

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 788

San Andreas, CA 95249

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 3, 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
Sherri Reusche

MEMBERS ABSENT: Evan Garamendi

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Titia Ashby
Ric Stitt
Dan Klement
Lisa McInturf
Maria Ortner
Liz Stanko
Amy Hasselwander
Michelle Besmer
Jan Kendall
Shirley Bell
Randall Youngblood
Tierra Crothers
Renetta Hale

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL - Evan Garamendi was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC (4-0 – Garamendi absent) to approve the April 3, 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 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL. A salute the flag was conducted. Roll call was taken. Evan Garamendi was absent.

OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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Parent/Volunteer Appreciation

Board President Zerrall McDaniel thanked everyone for coming and expressed the Board's gratitude to our parents and volunteers.

Note: These minutes are comprehensive in order to share fundraising ideas between clubs.

Every 15 Minutes

Darlene Gibson provided information about the Every 15 Minutes program at the high school. This program is done in conjunction with the CHP and Sheriff's Office. It is a reenactment of a fatal drunk driving scene on the lawns at the high school, with ambulances, medi-flight, victims, a trial, funeral, etc. It used to be every 15 minutes there was a fatality from drunk driving, but now it's every 30 minutes; hopefully, because of programs like these. They try to do the program at least once every four years. The date of the event is kept secret from the students. If anyone is interested they could use donations of time, food and/or money.

Trap Shooting

David Tanner, parent volunteer, shared information about the Trap Shooting Club. He presented Principal Ric Stitt with three award plaques to display at the high school. They are winning a lot of awards at the shoots and plan to attend the National's again this year in Las Vegas. Currently, they practice in lone but are hoping the county will give them permits to open a range on land donated by Mr. Coe. If you are interested, they could use more volunteers of time and/or money.

Calaveras Athletic Boosters (CAB)

Gina Sullivan, parent volunteer, said the CAB makes most of their money selling trip-tip at the home football games. They also sell memberships. The Gold membership allows you to park in the lot nearest the football field and you get a Calaveras jacket. Every year a coach can nominate one varsity player in each sport to receive a \$25 award from CAB. They provide a \$250 scholarship to one male and one female senior each year. They assist coaches with cost of field trips, buying dirt for our ball fields,

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supplies and breakfast at the wrestling tournament. This year the CHS Cheerleaders are under CAB. They are willing to assist in all sports.

FFA

Gina Sullivan also reported on the FFA Boosters, who help pay for the kids' memberships because public schools are not allowed to charge for memberships. It's been difficult this year to get donations. They have various fundraisers such as the Boosters Dinner Dance, the horse race event (new this year), and selling water and soda at the county fair. Their main focus is providing scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. They also sponsor animals for the program.

Band Boosters

Greg Gustafson said there are currently 56 students in band at the high school and they are expecting 30 more next year. Sixty percent of the scholarships given at the high school go to the students who are band members; it's a great program. Our latest Band Concert was a great success – from grade school to high school students participating. They have written grants and received money from places like the Rancheria. It's very difficult to raise money. They are about to elect a new board. If you are interested, please let them know. Our band travels and last year one of our students was selected as the best instrument player overall at Disneyland.

CHS Parent Club

Aloyma Gonzalez, parent volunteer, said they started a "teacher wish list." The Parent Club has a link to the club on the high school's website. This year they did a very successful "Bring Your Parent to School Day" as well as a Bunko event. They are making progress as a new club and looking forward to having the Toyon parents move up to the high school and getting involved with their club.

Toyon PTC

Gina Clemens said they do a pancake breakfast and Walk-a-Thon. This year they are bringing back Renaissance Day, which they have a day of fun activities to reward the students at the end of the year. They do a Teacher Appreciation in May. They sponsor the 8th Grade End of School Year party, some of the dances and the yearbook. They are looking forward to some of the elementary parents getting involved when they move up to Toyon.

Principal Lisa McInturf said their teachers are very supportive of the club. The PTC wrote a check to each teacher this year for classroom use and they have 28 teachers. It's an amazing group – especially considering that 50% of their students move to another school every year.

West Point Parent Club

Principal Michelle Besmer addressed the Board on behalf of Tatum Lowry. They organize a walk-a-thon kick-off. The leaders of the Parent Club organize events but they are very successful at getting other parents involved in the events. They do several different Bingos throughout the year. They are an essential part of their school program.

Rail Road Flat Parent Club

Martha O'Leary, parent volunteer, spoke about their fundraisers. They do a science camp fundraiser, walk-a-thons, a Luau Day right before fall break, involvement in Lumberjack Days, a Halloween Carnival and parade, provide lunches for teachers during parent conference week, two book fairs, Santa's Workshop and free books to kids with RIF. They do a Valentine's event with candy and notes kids can send secretly to each other. There's also a pancake breakfast, movie night with popcorn or a track and field day (weather permitting). They encourage reading by awarding students with Sundaes. The more a student reads, the larger and more elaborate the Sundae is that they receive. One of the teachers makes a paper Sundae for each student and the more the student reads, the more their paper Sundae is

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decorated and the larger it gets. They have an enchilada dinner night, a secretary and teacher appreciation and a fine arts day. Student Council does some type of crazy day such as PJ's, crazy hair/hats, etc. They do a last day of school event with a bouncy house. They are working on getting their flag pole replaced. This year they got a new school sign.

Friends of Rail Road Flat

Rochelle Bruckner spoke about the enrichment program. Volunteers teach pottery, drama, cooking, sewing, construction, gardening, sports, storytelling skills and poetry to the students. The students have requested knitting, so they will begin that program as well as a mural project, paper sculpture and photography. They will host another Twilight Tiger Fest on June 1, where there will be a Brazilian dinner, live music, dancing and raffles. If you are interested in attending or want to volunteer time and/or money contact Rochelle at 754-3054 or Autumn at 754-1032.

Mokelumne Hill Parent Club

Principal Michelle Besmer spoke on behalf of Heather James and Katie Greer. This year they helped in one of the classrooms that had 35 students in the afternoon by doing PE and the club gave gift cards to the helpers.

San Andreas Parent Club

Ann Seely, parent volunteer, said they are working on obtaining their non-profit status and updating their bylaws. She maintains a President's Binder that she can pass on to the next President. For several years now they have done the pumpkin patch and every child goes home with a pumpkin. The pumpkins are donated by the Pickle Patch. They do a pumpkin carving contest and a scarecrow contest, in which they reward with a rotating scarecrow trophy. This year they sold yoyo's to receive a NED show assembly worth \$1,200. They sold \$1,400 worth of yoyo's. Their main fundraiser is a See's Candy fundraiser, which they do at the holidays. This year they made almost \$10,000 from See's Candy. They have a huge savings account now and have used some of their money to hire Tim Roberson for teaching music, sponsored the boys' basketball team, teachers' supplies/wish list. They do breakfast every morning during Teacher Appreciation Week and a lunch on that Friday. For their Santa's Secret Workshop, they purchased all the items from the Oriental Trading Company, which saves them money. They made almost \$4,000 on Santa's Secret Workshop last year. They sponsor field trips, science camp, Back to School Nights, sell SAE T-shirts and a Daddy/Daughter dance that is free, a book exchange, Spaghetti Bingo night, and sell pizza at Open House. They are working on the yearbook and want to find a new photographer for the yearbook. They do a jog-a-thon in May. They did a school beautification and received \$3,700 from Lowe's by writing a grant request to them. They are committed to extending general music to the preschool and bringing more arts to the children. They do a holiday concert and have to hold it at the high school because there are so many people who attend.

Valley Springs Parent/Teacher Club

Crystal Montanez, parent volunteer, shared some of their fundraisers ideas. They do a father/daughter dance, mother/son dance the Bull Dog Trek. They have competition between the classes for Box Tops and MarVal receipts. They offer \$200 to \$300 mini-grants which teachers submit and sponsor a Science and Poetry night. They are working on getting a kiln. They sponsor art classes and music classes as well as the garden club. They help with science camp.

Jenny Lind Parent Club

Amber Barci presented each Board member with a toy frog. They do 14 fundraisers at Jenny Lind. They sell food at the back to school nights and bring in representatives from the community, such as boy and girl scouts, kung fu, trap shooting, etc., to provide information to families. They do a Fall Fundraiser and this year for every three items sold the kids earned 1 frog – they raised about \$7,500 on this fundraiser. They have a Casino Night at the Jenny Lind Firehouse. They also do Trunk or Treat for children age 12

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and under and charge \$5. This year they went through 1,100 pounds of candy, they put a depiction Principal Amy Hasselwander's face on a pumpkin that's filled with items which they auction off. They do three book fairs a year as well as a Santa's Store. They also do a Santa's Breakfast where all the teachers put together a basket for each of their classrooms and anyone who wants to win that particular basket puts in their \$1 raffle ticket. The teacher then keeps the money brought in by their basket for their classroom. This year they did a talent show and it was a great success. There were 45 students and 27 acts. They did a Stockton Thunder night, a Gold Canyon Candle fundraiser and made over \$2,000. They do the Box Tops and MarVal receipts. They pay for music and art classes and the TV station for the school. For the new incoming Kindergarten classes they host a "Boo Hoo/Yahoo" breakfast. They help organize Fall picture day. This year they had 7 ELF days, which makes money for the school and they BBQ on those Saturdays. They have 3 movies nights with free pizza or hot dogs and popcorn. They host Family Literacy Night along with the book fair. Each year they have a Fine Arts Day, where the kids learn to dance and learn about music and art. They have a Memorial Day Ceremony and the vets come in and talk about it. They host a staff appreciation at the end of the year. They purchased a bed for nurse's room and a new lawn mower. They will be overhauling the office and staff room and purchasing blinds for the classrooms.

Grad Nite

Sienna Swann said 92% of the grads attended Grad Nite last year. Each one may bring one guest. No young adults in our community have died on graduation night since the inception of our Grad Nite program. They raise money by asking the community for donations and by selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the games. This year they are building a mock 747 and the theme is "World Tour." They will also build an Eiffel Tower. The entertainment will be a climbing wall, bounce houses, hair and make-up stylists, massage, face painting, temporary tattoos, sports games and more. If you have an idea or would like to volunteer for entertainment because you have a talent or hobby please let them know. They are also looking for chaperones, as it is a 24-hour event. And, they could use your help with organizing, funding, feeding, cleaning, donating prizes, etc. They typically give items that young adults need when they go off to college or leave home (microwaves, dishes, cookware, etc.).

Mrs. McDaniel asked everyone to begin thinking about volunteering for Grad Nite – all our kids will eventually be able to participate. They do a tremendous job.

Ms. Swann announced that they are looking for board members for the Calaveras Youth Soccer League.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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. A closed session Board meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 5:00 p.m. and a special study session is scheduled for April 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Open session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant