

Calaveras Unified School District
P.O. Box 788, San Andreas, CA 95249
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION – SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Board Room.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Karan Bowsher	Kelly Smith
	Zerrall McDaniel	Gregory Gustafson
	Sherri Reusche	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called or order at 9:01 a.m. by Board President Reusche. Mrs. Reusche led the Salute to the Flag.

Superintendent Campbell took roll. All Board members were present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approve the March 7, 2015 Study Session agenda

Motion: Bowsher Second: Gustafson Vote: 5-0

3. OPEN SESSION

4. 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.

There were no public comments.

Any individual who requires disability-related accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services, in order to participate in the board meeting, should contact the Superintendent in writing. (Gov. code 54953.2, 54954.1) Members of the Public may request an item be placed on the agenda. The agenda request form is available on the CUSD website, www.calaveras.k12.ca.us, under forms, public. Agenda requests must be received at the District Office no later than 9:00 a.m., Monday, one week before the Board meeting. Forms can also be requested by calling (209) 754-2300. All Board meetings are tape recorded and the audio is posted on the district's website.

5. STUDY SESSION

a. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Superintendent Campbell provided an overview of our LCAP for the 2015-2016 school year, which included State priorities, CUSD goals, areas of focus, budget and the engagement process. A copy this presentation is posted on our district's website at www.calaveras.k12.ca.us.

Superintendent Campbell answered questions from the Board and audience.

Claudia Davis, Associate Superintendent/Business Services at the Calaveras County Office of Education, said their office is looking for the LCAP template and budget relative to our accountability plan but the CUSD Board is accountable to see how we are going to get there. If we don't attain our goals and don't do anything differently to get there, the County Office will provide assistance and/or so will the State. The entire motive of LCAP is to improve student achievement.

Superintendent Campbell said once we have comparative data, he will report it out to stakeholders annually. Building the LCAP requires stakeholder input/engagement (parents, teachers, staff, students, administrators and the Board). We will decide on our goals together and if we are not meeting our goals we will decide what we should do differently.

There are 3 areas of priorities set by the state: Conditions of learning, pupil outcomes and engagement. Superintendent Campbell reviewed each CUSD goal.

He will hold meetings with stakeholders in April and May. In June we will hold a public hearing on our Budget and LCAP on June 16, and the Board will approve the LCAP at the June 30 Board meeting.

Board President Reusche called for a 10 minute break at 10:30 a.m.

b. Budget

Kassandra Booth, Director of Fiscal Services, gave a presentation on the Governor's Proposed 2015-16 Budget, 2nd Interim Budget report and Multi-Year projections and answered questions from the Board and audience.

Ms. Booth will provide budget presentations to the Board at regular intervals throughout the year. Her presentation included graphs and charts which, based upon today's assumptions, indicate a growing deficit unless further reductions are made. Approximately 30% of the funds we receive for LCFF target entitlement in 2020-21, which the State has allocated to bring school districts back to the 2007-08 purchasing power, will be used to pay for the increased costs of STRs and PERs.

Our budget is about 81% people. We are expending \$9,239 per student but will only be receiving about \$8,434 per student in the 14/15 school year.

Citizen, Mr. Fry, shared that there is not one thing in the county's general plan that addresses education. He urged everyone to contact our supervisors and the Planning Commissioner to let them know that we want education to be incorporated into the general plan. Mr. Campbell informed Mr. Fry that he and Kathy Northington are attending a meeting regarding this very subject.

Ms. Booth will be presenting a Second Interim Report at the March 10 Board meeting. Her presentation will be posted on our website after that meeting.

Board President Reusche called for a 10 minute break at 12:05 p.m.

c. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference

Board members Sherri Reusche and Zerrall McDaniel reported on their attendance at the 2014 CSBA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Board member McDaniel said that she and trustee Reusche serve as delegates for CSBA. Mrs. McDaniel is a Delegate for Region 8 (Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties), and Sherri Reusche is Vice President of the CSBA Board. Next year Mrs. Reusche will serve as President-elect on the CSBA Board and the following year as President. As officials with CSBA, their conferences were paid for by CSBA. She said it would be very worthwhile for the entire board to be able to attend when we can afford it.

Ms. McDaniel also served on the CSBA Conference Planning Committee for this past year's conference. She was very busy working throughout the year with the committee and during the conference itself. She did, however, manage to attend some workshops, general sessions and visit some of the vendor booths.

She spoke to some companies who have work programs with high schools for CTE – electricians, plumbers, etc. and is hoping we can incorporate these types of programs for CUSD.

Kevin Hesser, teacher at Toyon Middle School, was one of the presenters at the conference. He and teachers from other school districts in California were there to share information about CHASSIS (Creating Healthy and Sustainable Systems in Schools).

CSBA honors educators with Golden Bell Awards and Kevin Hesser was nominated this past year for his work with CHASSIS but was not selected. She's going to consider it again for this year's conference.

Mrs. McDaniel has and is continuing to visit all the school districts in her CSBA Delegate Region. She believes we have a significant opportunity to make changes for small rural schools because of Sherri Reusche's role with CSBA and Juliana Feriani's role as President of the Rural County School Board Association. (Juliana Feriani is a member of the Tuolumne County Board of Education.)

There is a Rural County School Board Association meeting scheduled at the Tuolumne County Office of Education in Sonora on April 30, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. McDaniel urges your attendance. She is expecting Assemblyman Frank Bigelow to be there, and they and hoping other legislature will be able to attend as well.

Mrs. McDaniel reiterated how unprecedented it is to have our rural counties represented at these levels (Sherri Reusche and Juliana Feriani) and how important it is for us to take this opportunity to be one voice.

Mrs. McDaniel asks:

1. Please take the time to develop questions and/or concerns to present to Assemblyman Bigelow prior to the April 30 meeting, so he will have time to review them.
2. Make an effort to attend the April 30 meeting
3. Don't let this work fall on another – not the few – we need everybody
4. Please RSVP to Zerrall McDaniel if you are interested in participating in the Rural Counties School Boards Association meeting on April 30. You may email her at zmcdaniel@calaveras.k12.ca.us

She also spoke about an academic decathlon program done at Sonora High School. The teacher made a presentation to the Board when she attended their Board meeting, asking for the program to be considered for a "for-credit" class. She thinks this is a great idea for us to consider. It can bring in students who may not be interested in sports or music – even alt ed students.

Board President Reusche gave her report on the CSBA Annual Conference but said she didn't want to rehash all that Mrs. McDaniel had already reported.

She, too, is impressed with the work done by CHASSIS. There are so many great gardens in our schools. Valley Springs Elementary does a Farmer's Market every Friday. Kudos to Kevin and Autumn Hesser for all the work they put into this program, and all the other volunteers.

She visited some of the vendor booths, speaking to a company who writes grants as well as companies who provide safety services for our schools, hoping to get ideas for our schools.

Each Board member has a band that says "Stand Up for Public Education." She asked them to wear it proudly. She thanked everyone for what they do for public education and said it is important that it is properly funded.

She met Board members from LA. In LA kids take public transportation, but here we have to set aside funds to pay for transportation. In our rural area, we must provide transportation to get our kids to school.

Our district as well as surrounding rural counties are not winners in the LCFF. CSBA is hosting Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 10, in Sacramento, and they need to hear our concerns. She will be meeting with various legislatures throughout the day. Anyone can attend and it's free.

She would like to see our entire be able to attend CSBA in the future. It's like professional development and wishes we had the funding to support it. This year the CSBA Annual Conference will be held in San Diego.

She leaves for Nashville in a week for a National Board Conference. CSBA pays for everything.

She said all Board members should be receiving CSBA newsletters. (The roster was updated in December, after the election.)

If you have any questions, please email Sherri Reusche at sreusche@calaveras.k12.ca.us.

8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular session Board meeting will be on March 10, 2015. The meeting will be at the District Administrative Office Board Room. **Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m. and open session will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

President Reusche adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell