

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 788

San Andreas, CA 95249

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 22, 2013

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karan Bowsher
Gregory Gustafson
Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche
Zerrall McDaniel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Lorraine Angel
Renetta Hale
Sandy Hoffman
Randall Youngblood
Megan Long
Tierra Crothers
Dan Klement
Shirley Bell
Kathy Risso
Susan Jackson
Terri Henderson
Dan Stoddard

OTHERS: Members of the Community

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Approve the January 22, 2013 agenda.

4. **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 CASTA (Gov. Code 54957.6)

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

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5. Public Comments

At this time, visitors may comment on closed session items appearing on the agenda. This is not the time for discussion or deliberation nor can action be taken by the Trustees or Superintendent unless the matter is placed on a subsequent agenda. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each closed agenda item (BB 9323). The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. If visitors wish to address issues listed on the agenda, they may do so at the time the item is addressed by the Board. Conduct of Hearing Session/Public Forum will be as follows, per Calaveras Unified School District Board Bylaw #9322.

6. Closed Session

7. Reconvene to Open Session

8. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

9. Report of Action taken in Closed Session – There was no action taken in Closed session.

10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements - No item presented

11. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Campbell thanked Mokelumne Hill Elementary School for their hospitality this evening. He also thanked everyone who participated in Saturday's Study Session and engaging in dialogue.

12. Public Comments

At this time, visitors may address issues that do not appear on the agenda. This is not the time for discussion or deliberation nor can action be taken by the Trustees or Superintendent unless the matter is placed on a subsequent agenda. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item (BB 9323). The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. If visitors wish to address issues listed on the agenda, they may do so at the time the item is addressed by the Board. Conduct of Hearing Session/Public Forum will be as follows, per Calaveras Unified School District Board Bylaw #9322.

Teacher Renetta Hale informed the Board of four break-in's at Valley Springs Elementary over the past two days. They are stealing technology equipment and it is being done during the daylight hours. She wanted to know if the District was considering the purchase of security cameras. Principal Dan Klement said they are looking into securing the equipment down (stationary installation) and staff may bring other technology equipment to the office. The office is alarmed/secured.

Marilyn Alarcon said the Calaveras Education Foundation is accepting mini grants through February 28, 2013. The maximum grant amount is \$500 and is open to teachers, staff, students and the community. She also said the Gala tickets are on sale for \$55. The Gala will be held February 9 at the San Andreas Town Hall. They are accepting cash and service donations. The Gala features dinner, dancing, live and silent auction and no host cocktails.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS – CONTINUED

Principal Tierra Crothers introduced members of her staff to the Board. The Board thanked them for their hospitality in hosting the Board meeting at their school site. The PTO provided snacks and refreshments.

Community member Allen Lujan commented on the need to have credibility and believes Board Trustee Sherri Reusche is lacking in that area.

13. **Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** – There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

14. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request that an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
1. December 11, 2012

- b. **Routine Personnel Report , January 22, 2013**

- c. **Approval, Vendor Warrant Listings**
The Vendor Warrant listing from December 4, 2012 to January 15, 2013 was presented for approval.

- d. **Approval of Donations**
Donations to Calaveras Unified School District were presented for Board approval.

- e. **Recognition of Grants** – No item presented

- f. **Approval of Bond Disbursements**
Bond disbursements were presented for Board approval.

- g. **Approval of Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson**
Board approval was requested for Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson to provide music theory and instruction to the Valley Springs Elementary After School Program through June 30, 2013. The total cost is \$200, funded through After School Program Fees.

- h. **Approval of Agreement with CalState TEACH**
Board approval was requested to enter into an MOU with Calstate TEACH to place an intern working toward a Multiple Subject teacher credential with the California State University Teacher Preparation Program at Valley Springs Elementary School to receive in-school support from experienced teachers.

- i. **Approval of Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Report**
The quarterly report for the Williams Settlement Legislation Act for September through December 2012 was 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 Calaveras County Office of Education.

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19. **PERSONNEL**

a. **Certificated Report**

Lorraine Angel reported they are having their site rep meeting tomorrow. They are looking forward to negotiations next Tuesday. They feel some weight is off with the passage of Proposition 30.

b. **Classified Report**

Terri Henderson reported they just held their elections. She is President, Pat Jackson, Vice President, Melanie Hernandez, Secretary, Angela Oyervides, Treasurer and Scott Grutzmacher is Steward. The negotiation team will be Patrick Foley, Larynn Newby, Mike Williams, Roxane Stanphill and herself.

c. **All Personnel** – No item presented

d.

d. **Classified Personnel** - No item presented

e. **Certificated Personnel**

1) **Approval of Resolution 2012/13-13, In the Matter of Retirement Incentive Program for the 2012/13 School Year**

In an effort to preserve class sizes, create savings, and avoid potential layoffs, staff is requesting Board approval of Resolution 2012/13-13, In the Matter of Retirement Incentive Program for the 2012/13 school year to permit members of the California State Teachers' Retirement System who retire in the 2012/13 school year to receive up to two years of additional service credit. Approval of this incentive will start the process to determine whether a cost savings will be realized. Final approval must be obtained by the County Office of Education.

MSC 5-0 to approve Resolution 2012/13-13, In the Matter of Retirement Incentive Program for the 2012/13 School Year.

f. **Management/Confidential/Supervisory** - No item presented

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

21. **BUSINESS**

a. **Performing Arts Center**

The Calaveras Board of Trustees will vote on the direction to take regarding the proposed Performing Arts Center.

