

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 788
San Andreas, CA 95249
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 15, 2011

The meeting of the Calaveras Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at the District Administrative Offices at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karan Bowsher
Evan Garamendi
Sherri Reusche
Zerrall McDaniel
John Yerman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Mike Merrill
Liz Valdez
Maria Ortner
Kathy Risso
Titia Ashby
Audrey Smith
Jim Casey
Ric Stitt
Anne Katherine Smith
Lisa McInturf
Shirley Bell
Lorraine Angel
Randall Youngblood
Renetta Hale
Arlene Ferman
Rene Malamed
Alissa Belshe
Kim Potter
Nadine Ost-Alberts
Denise Gustafson
Sandy Hoffman
Amy Hasselwander

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - All present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- a) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- 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 Calaveras Area Substitute Teachers Association (Gov. Code 54957)
- e) To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54957)
 - a. Certificated, Temporary Teacher
- f) Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54962)

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PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT – None presented.

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - Open session was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

There was a salute to the flag. Roll call was taken. No one was absent.

OPEN SESSION: REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CSEA (Gov. Code 54957.6) No action taken

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Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with Management/Confidential/Supervisory (Gov. Code 54957.6) No action taken

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To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54957)

- a. **Adoption, Resolution No. 2010/11-16 and Resolution No. 2010/11-17, In the Matter of the Release of Temporary Certificated Teachers**

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 2010-/11-16 and Resolution No. 2010/11-17 in the matter of the release of temporary certificated teachers.

- b. **The Board took action on February 9, 2011 to dismiss a classified employee.**

Student Discipline Matters (Gov. Code 54962) No action taken

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Ms. Reusche reported action was taken in closed session to adopt Resolution No. 2010/11-16 and Resolution 2010/11-17, in the matter of the release of temporary certificated teachers.

CELEBRATIONS, RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Preschool Presentation

Kim Osmanski Potter, Administrator of Preschool and After School Programs, gave a presentation to the Board regarding preschool programs. She presented information provided by Site Supervisor, Nicole Davis, who could not be present this evening, on the Handwriting Without Tears program. Alissa Belshe, Site Supervisor of the San Andreas Preschool, gave a presentation on the Multi-Cultural lessons provided for their students by Carmen Olavarrieta. Sherri Noble, Site Supervisor of the Rail Road Flat Preschool Co-op, gave a presentation on the Zoophonics program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE – Emails addressed to the Board (All members)
None presented

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Campbell commended the Preschool staff, stating it is an important component to all of CUSD's programs. He thanked them for coming to the Board meeting.

It is very unsettling times. There's a tremendous amount of information out there and not everyone comes to the Board meetings. His goal is to improve relations through communications, articles, and presentations at Board meetings. We will see a lot more information as the process continues. We have had painful conversations with staff who are receiving layoff notices. If you attend Board meetings and read your e-mails, you will see a lot of repetition. We are talking about peoples' lives. If you have any ideas on ways to get the information out, please let him know. He is trying to make the information accessible. It is understandable why some people may be cynical because the numbers change week to week. It's because the State of California's numbers change week to week.

The State is not being too kind. It is kindness week and we need to take care of our people. Now more than ever, we need to treat people with kindness – not just this week. In these times we have to preach and practice kindness.

ACTON ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA – None removed

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC 5-0 to approve the consent agenda.

Ms. Garamendi requested to motion with withdrawn. MSC 5-0 to withdraw the motion.

MSC 5-0 to remove item G and vote on it separately.

MSC 5-0 to approve the consent agenda, without Item G.

A. Approval of Minutes

February 1, 2011

February 3, 2011 Special Session

B. Routine Personnel

Classified Personnel Report

1. Approve placement on the 39-Month Rehire List for (1) Child Development Aide
2. Approve placement on the 39-Month Rehire List for (10) Yard Duty
3. Approve hire of (1) Substitute Office Assistant
4. Approve Reinstatement from Layoff for (1) Paraeducator for Short-Term Assignment
5. Approve new position for (1) Paraeducator

Classified Coaches (Temporary) – No Item Presented

Certificated Personnel Report - No Item Presented

Certificated Coaches (Temporary) – No item presented

Management/Confidential/Supervisory Report - No item presented

CONSENT AGENDA - CONTINUED

C. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listing (Michael Merrill, Assistant Superintendent of Business)
The vendor warrant listing from January 25, 2011 through February 8, 2011 is presented for approval.

