

Calaveras Unified School District  
P.O. Box 788  
San Andreas, CA 95249  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**February 4, 2014**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sherri Reusche

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Campbell Liz Stanko  
Titia Ashby Mike Merrill  
Shirley Bell Renetta Hale  
Jason Weatherby Abigail Ferrell  
Randall Youngblood Alison Hampton  
Sarah Swift Lorraine Angel  
Beth Ramsdell Karen Wallace

**OTHERS:** Students and Community Members

**1. Call to Order**

Closed Session was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Superintendent Campbell took roll call. Trustee Sherri Reusche was absent. A quorum was established.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Approve the February 4, 2014 agenda.

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**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**

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**

Open session convened at 5:30 p.m.

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

Student and President of Calaveras High School FFA Logan Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Campbell took roll call. Trustee Sherri Reusche was absent. A quorum was established.

**9. Report of Action taken in Closed Session – No action was taken in closed session.**

**10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements**

**Calaveras High School**

Principal Mike Merrill welcomed the Board and introduced staff. He gave an overview of their work on the Common Core Standards, the change to career technical education, where students can apply knowledge learned to the real world. Ag education is a perfect example of a CTE requirement. He introduced Ag teachers Jason Weatherby and Abigail Ferrell.

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**Agriculture Education Funding**

Teachers Jason Weatherby and Abigail Ferrell discussed the FFA program. Students/Officers of FFA Logan Sullivan, Blake Ehlers, Kylee West, Ashley VanKirk and Laura McGary of FFA gave presentations to the Board as well as parents Sara Rose and Gina Sullivan of the Ag Boosters on the advantages of the program such as learning leadership skills, public speaking skills, opportunities to travel and attend conferences, participate in competitions, raise animals, learn biology, money management and showmanship. They encouraged to Board to continue to keep the program and continue to keep CTE a priority with the Local Control Funding.

**11. Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Campbell thanked Mr. Merrill and his staff for their hospitality. It's all about the staff, administrators and parents who provide opportunities for our kids.

**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 shared that there are numerous clocks in the classrooms at Valley Springs Elementary that no longer work.

Teacher Randall Youngblood shared they now have a resident Deputy assigned to Rail Road Flat Elementary School. His name is John Alfred, and he has had three of his own children at through their school.

Executive Director the Calaveras Volunteer Center Marti Crane thanked CUSD for partnering with them at the San Andreas Elementary site. The roof is sealed and they have had the HVAC replaced due to a donation from Aire Serve. They have other work to do and many plans for the center's future.

**13. Action on 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: Bowsher      Second: McDaniel      Vote: 4-0 (Reusche absent)**

**a) Approval of Minutes**

**1. January 21, 2013**

**CONSENT AGENDA - CONTINUED**

**b) Routine Personnel Report , February 4, 2014**

**c) Approval, Vendor Warrant Listings**

The Vendor Warrant listing from January 15 2014 to January 27, 2014 was presented for approval.

**d) Approval of Donations**

Donations to Calaveras Unified School District were presented for Board approval.

**e) Service Contracts Under \$500 Approved by the Business Department**

No item presented.

**f) Recognition of Grants**

**1. Calaveras Community Foundation**

The Calaveras Community Foundation has provided a \$7,500.00 grant to be used toward reopening the Toyon Middle School Woodshop for an Afterschool Woodshop Program.

**g) Approval of Bond Disbursements - No item presented**

**h) Special Contract Services**

**1. Mid Sierra Building**

Approve agreement with Mid Sierra Builders to install an air compressor in the Calaveras High School Ag Building. The total cost is not to exceed \$3,985, funded through the Carl Perkins Career Tech Education Grant.

**2. San Joaquin County Office of Education**

Approval agreement with the San Joaquin County Office of Education to provide professional development training on transitioning to Math Common Core Standards for our K-6 teachers on March 14, 2014. The total cost is not to exceed \$1,500, funded through Title II, Teacher Quality Funds.

**15. PERSONNEL**

**a) Certificated Report**

Lorraine Angel reported they had their site rep meeting and a Round Table meeting. They are still working on some issues. Ms. Angel shared a story that teacher Sarah Swift told to her about a student who wrote a letter about how much she enjoyed her science class and how she was going to save for a telescope. A substitute janitor saw the letter on the wall and gave the teacher \$50 to put toward the telescope. The teacher and her husband ordered the telescope from Amazon and presented it to the student. Ms. Angel said there are stories like this throughout the district. They will be negotiating over the next few months and she hopes we remember the kind people who work here, both certificated and classified, who all care about kids. If the district takes care of them, they can take care of the children in this community.

**PERSONNEL – CONTINUED**

- b) **Classified Report** - No item presented
- c) **All Personnel** – No item presented
- d) **Classified Personnel** - No item presented
- e) **Certificated Personnel**
- f) **Management/Confidential/Supervisory** - No item presented

**16. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

a. **Report from Director Lisa McInturf**

Ms. McInturf said the training being provided through the San Joaquin County Office of Education will be for 70 K-6 teachers, which amounts to approximately \$20 a teacher. They selected this training because the teachers gave positive feedback from the last training and said they wanted to focus on mathematics. Also, a number of teachers take advantage of Winter intersessions on the Common Core and bring back information to share with the entire staff. There are a number of various trainings occurring throughout the district.

She gave an update on a proposed Senate Bill 837, the Kindergarten Readiness Act, which is an expansion of TK to include all 4-year-olds, beginning in 2015-16. She will keep us posted.

This is testing time: She provided an update on the assessments testing where 11<sup>th</sup> graders can take voluntary tests on writing, reading and mathematics to show their preparedness for college, and if they do well they can avoid certain college placement tests. It is also the time for the physical fitness testing. Science testing for grades 5, 8 and 10.

She and Mr. Stitt will be attending training on the Smarter Balance testing – a test of the tests.

**17. BUSINESS**

a. **Bond Disbursements for the Performing Arts Facility – Performing Arts Center**

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

b. **Agreement for Architectural Services with California Design West – Toyon Middle School Kitchen Renovation**

It is requested the Board approve an Agreement for Architectural Services with California Design West for the Toyon Middle School kitchen renovation.

**Motion: Bowsher**

**Second: McDaniel**

**Vote: 4-0 (Reusche absent)**

**18. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

**Policy Overview**

- a. **First Reading – Board Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits**
  - AR 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability (pp 60-63)
  - BP 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability (pp 64-69)
  - AR 3543 Transportation Safety and Emergencies (pp 70-75)
  - BP 5144 Discipline (pp 76-78)
  - AR 6112 School Day (pp 79-81)
  - BP 6112 School Day (pp 82-83)
  - BP 6163.1 Library Media Centers (pp 84-89)
  - AR 6164.6 Identification and Education Under Section 504 (pp 90-95)
  - BP 6164.6 Identification and Education Under Section 504 (pp 96-98)
  - BP 6177 Summer Learning (pp 99-103)
  - AR 7214 General Obligation Bonds (pp 104-107)
  - BP 7214 General Obligation Bonds (pp 108-113)
  - BB 9130 Board Committees (pp 114-116)
  - BB 9220 Governing Board Elections (pp 117-121)

**POLICIES AND REGULATIONS - CONTINUED**

- b. **Second Readings/Adoptions**  
No item presented

**19. Calendar of Events**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
February 9-14	Random Acts of Kindness Week
February 10	Holiday – Lincoln’s Birthday
February 17	Holiday – President’s Day
March 4	Volunteer Recognition Evening, 5:30 p.m., District Office, Board Room
March 19	Districtwide Band Festival, 6:30 p.m., Calaveras High School Flock Gym

The Calaveras Education Foundation is Saturday, February 8.

**20. Future Agenda Items**

**22. Comments from Board Members**

**Karan Bowsher**

Mrs. Bowsher said Joe Cruz is doing wonderful things with facilities and maintenance.

**BOARD COMMENTS – CONTINUED**

**Gregory Gustafson**

Mr. Gustafson discussed some postings on the internet that are selfless and cruel. He believes they are lacking facts and evidence or the wherewithal to make a point any other way. He shared his belief in Mr. Lujan's compassion and caring for special needs kids. He respects the students who were present this evening and putting their best foot forward.

**Zerrall McDaniel**

She attended the CHS Parent Club meeting last night where they were planning the 5K run on April 12. She will share more information as the date approaches. San Andreas Elementary will be starting their garden this Sunday on the 9<sup>th</sup>. They also had a hydration station installed indoors and will be getting another one installed outside. Other schools are getting them also. These are funded through Public Health.

**Evan Garamendi**

Mrs. Garamendi announced that Joel Metzger of the Calaveras Enterprise has let it be known they want to cover more school news so if you have information to share, please contact them. Also, please come to the Gala this Saturday. She also wished Trustee Sherri Reusche and her family well. They were in a car accident.

**22. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014. This meeting will be held at Mokelumne Hill Elementary School. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. and Open Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Mark Campbell, Superintendent  
By Shirley Bell, Executive Assistant