Board President Bowsher shared there was a considerable amount of time spent at the Study Session on Saturday to discuss the options. Mr. Epstein of California Financial Services (CFS) explained on Saturday the option of refinancing our Certificates of Participation (COPs). We have two COPs and by refinancing them we would get a lower rate but not extend the dollar amount or time of repayment. This would save the district money and would allow us to proceed with the building of the Performing Arts Center in its current design. The district has until March to finalize a contract in order to receive the \$1.2 million from the State

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for completion of the project. In order to get the contract finalized by March, we are under a time constraint to make a decision this evening. If we do not proceed, we would not receive the \$1.2 million from the state. We would also use our Surety money of approximately \$484,000 to help fill the gap of about \$200,000 needed to complete for the Performing Arts Center. Surety is funds that were set aside when the district purchased our original COPs -- like an insurance policy to make sure we could pay our final COP payment to the investors. CFS would recommend to the investors that the funds be released back to the district.

Another option would be to prepare a lower cost design. In this case we would lose our \$1.2 million from the state, have to pay about \$1 million for the redesign, architect and engineering and Division of State Architects (DSA).

We could also consider scraping the Performing Arts Center all together and develop a list of needs, keeping in mind that there are only certain things we could spend the bond money on.

We could return the money.

There was considerable discussion about these alternatives. Among them were taking into consideration the cost of maintaining the Performing Arts Building, the Bond Oversight Committee not being asked to attend the meeting and, Jean Gonsalves, who was present and a member of the Bond Oversight Committee, said that the Bond Oversight Committee was not in agreement as a committee that the Performing Arts Center should even be built. Ms. Gonsalves said things have changed considerably in the last five to six years and the district should take that into consideration. She said the district is acting like a spoiled child to move ahead to get what they want. Some of the items mentioned by community members were a kitchen at Toyon Middle School, a new gym at Toyon Middle School, new carpets for older classrooms, and how many students really benefit from the arts at CUSD. There was concern about money for contingencies if we build the Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Campbell believes that if we include all grade levels approximately 44% of our students benefit from the arts (band, choir and drama). He said no matter how the vote goes this evening; we would not stop looking at the other needs throughout the district. They are all valid concerns. Things have changes and it becomes a value judgment that we have been wrestling with.

President Bowsher asked if we could still proceed with the refinancing of our COPs even if we don't proceed with the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Campbell said we could consider that as well. She also explained the current plan is a Lease-Leaseback, whereby the contractor must complete the project as designed with no increase to the budget, unless we ask for them or unless there is something unforeseen in the ground. We would be responsible for any additional costs incurred due to something being found in the ground (referencing the large rock found during the construction of the high school pool and the additional cost incurred to blast it).

There was a question as to whether or not we could share the Bret Harte Performing Arts Center for our performances. Mr. Campbell said we could but the Bret Harte center comes at a steep price and it's not practical to have rehearsals several times a week, set design work and performances on a regular basis. The cost of travel and rents to Bret Harte would make it prohibitive. Mrs. McDaniel said the Calaveras Repertoire Theater pays \$700 each time they use the center and parents could

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no longer afford to travel to Angels Camp so they will begin using CHS for rehearsals. 80-90% of the parents are from this district.

Having a partnership with the Town Hall would not work either because of the stringent architectural requirements for schools set by the DSA.

Sherri Reusche Motioned to approve the Performing Arts Center as long as there is no additional cost to the district for the current design and the refinance of our COPs saves us money.

Zerrall McDaniel seconded the motion.

Votes were taken:

- Reusche – Yes
- McDaniel – Yes
- Gustafson – Nay
- Garamendi – Nay
- Bowsher – Nay

Motion failed 2-3

22. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- a. **First Reading – Board Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits**
No item presented
- b. **Second Readings/Adoptions** - No item presented

23. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
January 21	Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

24. Future Agenda Items

ROP – the future of our programs and those offered by Bret Harte High School.

25. Comments from Board Members

Sherri Reusche – No comment

Zerrall McDaniel

Mrs. McDaniel said there is a new funding model for ROP and it is unlikely we will be able to keep all of our programs in the future. CUSD will probably have another one or two years to sustain our programs.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – CONTINUED

Gregory Gustafson

Mr. Gustafson thanked everyone for their input. He has a daughter in band and a wife who taught drama, so in the scheme of things it was a tough vote. He believes we can still get a Performing Arts Center built and take care of all the problems he sees in each and every school.

Evan Garamendi

Mrs. Garamendi thanked Moke Hill for their hospitality. The campus looks great and it's always a pleasure to be there. It has always been her hope that we could build a trade center at Calaveras High School and do some sort of exchange with Bret Harte and perhaps have the future theatrical students go there and have their ROP students come here. It's a concept. It would meet a lot of needs for a lot of kids because, as Mrs. McDaniel says, we really aren't doing a tremendous job with our non-college-bound students. This is just food for thought for the future.

Karan Bowsher

President Bowsher thanked everyone for coming and for being respectful and patient and civil during this discussion. She appreciated the opposing points of view and the respect in which they were delivered.

26. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013. This meeting will be held at San Andreas Elementary School. Closed Session begins at 4:00 p.m. and Open Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

27. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant