14	CUSD Band Festival – CHS Gym, 6:30 p.m.
March 19-30	Spring Break – No School
April 3	Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Night - 5:30 p.m. District Administrative Office Board Room

20. Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Garamendi would like information presented on pink slime additive.

21. Comments from Board Members

Mrs. Bowsher said she and Mrs. Garamendi went to the Girls’ Basketball game in Berkeley and it was a wonderful game. She is proud of CHS because the other school’s gym had just as many CHS supporters, if not more that the home team.

Mrs. Garamendi said the music festival was fantastic. They were very impressed. Our girls’ basketball team played valiantly. The other team, played well and they out-sized us but were polite and enthusiastic.

Mr. Yerman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - CONTINUED

Mrs. Reusche had one sick child, who couldn't play in the band concert but my other child did and thoroughly enjoyed the concert – it was amazing. She attended the Lady Red's phenomenal game on Saturday night at the high school. It was packed. Over the weekend she attended an Ed Coalition in Stockton talking about diversity and making sure there is equity in education. There was a gentleman there, Jim Thomas, who also talked about the fact that we need to let our legislature know that \$10 billion has been cut and it's not all right. The California School Boards' Association will be meeting with Governor Brown on the 24th and Mrs. Reusche will let him know that \$13.5 million from CUSD and what do they plan to do to pay it back. Thank you and enjoy your break.

Mrs. McDaniel announced they will be holding closed session after the open session.

Mrs. Bowsher wanted to add that she attended a Ag Day at the fairgrounds today and it was a success.

22. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 2012. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. Open Session begins at 6:00 p.m.

Open session adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Closed session adjourned at 8:10 p.m. There was no action taken in closed session.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant