



Calaveras Unified School District

**MINUTES – Regular Meeting of the
Calaveras Unified Board of Trustees
Tuesday, September 16, 2014**

3304 Hwy. 12, San Andreas, CA 95249

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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** – Mrs. Reusche called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Superintendent Campbell took roll. Bowsher, McDaniel, Reusche were present.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
MOTION/SECOND: Bowsher/McDaniel to approve the September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda. Motion carried 3-0 (Absent: Garamendi and Gustafson for this action. They joined the meeting at the beginning of the closed session.)
4. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**
Trustee Reusche announced the following closed session items:
 - a.) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Government Code 54957.6)
 - b.) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Government Code 54957.6)
 - c.) Consideration of CAHSEE Waiver
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Trustee Reusche announced that 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 agenda or non-agenda item (BB9323). The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes.

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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.

No comments were heard.

6. Closed Session

Trustee Reusche adjourned the meeting to closed session.

7. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:30 p.m.

8. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

President Garamendi led the flag salute. Superintendent Campbell took roll call. All five board members were present: Bowsher, Garamendi, Gustafson, McDaniel, and Reusche.

9. Report of Action taken in Closed Session

President Garamendi announced the Board approved a CAHSEE Waiver for one student by a vote of 5-0.

10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements

The CTE Presentation by Chris Sedler was cancelled.

11. Correspondence

- A letter, dated September 3, 2014, from Claudia Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Calaveras County Office of Education, clarifying cash flow and inter-fund borrowing was presented.

12. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Campbell made no comments giving his time to Board President Garamendi. President Garamendi read a statement (attached). Trustees McDaniel and Bowsher noted their support.

13. Public Comments

President Garamendi announced visitors could address issues that did not appear on the agenda; however, discussion or deliberation could not be taken by the Trustees or Superintendent unless the matter is placed on a subsequent agenda. Individual speakers are allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item (BB 9323), with a total of 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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Jim Casey, West Point teacher, expressed his appreciation for the Board's open-minded thinking and development of alternative ideas.

Anna Gates, parent and staff member, noted her support for the Board's plan.

Kyle Harvey, CSEA Labor Representative, commended Board Members for their refreshing ideas, conveying CSEA's support to work together to find alternative solutions and restore credibility.

Rochelle High, Rail Road Flat resident, thanked the Board for working with them and reported the Rail Road Flat Fall Festival raised \$6,500 for the site.

Jeff Cooper, Valley Springs' parent, spoke in favor of keeping Toyon Middle School open, on behalf of him and other Valley Springs residents.

Lorraine Angel, CUEA President, implored the Board to find a qualified chief financial officer noting her appreciation for Terri Ryland. She announced CUEA's site representative meeting is tomorrow and conveyed CUEA's desire to collectively find solutions.

Robert Wise addressed kindergarten class sizes suggesting the addition of aide time in the mornings during CORE instructional time.

Sarah Swift, Calaveras High School science teacher and previous Rail Road Flat, Valley Springs, and West Point teacher and former West Point student and Calaveras High School graduate, expressed her vested interest in the community. She offered her assistance in bringing teachers to the table and helping restore trust in the district.

Randall Youngblood, Rail Road Flat teacher, expressed his pleasure to be in attendance and is hopeful the Board will find solutions to maintain schools and programs.

Courtney Oneto, Mokelumne Hill parent and president of the parent's organization, spoke on behalf of Mokelumne Hill Elementary School and keeping it open, as she had heard there was no representation for Mokelumne Hill at the last Board meeting. She was pleased to hear the situation is getting better.

Ben Stalker, acknowledged Mr. Wise's comments and agreed that the kindergarten classes need more help.

Marcelle Papp asked the Board for clarification of the plan, expressing her uncertainty.

Marti Crane, Director of the local career center, addressed the underfunding of many agencies and the importance of seeking assistance from those community/business members who can assist in grant writing, referencing a grant-writing workshop hosted in 2012.

Chris Wright, County Supervisor, Area 2, expressed concerns about closing schools and was glad to hear the Board has a plan; he offered his assistance, if needed.

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Sharon Schlegelmilch, Jenny Lind teacher, spoke about the budget and expressed the urgency of finding a qualified chief financial officer.

Ms. Jewels, Mokelumne Hill parent, is glad to know there is another plan and appreciated the gentleman's comments from Valley Springs about proactive solutions.

Patty Luna, announced she received her 20-year plaque this year and mentioned that her boys played basketball in this district for nine years. She expressed her curiosity about the Valley Springs after-school program, as she took in \$8,000 this month.

George Fry, 37-year resident and former Vallecito Union and County Office Board Member, urged parents to volunteer in their child's classroom. He referenced a motivational speaker he once heard who said, state the problem once and never state it again; after that, just start finding solutions.

14. Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

15. CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Motion: Reusche Second: Bowsher Vote: 5-0

a) Approval of Minutes

1. September 2, 2014

b) Routine Personnel Report , September 16, 2014

c) Approval, Vendor Warrant Listings – No item presented

d) Approval of Donations – No item presented

e) Approval of Bond Disbursements – No item presented

f) Special Contract Services - No Item presented

g) Report of Grand Awards

h) Overnight Trips

1. Jenny Lind Elementary Science Camp

Jenny Lind Elementary 6th Graders Science Camp May 5-8, 2015 at Mission Springs in Scotts Valley, California. The trip is funded by parent donations and fundraising. Travel will be by school transportation. Teachers Hutt, Caruso, Orlandi and Fletcher will chaperone.

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16. PERSONNEL

a) Certificated Report

Renetta Hale, Vice President of CUEA, reported that CUEA interviewed Board member candidates on September 11, and all went well. CUEA will decide who to endorse at its meeting on Wednesday. CUEA will have its second Roundtable meeting on Thursday. They are in the process of selecting budget representatives. CUEA is hosting a Board member dinner on December 8 in Sacramento. More information to follow.

b) Classified Report

Scott Grutzmacher, CSEA Shop Steward, noted his appreciation for everyone's willingness to work together. He reported the next Roundtable meeting is September 25.

c) All Personnel

d) Classified Personnel

1. Approval of Catastrophic Leave for Mindy Carter-Cox

The Board approved Catastrophic leave for Classified employee Mindy Carter-Cox.

Motion: Bowsher Second: Reusche Vote: 5-0

e) Certificated Personnel - No item presented

f) Management/Confidential/Supervisory - No item presented

17. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – No item presented

18. BUSINESS

a. Bond Disbursements for the Performing Arts Facility – No item presented

b. Adoption of Resolution 2014/15-04, Gann Limits

The Board approved Resolution 2014/15-04, adopting the Gann Limits.

Motion: McDaniel Second: Reusche Vote: 5-0

c. Report of Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expense

The Board approved the Report of the Education Protection Account – Final Expense.

Motion: Bowsher Second: McDaniel Vote: 5-0

d. Approval, 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals for Calaveras Unified School District

The Board approved the 2013/14 Unaudited Actuals.

**Motion: Bowsher Second: McDaniel Vote: 4 Yay (Bowsher, McDaniel
Garamendi, Reusche)
1 Abstention: Gustafson**

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e. Adoption of Resolution 2014/15-05: Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract for Carter-Kelly for the Construction of the Performing Arts Building

The Board approved Resolution 2014/15-05, Lease-Leaseback Contract for Carter-Kelly to construct the Performing Arts Building.

A roll call vote was taken:

Reusche: Yes

McDaniel: Yes

Gustafson: No, because of the times

Bowsher: Yes

Garamendi: No, in light of the financial situation.

Motion passed 3-2

19. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – No item presented

20. Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
September 17	VSE Bulldog Trek – 9:00 a.m.
September 18	MHE Walk-a-Thon
September 19	JLE Walk-a-Thon
September 20	CHS Parent Club 5k Run
September 30	Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – District Office IMC
October 6 – October 17	Fall Break – No School

21. Future Agenda Items

None presented.

22. Comments from Board Members

Karan Bowsher - Mrs. Bowsher announced this Friday is West Point Elementary School’s jog-a-thon. She applauded Rail Road Flat for its Fall Festival commenting about her delight in attending. Mrs. Bowsher is hopeful that the Benefit Assessment will aid in the operations of the small schools and will share more information as it is received.

Gregory Gustafson - Mr. Gustafson expressed his concern with an email from Mr. Campbell regarding the performing arts building and asking for a majority of the Board to agendize it. He questioned whether that could be considered a violation of the Brown Act. He took his daughter to a University football game where she was able to use her performing arts ability as a flag twirler, as well as a trumpet player. She is enjoying college. He expressed concerns with the performing arts center such as numerous maintenance problems, noting a decision hasn’t been made to close Toyon or uphill schools. He questioned how changes would be made if those schools need to be modified, hence, his vote was made on the side of caution.

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Zerrall McDaniel - Mrs. McDaniel thanked the folks from Bond Oversight Committee. She expressed her enjoyment at the Rail Road Flat Festival mentioning the amazing amount of money they raised. She announced the Calaveras High School fund run is September 20 and is sponsored by the parent committee. That same day, there will be a milk seminar on how to make cheese at the San Andreas Town Hall and a fund-raising meeting in the music room at Calaveras High School at 1:00 p.m.

Sherri Reusche - Mrs. Reusche announced the Halloween Trunk-or Treat on October 25. She offered her assistance to Mrs. Bowsher with the Benefit Assessment plan. Mrs. Reusche accepted the challenge to volunteer in schools and is willing to assist in the TK-3 classrooms. She shared how much she is honored to be on the Board and work with her fellow trustees to serve the students, staff, and community. She also added that Mr. Campbell has the right to poll the Board on agenda items without violating the Brown Act.

Evan Garamendi - Mrs. Garamendi provided a basic idea of “the plan”, attempting not to compromise the bargaining process. She explained the concept to examine a year in which the district was financially healthy exploring options of administration and bargaining groups taking a fair and equitable share of cuts. Additionally, explore other avenues of available sources of revenue.

23. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014, District Administrative Office, IMC Training Room (Green Building, 2nd Floor). Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. and Open Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Campbell, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

By: Liz Stanko, Personnel Director