

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
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**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

August 4, 2009

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Reusche
John Yerman
Hank Nagle
Evan Garamendi
Zerrall McDaniel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Titia Farthing
Liz Valdez
Vicki Becerra
Ric Stitt
Dan Klement
Tim Garrison
Jan Kendall
Jep Peckler
Amy Hasselwander
Kimberly Osmanski-Potter
Maria Ortner
Tom Buss
Bruce Davidge
Karen Wallace
Tim Reno
Melody Reno
Vikki Lacey
Marilyn Appling
Karen Motenko-Neal

OTHERS: Parents, community members
and other interested parties

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Salute to the Flag & Roll Call.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Closed session items were announced as listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

None

THE BOARD ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CUEA (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54954.5)

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54954.5)

OPEN SESSION

Open session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the salute to the flag and roll call.

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Ric Stitt, Principal of Calaveras High School, presented a diploma to Doris Zepeda, student from Calaveras High School, who passed the California High School Exit Exam in May, 2009.

Calaveras Sportman's Trap Club

Mr. Dave Tanner, spoke on behalf of the Calaveras Sportsman's Trap Club, who were in attendance, to present a trophy the club had won this summer to Principal, Ric Stitt. Mr. Bruce Davidge, was also presented with a plaque for being very instrumental in working with the club.

NORESCO Presentation, Lee Overwold, CEM

Mr. Overwold, CEM, from NORESCO, gave a short presentation to the Board on energy services performance, a self-funded energy project. They recently did an energy audit for CPPA on all its customers, which included our school district. NORESCO is a contracting firm and they work with K-12 school districts.

OPEN SESSION: PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Campbell said we sat through three very positive presentations. He added that it is his intention to have more positive presentations, as sort of state of the union presentations. He also thanked those administrators in attendance for coming tonight. Mr. Campbell said the first day of school went well overall, one truck fire at Jenny Lind Elementary, but there was an immediate response. Maintenance and Operations were seen all over our sites, yet only a couple of problems with cooling. Pro Grass is coming out to address the Toyon Middle School field, causing football and soccer to be displaced for a time. Thanks to Eileen Thorpe, Karen Jackson, and Gayla Garman for their work with Infinite Campus. Core Development day was great. Mr. Campbell said he saw more people attend this year than in a very long time. At the site level, he said some really strong work is happening. STAR testing should be out by the end of the week and added we know it is not the complete measure. The results will be presented at the August 18th Board meeting. Mr. Campbell said enrollment is down a little, and this year had the smallest kindergarten enrollment since 1998. Mr. Campbell then announced that Marilyn Appling, paraeducator at CHS, has just earned her BA and congratulated her. Mrs. Appling said her incentive was the Professional Growth program the district offers all employees.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

None

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

July 21, 2009

B. Routine Personnel

All Personnel

No item presented

Classified Personnel

1. Approve resignation of (1) permanent child care aide
2. Approve employment of (2) substitute child care aides
3. Approve resignation of (1) permanent yard duty employee
4. Approve employment of (1) substitute yard duty employee
5. Approve resignation of (1) permanent media specialist
6. Approve employment of (2) timesheet summer school health aides

Certificated Personnel

1. Approve employment of (1) timesheet summer school substitute teacher

Management/Confidential/Supervisory – No item presented.

C. **Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing**

The Vendor Warrant listing from July 16, 2009, through July 30, 2009, is presented for approval.

Members of the board have been provided with a copy of this document; it is available for review in the District Office.

D. **Approval of Donations (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)**

(See attached list)

E. **Approval, Payment Disbursements/Bond Project, (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal Services)**

No item presented

PERSONNEL

Certificated Report

Karen Wallace, CUEA Representative reported that Toyon Middle School is off to a good start. CUEA will hold their first meeting on August 12, 2009. She said CUEA has already scheduled the first "Round Table" for August 26, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. She thanked the Board and Administration on behalf of CUEA for saving jobs. She added that CUEA really appreciated this.

Classified Report

Terry Henderson, CSEA President, was absent.

All Personnel

No item presented

Classified Personnel

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No item presented.

