

Calaveras Unified School District  
P.O. Box 788  
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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**April 8, 2014**

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the CUSD District Administrative Office Board Room.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Campbell Liz Stanko  
Titia Ashby Kristie Starkovich  
Shirley Bell Angela Howard  
Jan Kendall Kathy Risso  
Randall Youngblood Lisa McInturf  
Michelle Besmer Lorraine Angel  
Ric Stitt Michael Merrill  
Maria Frederick Renetta Hale  
Megan Long Joe Cruz

**OTHERS:** Students and Community Members

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**  
Approve the April 8, 2014 agenda.
4. **Announcement of Closed Session Items**
  - a) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6)

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - CONTINUED**

- 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**

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

Student Kimberly Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Campbell took roll call. All Board members were present. A quorum was established.

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

**10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements**

**1. Circle of Friends**

Speech Pathologist Megan Long and students Kimberly Anderson, Olivia Long and Kyra Allemand gave a presentation about the Circle of Friends. This is an inclusion program for all students with disabilities, partnering with a non-disabled student during lunch, bringing them understanding and acceptance of differences on campus, decreasing bullying and making a significant social impact.

**11. Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Campbell welcomed everyone back from Spring break. Circle of Friends is one example of how we are changing lives. Spring Break gives us a chance to reflect. There are ten weeks left of school and a lot of things happening. We are planning for the 2014/15 school year and hope to be able to do a better job of taking care of more people than we have in the last 5 years. It will take a lot of focus to do it right.

**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.

Anna Gates is a substitute Paraeducator for CUSD. She serves on the Parent LCAP Committee and is excited about the plans we have for the funding but wants us to continue to consider the "normal" kids during the planning process and not just students who qualify for Title I.

Richard Enderlein gave the Board some background information about himself, was a wildlife biologist, math and science teacher and says he now teaches a few classes at Mountain Oaks. He believes the tests are made for students to fail. He asked over and over if anyone has read the Smarter Balanced Assessments, and informed everyone you can opt out of the Smarter Balanced Assessments and he has the forms. Mr. Enderlein was told his time was up and he was called out of order.

Marti Crain said she accompanied Mrs. Garamendi to a training regarding Common Core, and there are many people who are involved in it and it's certainly been read. She wants everyone to know it's not a program that is simply "rubber stamped."

**13. Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – No items removed**

**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: 5-0**

**a) Approval of Minutes**

- 1. [March 15, 2014 Special Study Session](#)**
- 2. [March 18, 2014](#)**

**b) [Routine Personnel Report , April 8, 2014](#)**

c) **Approval, Vendor Warrant Listings**

The Vendor Warrant listing from March 11, 2014 to March 25, 2014 was presented for approval. *(A copy of the 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) **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** – No item presented

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

h) **Special Contract Services** – No item presented

i) **Overnight Events** – No item presented

**15. PERSONNEL**

a) **Certificated Report**

Teacher Lorraine Angel said they will be voting on the Tentative Agreement on April 16. They are also looking at a dental plan that removes the annual caps. They are having an LCAP meeting on April 17 at the District Office with Mr. Campbell. She provided information at the CTA Algebra Success Academy, some of the success stories and informed the Board that some of our teachers will be attending this Summer. She reviewed several legislative bills affecting education.

b) **Classified Report** - No item presented

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

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

e) **Certificated Personnel**

**1. Adoption of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2014-15 School Year**

There may be an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specific employment criteria for the positions of Math, Life/Physical Science, Physics/Chemistry Science, and/or other subject areas that may arise. In order for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a waiver or limited assignment credential, a Declaration of Need must be on file with the Commission before the 2014/15 school year. It is recommended the Board adopt the Declaration of Need for the 2014-15 school year.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - CONTINUED**

**2. Request for Waiver for Pupil Personnel Services Credential with Social Work**

Board approval is recommended for a Request for Waiver for Pupil Personnel Services Credential with Social Work for Shannon Kelaita for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year and the beginning of the 2014/15 school year. Shannon Kelaita will complete her coursework to qualify for her Pupil Personnel Services School Social Work credential in September 2014. To bridge the gap between now and her recommendation for the PPS credential, the District must apply for a waiver with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

**Motion: McDaniel      Second: Reusche      Vote: 4 Yes  
1 Nay (Gustafson)**

**3. Approval of Instructional Coach Job Description**

One area in the District's Local Control Accountability Plan includes instructional coaches. As a result, a job description is being presented for Board approval. It is recommended the Board approve the Instructional Coach job description

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

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

**16. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**a. Report from Director Lisa McInturf**

Mrs. McInturf reported the results of the High School Exit Exam taken by all the 10<sup>th</sup> Graders in February:

270 students took the Math portion, with 245 passing, which is 90.7%  
Of the 25 not passing, 16 are SPED  
23 students received perfect scores

271 students took the English Language test, with 221 passing, which is 81.5%  
Of the 50 not passing, 18 are SPED  
8 students received perfect scores

**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. *(A copy of the disbursements are available at the District Office and linked to the agenda on our website at [www.calaveras.k12.ca.us](http://www.calaveras.k12.ca.us).)*

**BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

b. **Proposal, Condor Earth Technologies, Inc.(pp 24-39)**

It is recommended the Board approve a contract with Condor Earth Technologies, Inc. to perform materials testing on the construction site of the Calaveras Performing Arts Center. The estimated cost is \$61,854, to be paid through Fund 35, the County Schools Facilities Fund.

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

**18. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

a. **First Reading – Board Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits**  
**BP 6146.1      High School Graduation Requirements**

Darren Spellman asked if we were considering taking out the Geometry requirement, as it is not a State requirement, which prompted discussion about the changes to integrated pathways for mathematics. Mrs. McInturf explained that in Europe they integrate mathematics, whereas in the US we use a course of one domain. All of these decisions will be made as we navigate through the new Common Core Standards. Mr. Campbell said we will establish our courses and the recommendation goes to a committee at CHS, then to him and the Board.

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

**19. Calendar of Events**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>LCAP Parent Advisory Meeting</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>West Point Fun Day (for TK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), 8:00 a.m. to Noon</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Relay for Life, Bret Harte High School</b>
<b>May 15-16</b>	<b>Frog Jump Holiday – No School</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Memorial Day Holiday – No School</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Preschool Enrollment, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., District Office, IMC</b>

Mr. Merrill announced they canceled the 5K Fun Run due to low sign-ups but to look for the event in September.

Randall Youngblood invited everyone to attend the Tiger Fest this Saturday in Rail Road Flat. There will be Indian food, beverage and live music. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m.

Maria Frederick invited everyone to attend Jenny Lind’s Fine Arts Day on May 29.

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Marti Crane said this Saturday there will be a Disaster Preparedness Drill.

**20. Future Agenda Items**

**22. Comments from Board Members**

**Karan Bowsher**

Mrs. Bowsher spent Spring Break with 5 Girl Scouts in San Diego. Please come to Tiger Fest this Saturday. She would like an update on what's happening with Community Service and the things Mr. Pesout spoke about when he addressed the Board.

**Gregory Gustafson**

Mr. Gustafson shared some anonymous Tweets he found to be very embarrassing. He thanked Principal Dan Klement for allowing the Drill Team to use VSE for practice. He shared his frustration over some meetings that did not occur and concerns about his benefits.

**Zerrall McDaniel**

Mrs. McDaniel thanked the admin team for their long day. Circle of Friends is a great program. She has known Shannon Kelaita for a long time. She is a dedicated mom and has worked for the county, and she is happy to see her join our team. Thursday at 5:30 there will be a kick-off potluck at Valley Springs Elementary for Farm-to-School. Kevin and Autumn Hesser are spearheading this. She would love to see us get a student representative on the Board.

**Sherri Reusche**

Mrs. Reusche welcomed everyone back from break.

**Evan Garamendi**

Mrs. Garamendi thanked everyone for attending. She was pleased to hear Siobhan Fischer was not found at fault in the recent bus accident.

**22. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014. This meeting will be held at CUSD District Administrative Office Board Room. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. and Open Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Mark Campbell, Superintendent  
By Shirley Bell, Executive Assistant