

Calaveras Unified School District
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MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 5, 2013

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karan Bowsler 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 Dan Klement
Tessie Reeder Renetta Hale
Vikki Lacey Lorraine Angel
Josh Browning Jan Kendall
Joseph Cruz Nichole Markle
Roger Salter Rene Malamed
Maria Frederick Lisa McInturf
Chris Sedler Megan Long

OTHERS: Students and Community Members

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approved the November 5, 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)

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- 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)
- f) Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54954.5)
 - 1. AHP 2013/14-01

5. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

6. **Closed Session**

7. **Reconvene to Open Session**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Roll was taken and all Board members were present.

9. **Report of Action taken in Closed Session**

AHP 2012-13-08: The Board took action to approve the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommended suspended expulsion of a student from Calaveras Unified School District through June 2014. The student was in violation of Education Code 48915.1 (b). The vote was 5-0.

10. **Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements**

1. **Recognition**

Valley Springs Elementary Principal welcomed the Board and thanked them for going on the tour of their community garden. There were flowers, a photo display and vegetables at the Board meeting for those who desired to take some home.

1. **ROP Auto Shop**

Teacher Chris Sedler and students gave a video presentation about the auto shop program at Calaveras High School. Principal Mike Merrill presented a certificate to Mr. Sedler from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). If a student completed the four-year program they are eligible to take the A1 through A8 Technician tests with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). NATEF certifies the programs and ASE certifies the technicians.

11. **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Campbell thanked Mr. Sedler and the CHS auto shop students for coming to the Board meeting. He was impressed with all they do. He also reported the two-day CORE days were fantastic training for our staff.

12. Public Comments

Board President Karan Bowsher announced she was going to improve at being more diligent in only allowing 3 minutes for public speakers, even though it is difficult for her to interrupt people who are so passionate about what they have to share. She explained the Board is not allowed to deliberate or answer questions about items not appearing on the agenda. However, if a speaker wishes to receive answers, they are welcome to contact Superintendent Campbell at the District Office. Board members may address items at the end of the session during Board member comments.

Citizen Allen Lujan provided Board members with a handout. He mentioned that he is not running for school board. He believes the school board should have the same standard as the high school (refers to discipline of his daughter for going against a rule) and Ms. Reusche for misrepresentation on her candidate statement and in a recent newspaper article.

Citizen Dom Nuccio believes no one should be on the high school campus when they begin digging during the construction of the Performing Arts Facility because he believes there are high levels of asbestos there.

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: Garamendi Second: McDaniel Vote: 5-0

a. Approval of Minutes

1. October 22, 2013

b. Routine Personnel Report , November 5, 2013

c. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing

The Vendor Warrant Listing from October 15 through October 28, 2013 is presented for approval.

d. Donations

Donations to Calaveras Unified School District are presented for approval.

e. Special Contract Services

1. ATS Project Success

It is recommended the Board approve an outside service contract with ATS Project Success to provide supplemental tutoring services to SAE, VSE, WPE and Community Day School students. Parents may choose from a list of state approved providers per Title I guidelines. The total cost is \$1,326 funded through Title I.

15. PERSONNEL (Mark Campbell, Superintendent)

a. Certificated Report (Lorraine Angel)

Ms. Angel reported they had their site rep meeting last week and it went well. They are having a CUEA Round Table this Thursday. The CORE days went splendidly. Angie Jones gave an excellent presentation on the common core for reading and writing at the high school. They did mathematics at the elementary schools and she heard everyone was pleased. She thanked the District for a very productive CORE day.

b. Classified Report - No report

c. All Personnel

d. Classified Personnel

e. Certificated Personnel

f. Management/Confidential/Supervisory

1. Approval of Job Description: Preschool Program Coordinator (pp 19-20)

It is recommended the Board approve a new job description for the Preschool Program Coordinator. This is a 195-day position on Range 21 of the management/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule.

Superintendent Campbell said Ann Robinson is retiring, so after considerable discussion and planning with his Cabinet members, it was decided to hire a Preschool Program Coordinator. This will allow Mrs. McInturf to focus on curriculum and she would also take over Ann's responsibilities since she would no longer have direct oversight of the Preschool Program. This position is paid at the same salary Range as Ann, but is less days, so would represent a cost savings overall. Also the candidate may not be brought in at as high a step as the incumbent on the salary range.

Board member Garamendi would like to see the District hire more counselors. Superintendent Campbell said counseling staff is on our list of priorities when the state begins to give funds back to education.

**Motion: McDaniel Second: Garamendi Vote: 3-2 (Gustafson,
Garamendi, Nay)**

2. Revision to the Management/Supervisor/Confidential Salary Schedule (pp 21-22)

It is recommended the Board approve the revision to the Management/Supervisory/Confidential Salary Schedule to incorporate the new Preschool Program Coordinator Position on Range 21.

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

16. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

a. Report from Director Lisa McInturf

Mrs. McInturf shared photos of the various trainings occurring during our last CORE days. There were trainings on language arts, literature, social studies, sciences, mathematics and technical subjects. She did an interactive activity involving the Board members and audience, which provided an example of critical thinking.

18. BUSINESS

a. Performing Arts Facility

1. Final Design Approval

Architect Mitch McAllister gave a presentation of the final design of the Performing Arts Facility to the Board for approval. (This presentation will be posted to the CUSD website.)