PERSONNEL

Certificated Personnel

Approval, Committee on Assignment

Education Code allows a fulltime teacher with specialized skills and preparation outside his/her credential authorization to be assigned to teach in an "elective" area of his or her special skills, provided the Board of Trustees approves the assignment and the employee agrees to the assignment. Sherie Marsh, a fully credentialed teacher, possesses the required skills to teach music and desires to continue with the assignment. Staff is again requesting the Board to approve Sherie Marsh's music assignment for the 2009/10 school year.

MSC (5-0) to approve the Committee on Assignment for Sherie Marsh to teach Music for the 2009/10 School Year

Management/Confidential/Supervisory – No item presented.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

No item presented

BUSINESS

Adoption, Resolution No. 2009/10-01, Authorizing the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Administrator of Preschool to sign a contract with the Department of Education for a \$2,500 grant for the Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Program in West Point

This grant provides money for use in the Family Literacy Program in West Point.

MSC (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2009/10-01

Approval, Memorandum of Understanding CUSD and HRC/ Calaveras Head Start/State Preschool

Approval of the memorandum of Understanding with CUSD and HRC/Calaveras Head Start/State preschool is intended to facilitate a joint State Preschool and head Start program in West Point for the 2009/10 school year. This memorandum needs to be board approved yearly.

MSC (5-0) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding/CUSD and HRC/Calaveras Head Start/State Preschool

Approval, Change of Signatories on District Wide Bank Accounts

Due to a request from our auditors, it is necessary to update the approved signatures' on all of the Calaveras Unified School District ASB (Student Body) Bank Accounts.

MSC (5-0) to approve the Change of Signatories on District Wide Bank Accounts

POLICY AND REGULATIONS

First Reading

1. BP 0520.2, Title I Improvement Schools
2. BP 3280, Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property
3. BP 3320, Claims and Actions Against the District
4. BP 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2, Legal Status Requirement
5. BP 4113, Assignment
6. BP 5125, Student Records
7. BP 5126, Awards for Achievement
8. BP 5145.7, Sexual Harassment

POLICY AND REGULATIONS (continued)

Second Reading and Adoption – No item presented

Administrative Regulations/Exhibits

1. AR 3320, Claims and Actions Against the District
2. E 3320, Notice of Action Taken on Claim
3. AR 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2, Legal Status Requirement
4. AR 4113, Assignment
5. AR 5125.1, Release of Directory Information
6. AR 5126, Awards for Achievement
7. AR 5145.7, Sexual Harassment

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman John Yerman thanked all staff past and present, classified and certificated for doing a great job of balancing the budget.

Mrs. McDaniel would like to know when Parent/Teacher meetings are held at all school sites. She then asked that when the school year calendar is up for review, we look at a traditional schedule again. She said it was suggested that we shorten the winter holidays. Mrs. McDaniel would also like a report on the pool and summer program. Mr. Campbell said he would report at the next board meeting. Mrs. McDaniel said she is looking forward to all the reports.

Mrs. Reusche informed all that CUSD now has a “Facebook Page”. She is quite exited about the fact that everyone can stay connected this way. CUSD is one of the first school districts to have a “Facebook Page”. She encouraged everyone to use it, start discussions, etc. Mrs. Reusche said the district will be hosting a workshop on “Bullying Prevention” presented by Mr. Rick Phillips, MS Ed., on October 29, 2009, at the district office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She also said Jenny Lind Elementary will be starting this program.

Mrs. Garamendi expressed a thank you for all the work on the budget, saying she really appreciates it. She wished everyone a good year. She said she thinks the modified traditional calendar is better for the kids.

Mr. Nagle said he was “down in the dumps”, reading some of the things that are going on. He said it was a real pleasure seeing all the presentations tonight and listening to the comments. This is truly a team effort and we will get through these tough times together.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Motenko-Neal, paraeducator and child development aide, thanked board member McDaniel for using the term “winter holidays instead of Christmas holidays. She also expressed she feels the budget is bad. Mrs. Motenko-Neal addressed the board about a letter to the editor that Pat Stockard, co-owner of Valley Springs Nursery, wrote, and Mr. James Frost, Superintendent at that time, responded to, in another letter to the editor. Mrs. Motenko-Neal feels his letter was irrelevant and did not address the problem. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Motenko-Neal would like a letter sent to Pat and Mick Stockard, owners of Valley Spring Nursery thanking them for their donations, help and to recognize them for their efforts.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Offices.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 7:10 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent