

Calaveras Unified School District  
P.O. Box 788  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**October 22, 2013**

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at San Andreas Elementary School.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** All present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Campbell Liz Stanko  
Titia Ashby Shirley Bell  
Michael Merrill Ric Stitt  
Randall Youngblood Tierra Crothers  
Tierra Crothers Renetta Hale  
Vikki Lacey Lorraine Angel  
Sandra Gardina Shari Pargett  
Joseph Cruz Kathy Campbell  
Sandy Hoffman Tracy Briski  
Maria Frederick Lisa McInturf  
Michelle Boitano Jan Kendall  
Lois Durkee Karen Wallace  
Patti Poole

**OTHERS:** Students and Community Members

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The Board approved the October 22, 2013 agenda.

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Forms can also be requested by calling (209) 754-2300.

All Board meetings are tape recorded and kept for 30 days.

**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)

**5. Public Comments – No comments**

**6. Closed Session**

**7. Open Session**

**8. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. All Board members were present. A quorum was established.

**9. Report of Action taken in Closed Session - There were no actions taken in closed session.**

**10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements**

**Recognition of San Andreas Elementary School Staff**

Principal Tierra Crothers introduced and welcomed her staff members and did a Video presentation about their school. She introduced Ann Seely, President of the Parent Club, who introduced other Parent Club officers and asked everyone to enjoy the food prepared by them.

**Announcement – Student Poll Worker Program**

Superintendent Campbell announced a program that allows high school students, 16 years or older, to serve as poll workers on June 3, 2014's Primary Election. Information about the program will be distributed by the County Elections Department and sent to our high schools.

**11. Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Campbell informed everyone that it was School Bus Safety Week, to shine the light on our bus drivers and the excellent job they do every day to get our students to and from school safely. He thanked the San Andreas staff for all they do and for coming to the Board meeting. He also thanked the Parent Club for providing the nutrition and supporting our schools. He said there was a great turnout – the best of the year so far. There are 9 more weeks of school until the end of the semester. Soon we will begin our winter programs. We will have two core development days (October 31 and November 1), to provide professional development for our teachers and our

teachers emerge from those sessions consumed with knowledge. He asked everyone to enjoy their kids the day after Halloween, because there is no school in session that day due to Core Day.

**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.

San Andreas Elementary's After School Program Manager Susan Smith addressed the Board regarding the impending closure of the program in December. She is hoping they can work with Director of Fiscal Services Titia Ashby to come up with a plan to keep the program open until the end of the 13/14 school year in June; until such time as they can possibly reapply for the grant. Kelly Graesch from the Resource Connection also addressed the Board to ask them to reconsider keeping the program open and to let them know they are working with our staff to try to find alternatives for after school care and/or working with the district to keep our program open. A group of concerned parents and citizens, including Cliff Edson, County Supervisor of District 1, addressed the board about the hardships the program's closure would cause to our families (30-40 children served in the San Andreas program).

Teacher Randall Youngblood invited everyone to attend their free community meal, Farm to Fork, this Thursday (October 25). The meals are prepared by students, who are learning to cook with the enrichment program. Some of the vegetables are also grown by the students in the community garden. They will be serving lasagna. Please do call the school to RSVP so they know how many meals to plan to serve. There will also be entertainment from the RRF drama group.

Community member Don Lee addressed the board with his thoughts about the recent shooting at the middle school in Sparks, Nevada, and other tragic events and how the parents, school administrators and Board should work together to prevent bullying and avoid such tragedies and the need to be proactive.

Darren Spellman agreed there is a lot of anger in today's society. He stated one such incident of bullying occurred at our last board meeting. Tonight is the first time in the history of CUSD Board meetings that we have had security present. He mentioned the Board approved the hire of a non-credentialed person to provide psychological counseling to kids. The young man who allegedly stabbed his sister should have been properly counseled at school. The district needs to fund the after school program and keep it open. He questioned Trustee Sherri Reusche regarding her campaign statement.

Board President Karan Bowsher did want to set the record straight by informing everyone that the person hired does not do psychological counseling but rather academic counseling, which is an entirely different type of credential.

**13. Action or 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.

**Motion: McDaniel      Second: Garamendi      Vote: 4-1 (Gustafson Nay)**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

**1. September 24, 2013**

**b. Routine Personnel Report , October 22, 2013**

**c. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing**

The Vendor Warrant Listing from September 10 through October 14, 2013 was presented for approval. *(A copy of this listing is available at the District Office and linked to this agenda on our website at [www.calaveras.k12.ca.us](http://www.calaveras.k12.ca.us).)*

**d. Donations**

Donations to Calaveras Unified School District were presented for approval.

**e. Special Contract Services**

**1. Judith Spadoni**

It is recommended the Board approve an outside service contract with Judith Spadoni to provide art therapy for West Point Elementary students, grades TK-6. The total cost will be \$2,160, funded through Title I.

**2. Northern CA Rehab**

It is recommended the Board approve an outside service contract with Northern CA Rehab to provide group of physical therapy services for CUSD students, including report writing, IEP attendance and compensatory education for the 2013/14 fiscal year. The total cost is estimated to be \$3,084, funded through Special Education.

**3. Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc.**

It is recommended the Board approve an outside service contract with Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc., to provide supplemental tutoring services to San Andreas Elementary, Valley Springs Elementary, West Point Elementary and Community Day School students. Parents may choose from a list of state approved providers per Title I guidelines. The total cost is \$37,805.25 and is funded through Title I.

**4. Ace It! Tutoring Powered by Sylvan Learning**

It is recommended the Board approve an outside service contract with Ace It! Tutoring Powered by Sylvan Learning, to provide supplemental tutoring services to San Andreas Elementary, Valley Springs Elementary, West Point Elementary and Community Day School students. Parents may choose from a list of state approved providers per Title I guidelines. The total cost is \$3,979.50 and is funded through Title I.

**CONSENT AGENDA – CONTINUED**

**f. Service Contracts Under \$500 Approved by the Business Department**

The report of Service Contracts Less Than \$500 approved by the Business Department is presented for Board review.

**g. Overnight Events/Field Trips**

**It is recommended the Board approve the following overnight events/field trips:**

**1. CHS Cross Country Meet in Los Angeles**

An overnight meet for the Cross Country team in Los Angeles, California , October 24-26, 2013. CHS teachers Tammy Lisk and other parent chaperones. Travel will be via district vans and accommodations are at a motel. This is funded through fundraisers. CUSD Athletics pays for the entrance fee of \$100.

**2. Jenny Lind Elementary Science Camp**

Jenny Lind Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade science camp is scheduled May 6-9, 2014 at Mission Springs Outdoor Education in Scotts Valley, California. Travel will be by District bus and it is funded by the school's science camp funded by various fundraisers and private donations.

**h. Approval of Williams Settlement Legislation Quarterly Report**

The quarterly report for the Williams Settlement Legislation Act for June through September 2013 is presented for Board approval. This report provides information on complaints received for instructional materials, facilities and/or teacher vacancy and misassignments. There were no complaints reported. A copy of this report is sent to the Calaveras County Office of Education.

**15. PERSONNEL (Mark Campbell, Superintendent)**

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

Ms. Angel reported 3 teachers went to the Local Control Funding Formula workshop, which proved very informative. Last weekend 6 of them went to the Region 2 CTA Conference. Next weekend is the State Council and their Site Rep meeting is next week. She said they have programs in place to help prevent the type of tragedy that just happened in Sparks. They work with bullying to help kids feel safe. They are planning to bring specialists from CTA to talk to teachers about bullying prevention.

**b. Classified Report (Patricia Jackson)**

**c. All Personnel**

**d. Classified Personnel**

**e. Certificated Personnel**

**f. Management/Confidential/Supervisory**

**16. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

**a. Adopt Resolution 2013/14-10, Final Trustee Voting Area Plan for the District's Transition to a By-Trustee Area Election System Commencing with the 2014 Governing Board Election**

It is recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2013/14-10, the final trustee voting area plan for the District's transition to a By-Trustee area election system commencing with the 2014 Governing Board election.

[Map 1](#)

[Map 2](#)

*(These maps may be viewed on our website at [www.calaveras.k12.ca.us](http://www.calaveras.k12.ca.us).)*

Mr. Spellman thought we should give less percent of the population to the areas that experience more growth so there will be a more equal share of population as the growth occurs. He was not in agreement of accepting the map. Darren Spellman addressed the Board, stating that the proposed map now has Mr. Lujan in the same area as Mr. Gustafson. He accused the district of "gerrymandering."

Superintendent Campbell said the second map was proposed in an effort to keep the La Contenta area whole. If the board is not comfortable with the proposed map, we can go back and revisit different scenarios.

**Motion: Garamendi    Second: McDaniel    Vote: 4-1 (Gustafson Nay)**

**17. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**a. Report from Director Lisa McInturf**

**1. AYP and API Testing Results for 2013 Presentation**

Lisa McInturf, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, gave a PowerPoint presentation on our AYP and API testing results.

*(This presentation is posted on our website at [www.calaveras.k12.ca.us](http://www.calaveras.k12.ca.us))*

**b. Revision of Alternative Education Technology Requirement**

Currently Alternative Education students must take keyboarding for 2 semesters to meet their Technology requirement. It is recommended this be revised to a Career Tech Education (CTE) requirement, which can be met by taking any CTE course.

**Motion: Garamendi    Second: McDaniel    Vote: 5-0**

**18. BUSINESS**

**a. Performing Arts Facility**

**1. Bond Disbursements for the Performing Arts Facility**

Bond disbursements for the Performing Arts Facility were presented for Board review.

**BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

**2. Design Update**

An update of the Performing Arts Facility design was presented by Mr. Stitt.

**3. Lease-Leaseback Construction Contract**

The District is requesting Board approval to utilize the Lease-Leaseback form of construction agreement , per Education Code 17406, for the Performing Arts Facility.

**Motion: McDaniel      Second: Garamendi      Vote: 4-1 (Gustafson Nay)**

**4. Proposal for Additional Geotechnical Engineering Services, Condor Earth Technologies, Inc. (pp 30-42)**

It was recommended the Board approve additional geotechnical engineering services to reevaluate and update their recommendations from a November 27, 2012 report. The total cost estimate is \$8,295.

**Motion: Garamendi      Second: Reusche      Vote: 5-0**

**b. Toyon Middle School Kitchen Design**

Board approval was recommended for the design of the Toyon Middle School kitchen.

**Motion: Reusche      Second: McDaniel      Vote: 5-0**

**c. Common Core State Standards Funds**

A draft plan for the expenditure of state funds was discussed and presented by Ric Stitt, Director of Technology. The Board will hear the plan and vote on the plan at a subsequent meeting. The district will receive \$637,600. The Plan is general for 3 areas we are allowed to spend the money on by law : Professional Development, materials for Common Core and technical infrastructure. Mr. Stitt discussed the details of the plan, the various device options, disparity between sites, feedback from teachers, etc.

**d. Approval of Special Contract Services with the Stanislaus County Office of Education**

It was recommended the Board approve a Special Contract Services with the Stanislaus Office of Education to provide hearing screening for students grades K, 2, 5, 8, 10 and referrals. The cost is \$5,600, paid through our general fund.

**Motion: Garamendi      Second: Reusche      Vote: 5-0**

**e. Adoption of Resolution 2013/14-09, GANN Limits**

Proposition 4 enacted in 1979 was intended to constrain the growth in state and local government spending to be no faster than the growth in population and inflation. This became known as Gann Appropriation Limits or simply, Gann Limit. Not all revenue sources count against the District's Gann Limit. Gann Limits only constrain the appropriations from state and local tax sources, and federal aid is excluded. Per Article XIII B of the State Constitution, the limits apply to the State of California, counties, cities, special districts, school districts and county

**BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

**e. GANN Limits - Continued**

offices of education. The essence of the limit is that school district appropriations, which are subject to limitations in each year, cannot exceed a computed appropriation. The resolution certifies the recalculated actual Gann Limit for 2012-13 and the estimated Gann Limit for 2013-14.

**Motion: McDaniel      Second: Garamendi      Vote: 5-0**

**f. Approval, 2012-13 Unaudited Actuals for Calaveras Unified School District**

The 2012/13 Unaudited Actuals for Calaveras Unified School District are presented for Board approval.