Motion: Garamendi Second: McDaniel Vote: 4-0 (Gustafson abstain)

2. Propane Bus

Transportation Managers Tessie Reeder and Josh Browning gave a report about our aging bus fleet. The average age of our fleet is 17-19 years old. The national average is 9 years. By the year 2018 we will have to stop operating our Crown buses, so we must begin planning now. One of the options we are considering is propane buses. They are greener, quieter and the fuel cost less. We would have to decide on whether or not we wanted a proprietary fuel station or contracted. There are also more grants available for an alternative fuel bus. It takes about one year to receive a new bus once it's ordered. There will be a propane bus and another diesel bus in the parking lot after the meeting for viewing.

County Supervisor Spellman shared he is meeting with a company that converts bio-solids to create propane and shared the contact information with our Transportation managers. He also spoke about the contract Stockton Unified has with the regional transportation district. They give passes to high school-aged students at a cost of \$30 a month. The district was paying \$500 a student per year, so it saves them \$200 a year. Mr. Spellman says our Calaveras Transit District has done some preliminary work here in Calaveras, and he would be happy to assist in helping start a similar program here.

19. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

[Policy Overviews](#)

b. First Reading – Board Policies & Bylaws

E. 4112.9/4212.9

- 4312.9** **Employee Notifications (pp 26-33)**
- AR 4117.14/4317.14** **Postretirement Employment (pp 34-36)**
- AR 5030** **Student Wellness (pp 37-44)**
- BP 5030** **Student Wellness (pp 45-55)**
- BP 5131.2** **Bullying (pp 56-59)**
- E 5145.6** **Parental Notifications (pp 66-76)**
- BP 5148.3** **Preschool and Early Childhood Education (pp 77-81)**
- AR 5148.3** **Preschool and Early Childhood Education (pp 82-85)**

c. Second Readings/Adoptions

- BP 1325** **Community Relations**
- BP 1330** **Use of School Facilities**
- AR 1330** **Use of School Facilities**
- BP 3514.1** **Hazardous Substances**
- AR 3514.1** **Hazardous Substances**

Motion: Garamendi Second: McDaniel Vote: 5-0

20. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
November 8	CHS Homecoming (Uptown Rally 2:00 p.m.) Dance begins 4 th quarter of football game and ends at midnight
November 11	Veteran’s Day Holiday – No School
November 16	Special Session Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. District Office Board Room
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 10	Toyon Winter Band Concert – 6:30 p.m. in the MPR

21. Future Agenda Items

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

Board member McDaniel would like the place a Resolution on the next Board agenda to seek special funding for Rail Road Flat elementary – Small But Necessary Funding.

Motion: Garamendi Second: McDaniel Vote: 5-0

Ms. McDaniel would also like the CHS Earth Club to give a presentation. Ms. Bell informed the Board that the Earth Club has already contacted the Superintendent’s Office, and they will be on the November 19 agenda.

22. Comments from Board Members

Sherri Reusche – No Comment

Zerrall McDaniel

She is excited about the theatre. It's a great addition for students and the community.

Gregory Gustafson

He congratulated the Middle School and High School bands on doing a great job at the Sender's Grand Opening. Sender's also donated \$200 to each band.

He mentioned Kim Landry has concerns about speeding and driving recklessly at the high school, including students, teachers and bus drivers. Mr. Gustafson asked what the speed limit was at the high school and Principal Merrill informed him it was 5 mph. He would like to see enforcement. Evan Garamendi thinks there should be tickets.

Mr. Gustafson is concerned about a letter the Board received a letter from a Mr. Purdy, whose daughter was injured at a CYBA (not a CUSD-sponsored team, as we have no elementary sports) game played at Jenny Lind Elementary. Mr. Purdy's daughter is from Amador. Superintendent Campbell said CYBA took it seriously and addressed Mr. Purdy's letter, a copy of which each Board member should have received. Board Member Garamendi said her daughter coaches for the CYBA Moke Hill Team, who recently played the Jenny Lind Team, and she said they played a very civilized game.

Mr. Gustafson is not satisfied with the way the girls' golf team at CHS is operated. One girl arrived 45 minutes late and laughs about it to friends while others are teeing off.

Mr. Gustafson also shared his property tax statement with Mr. Tanner to show him how much he pays for the bond. Mr. Tanner voices his disagreement.

He wants to see us solve the problem with honesty, and didn't like the way Mr. Spellman was written up in the newspaper. He believes we should discuss this issue head-on and not redirect issues.

He still has concerns about the tobacco problems on the high school campus. He believes half of the front line chews.

Evan Garamendi

Mrs. Garamendi said Valley Springs Elementary has a gorgeous garden. It's obvious there is parent volunteer and community involvement. She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – CONTINUED

Karan Bowsher

President Bowsher said she forgot to mention at the last board meeting that she attended a Chorus Cabaret Night that was very entertaining. Thursday she will go to a Chorus Festival in Sonora for Junior High and High Schools. Kudos to Mrs. Markle. Last week she attended an Local Control Funding Formula training that was invaluable and learned a huge amount.

23. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. Open Session begins at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Jenny Lind 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 8:06 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Executive Assistant