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**Calaveras Unified School District**

**MINUTES -- Special Meeting of the  
Calaveras Unified Board of Trustees  
Saturday, August 23, 2014**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Mission of the Calaveras Unified School District is to provide all individuals with the tools needed to become lifelong learners who responsibly participate in our diverse society.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Salute to the Flag and Roll Call – President Garamendi called the Special Meeting to order at 10:34 a.m., and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION/SECOND: Bowsher/McDaniel to approve the August 23, 2014 Special Session agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. OPEN SESSION**

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL:** As noted above.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 (BB9323). 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.

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Kyle Krause, candidate for Calaveras Unified Area 5 (Mokelumne Hill, West Point, and Rail Road Flat) addressed the Board regarding the fiscal recovery plan and urged the Board to show empathy and understanding when listening to people.

Rick DiBasilio addressed the Board regarding the history of truancy rates and School Resource Officers.

Robert Wise, CUSD Music teacher, reminded the Board that music is part of the regular curriculum in addition to co-curricular programs.

Jim Casey, West Point Elementary School teacher, addressed the Board regarding the importance of all schools inviting citizens from the Jenny Lind, San Andreas, and Valley Springs communities to visit the upcountry schools. He reminded individuals to also show civility to the Board.

Julie Satterfield, Valley Springs Elementary teacher, stressed the importance of smaller K-3 classes urging the Board to apply for any available funding.

Katrina Lambi, West Point Youth and Family Center, echoed Jim Casey's statement reminding everyone Calaveras is a unified school district, championing for unified solutions.

Sharon Schlegelmilch, Jenny Lind Elementary teacher, addressed the Board regarding the importance of finding a qualified fiscal director as soon as possible and pointed out some areas in the budget for further review.

Christian Johnson, student representative of the Calaveras football team, read excerpts from various team members, emphasizing the importance of sports programs.

Don Lee, addressed the Board regarding its fiscal recovery plan expressing concerns that the Board is acting too quickly.

Angela Allured, Calaveras Music teacher, read a letter from a former Calaveras High School graduate, about the importance of music programs and how they helped her through challenging times in her life.

Kevin Hesser, Toyon Middle School teacher, addressed the Board regarding K-8 schools versus the current middle school model, highlighting the amazing program opportunities currently available to Toyon students. He invited community members, staff, and parents to visit Toyon Middle School.

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Roger Salter, Calaveras High School teacher, expressed concerns regarding trust and district office transparency. He urged the Board to postpone any budget decisions until all stakeholders can be involved.

Darren Spellman, former Calaveras High School teacher and elected supervisor, addressed the Board regarding the county population and boundary areas advocating for one school district headed by one superintendent for the entire county of Calaveras.

Patty Knicks, grandparent, property owner, and Jenny Lind volunteer, addressed the Board regarding the importance of small class sizes.

Lorraine Angel, Calaveras High School teacher and CUEA President, clarified ADA funding information explaining the difference between basic-aid and revenue-limit districts.

Allison Hampton, Calaveras High School teacher, addressed the Board regarding high school graduation requirements and the importance of program opportunities so students can satisfy their requirements and be college/career ready.

Cliff Edson, elected supervisor and business owner, commented on the decline in student enrollment over the past decade and the weakening economy in Calaveras County overall. He highlighted the positives living in Calaveras County, suggesting everyone share in the responsibility and work together to resolve the problem.

Laura Most, community member, expressed her sadness at the possibility of losing sports and, as a result, students.

Mindy Boyette, parent and home owner, urged the Board to postpone its vote until a committee can be formed.

Dana Jorgenson, neighboring county resident and district director for Senator Berryhill, who has an in-depth knowledge of federal, state and local governments, explained the complexities of government finance and the importance of hiring a finance person.

Alan Lujan, citizen and tax payer, expressed concerns regarding substantial wage increases that were given.

Edward Stalk, parent and concerned citizen, acknowledged the challenges facing the district and thanked the Board and Superintendent for all their efforts.

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Michael Rouke, 22-year community member has his fifth child attending Calaveras schools. He asked that people in charge start accepting responsibility, noting the school district is in the same situation it was in 2012.

Lindsey Gasper, eighth grade Toyon student, addressed the Board regarding the necessity of sports programs and the importance they play in high school and college.

Eugene Allende, father of two and county mental health worker, addressed the Board regarding students struggling with mental health issues noting the significance of maintaining programs for students.

Aaron Baisch, CUSD employee and father, acknowledged the challenges of the school district and spoke to the consolidation of small schools reminding people that community is larger than what you see out your front door.

Miranda Cardon, Toyon Middle School teacher, formerly Jenny Lind teacher, and Mokelumne Hill parent, expressed her love for her community school, and while saddened by the situation, welcomed West Point and Rail Road Flat communities to join Mokelumne Hill to form one big strong community school.

Scott Grutzmacher, CUSD employee, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of securing grants and urged Trustees to seek assistance with grant writing. He offered his assistance in any way he can.

Neil Hjelmervik, former music teacher and director of Calaveras SAVE Campaign, addressed the Board regarding a Gift Agreement pledging to raise \$414,000 for the benefit of music and athletic programs for Calaveras Unified School District. He asked the Board to sign the Agreement acknowledging the funds are solely for music and sports.

**6. SPECIAL SESSION**

**A. Policies and Regulations – Tabled from the August 19, 2014 Board Meeting**

Motion/Second: Reusche/Bowsher to adopt Option 2 for the Board's health benefit package. Motion carried 5-0.

(Option 2: The District shall pay the cap of \$575 per month toward the cost of the Board member's selected medical plan. The District shall pay \$69 per month for the cost of the dental and/or vision plan. If the Board member chooses a plan that costs less than the \$575 cap for medical or \$69 for dental and/or vision, the Board member will not receive the difference back in cash. The Board member shall pay any amount over the cost of the medical, dental and/or vision premiums to Calaveras Unified School District on a monthly or quarterly basis, with the payment due the last day of each quarter. The District shall send an invoice to the Board member quarterly. Option 2 also provides each member of the Governing Board a monthly compensation of \$240 provided for in Education Code 35120.)

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**B. Rescission of Management Confidential Salary Schedule for 2014-15**

Motion: Gustafson to rescind the vote taken on June 24, 2014 to approve the management confidential salary schedule for 2014-15. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**C. Fiscal Recovery Plan – Resolution 2014/15-03 to Adopt a Fiscal Recovery Plan**

Motion/Second: Reusche/McDaniel: Remove sports/music from the Fiscal Recovery Plan.

Motion carried: 4-1 (Bowsher voting no)

Motion/Second: Reusche/McDaniel: Approve Phase 1 of the Fiscal Recovery Plan. Motion carried: 4-1 (Gustafson voting no)

Motion/Second: Bowsher/Gustafson to officially add Toyon Middle School to the Fiscal Recovery Plan for school closure consideration.

Motion carried: 3-2 (McDaniel and Reusche voting no)

Mrs. Bowsher requested the following language be included in the Resolution for the Fiscal Recovery Plan before it is brought back in September, *“Whereas, the Governing Board acknowledges that schools are a vital/essential resource to a vibrant community, and keeping them intact in their communities is a high priority and will diligently seek internal and external options to preserve them.”* No objection to adding the language was made.

Mrs. Bowsher thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting. Mr. Gustafson shared that he spoke with approximately 100 students and most of them, overall, want to keep the 7-8 curriculum. Mrs. McDaniel thanked everyone for their participation. Mrs. Reusche had no comment, and Mrs. Garamendi thanked everyone in attendance announcing the next Board meeting on September 2, 2014 with closed session beginning at 4:00 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m.

President Garamendi adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Campbell, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Liz Stanko, Personnel Director

**BOARD MEMBERS: Karan Bowsher, Evan Garamendi, Gregory Gustafson, Zerrall McDaniel, Sherri Reusche  
SUPERINTENDENT: Mark Campbell**