Link to Unaudited Actuals: [Part 1](#)      [Part 2](#)      [Part 3](#)

**Motion: Garamendi      Second: McDaniel      Vote: 4-1 (Gustafson Nay)**

**19. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

**Policy Overviews**

**b. First Reading – Board Policies & Bylaws**

<a href="#">BP 1325</a>	<a href="#">Community Relations</a>
<a href="#">BP 1330</a>	<a href="#">Use of School Facilities</a>
<a href="#">AR 1330</a>	<a href="#">Use of School Facilities</a>
<a href="#">BP 3514.1</a>	<a href="#">Hazardous Substances</a>
<a href="#">AR 3514.1</a>	<a href="#">Hazardous Substances</a>

**c. Second Readings/Adoptions**

*(These are linked to the agenda electronically but not part of the hardcopy packet. Recipients of hard copy packets keep these from the previous board meeting first readings to conserve paper and copying.)*

<a href="#">AR 3550</a>	<a href="#">Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</a>
<a href="#">BP 4030</a>	<a href="#">Nondiscrimination in Employment</a>
<a href="#">AR 4161.2/4261.2</a>	
<a href="#">4361.2</a>	<a href="#">Personal Leaves</a>
<a href="#">BP 6153</a>	<a href="#">School-Sponsored Trips</a>
<a href="#">BP 6161.1</a>	<a href="#">Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials</a>
<a href="#">AR 6161.1</a>	<a href="#">Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials</a>
<a href="#">E 6161.1</a>	<a href="#">Exhibit – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials</a>
<a href="#">BP 6161.11</a>	<a href="#">Supplementary Instructional Materials</a>
<a href="#">AR 6173.1</a>	<a href="#">Education for Foster Youth</a>
<a href="#">BP 6174</a>	<a href="#">Education for English Language Learners</a>
<a href="#">AR 6174</a>	<a href="#">Education for English Language Learners</a>
<a href="#">E6174</a>	<a href="#">Exhibit – Education for English Language Learners</a>



**20. Calendar of Events**

DATE	EVENT
October 22, 2013	Flu Shot Clinic, District Office, IMC 1:30-4:30 p.m. Open to all CUSD employees, trustees, retirees and dependents who have district-provided CVT medical benefits.
October 31 and November 1	CORE Days – School not in session

Mr. Merrill invited everyone to attend the Uptown Rally for Homecoming on November 8. The rally begins at 2:00 p.m. Then they play Bret Harte in football and the dance begins during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the game and ends at midnight.

Marti Crane announced the Turkey Trot that raises funds for the food bank. It will be on Thanksgiving Day at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carol Beck Crosby for more information at 772-3403 or [cbcchem@aol.com](mailto:cbcchem@aol.com)

Trustee Garamendi invited Gloria Grimes to address the Board at a future meeting to discuss her thoughts about the “Redskins” name. She is chair of the local tribe.

Doug Carson will attend a future meeting to discuss the ProPac final results and his role with the district.

**21. Future Agenda Items**

*(Items will be placed on the agenda based upon Board consensus or a majority vote of the Board.)*

**22. Comments from Board Members**

**Sherri Reusche**

Mrs. Reusche announced Trunk or Treat is this Saturday at Jenny Lind Elementary. There is a CSBA Region 8 meeting at the Tuolumne County Office of Education on October 24 to learn about LCFF funding. Last week she and Zerrall attend the CSBA Region 8 meeting with our legislatures. She toured the high school. She, along with Mike Merrill, judged for the FFA officers and was impressed. Calaveras took Best in Show.

**Zerrall McDaniel**

Mrs. McDaniel said the FFA is a great opportunity for kids. Saturday is San Andreas Elementary’s Halloween Carnival at the Town Hall. They donate a portion of what they make to the San Andreas Science Camp fund.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - CONTINUED**

**Gregory Gustafson**

Mr. Gustafson is wearing a pink tie for cancer awareness. He's disappointed their vote went the way it did for the lease-lease-back because he doesn't think we qualified the standards to be met to approve it at this stage. He wants to make sure we are following the guidelines properly. He thanked the school for hosting them.

**Evan Garamendi**

Mrs. Garamendi said Happy Birthday to Lorraine Angel. She is appalled about the shooting in Sparks. It seems to be becoming commonplace. Lumberjack Days at West Point was a successful event. They had a huge parade. She thanked the school for their hospitality and thanked everyone for attending.

**Karan Bowsher**

Mrs. Bowsher thanked everyone for coming. She said a number of them will be attending LLCF training on Thursday and can't make it to the other events that evening. They are trying to wrap their heads around LLCF because the money really affects us. West Point is also having a Trunk or Treat. They are having it on October 30. She doesn't believe there is a fee, so please join them.

**23. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

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

There will be a Special Session Board meeting on Saturday, November 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Mark Campbell, Superintendent  
By Shirley Bell, Executive Assistant