D. Approval of Donations
See attached list.

E. Approval of Bond Disbursements
The bond disbursements are presented for approval.

F. Approval of Special Contract Services with Distinctive Homes by Rapetti
Approval is requested to enter into special contract services with Distinctive Homes by Rapetti to make repairs to the Cosmetology building and storage shed, install new commercial steel frame and steel door. This is funded by ROP for a cost of \$2,215.00.

G. Approval of Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree Group
Approval is requested to enter into special contract services with the Grant Tree Group to write an EISS grant for the 2011-2012 CUSD Pre-K Program. Funding is provided through the Child Development State Preschool Program.

Mrs. Garamendi believes that if a person retired from the District with a Golden Handshake they agreed not to come back and work for the District for five years without forfeiting their retirement incentive. Mrs. Reusche read our attorney's finding stating that we can hire an outside firm and/or consultant, who is not considered a District employee.

MSC 4-1 (Garamendi) to approve the special contract services with The Grant Tree Group to write an EISS grant for the 2011-12 CUSD Pre-K Program for \$50,000 to the Orange County Office of Education for staff development and teacher training.

PERSONNEL

- A. Certificated Report** – Lorraine Angel thanked the people at the District Office, who were very kind to her this week. There was a loss in her family. The Union is looking forward to their meeting tomorrow after school. There is a CUEA Round Table meeting on the 17th. They want to be able to maintain programs and quality education without reducing teachers. Again, we need to think outside the box to keep staffing levels where they are.
- B. Classified Report** – Mr. Ditzler thanked the District for the Round Table meeting last Friday. It was a very good meeting. He hopes any future cuts will be even across the board, and we will take into consideration everyone and every department because they are concerned about morale. They hope it will all be fair. He had a question about Grant Tree. He thought grants were written by individual departments and not outside companies. Why is someone from the outside writing the grants when someone in-house could do it? Mr. Campbell said we have contracted from outside companies in the past. Some grants require a certain level of expertise, which requires us to go outside the district.
- C. All Personnel** – No item presented

PERSONNEL – CONTINUED

D. Classified Personnel

1. Approval, Revised Classified Job Descriptions

- a. Account Clerk I
- b. Child Development Manager
- c. Maintenance Utility
- d. Office Manager
- e. Site Pre-K Supervisor
- f. Skilled Maintenance

Mr. Campbell explained the revisions are prepared in-house by the Personnel Department. The Personnel Department in conjunction with CSEA reviews the changes, which are minor.

MSC 5-0 to approve the revised Classified job descriptions, which are listed above.

E. Certificated Personnel - No item presented

F. Management/Confidential/Supervisory - No item presented.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - No item presented

BUSINESS

A. California Financial Services Presentation

Nina Santo and Mike Willis of California Financial Services will present projections and recommendations regarding CUSD's enrollment, facilities and budget.

The CFS representatives presented a PowerPoint to the Board. The presentation gave projected enrollments, school capacity levels, facilities projects completed, facilities projects for future consideration, monies paid to the district, monies still owed the district, capital funding – how it works, how it used to work, timelines for decision-making regarding future Bond campaigns and a discussion about Certificates of Participation (COP's). There were many questions posed by the Board as well as the audience. In the interest of time, Mrs. Reusche requested that any questions be sent to Mark Campbell, who will make sure they are addressed. The Board thanked CFS for coming to the Board meeting and sharing their report. This PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the CUSD website.

B. Approval, Resolution 2010/11-12, To Authorize Calaveras Unified School District to Participate in the 2011/12 California School Cash Reserve Program

It is requested the Board adopt Resolution 2010/11-12 to authorize Calaveras Unified School District to participate in the 2011/12 California School Cash Reserve Program. This could supplement the school district's cash flow during a fiscal year, as the district can issue and sell Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS). The California School Boards Association has developed the California School Cash Reserve Program, which a school district may use as a vehicle to issue and sell Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes. Through this program, the CSBA also invests the monies not currently needed by the school district for cash flow purposes to maximize the opportunity to realize a profit on the entire transaction. Through analysis of our cash flow for the 2011/12 year, participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program will help the District maintain a healthy cash flow through the entire year.

BUSINESS - CONTINUED

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2010/11-12, authorizing CUSD to participate in the 2011/12 California School Cash Reserve Program

C. Approval, Resolution 2010/11-13, To Support Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot

Adoption is requested of Resolution 2010/11-13, to support placing a revenue extension measure on the ballot. Calaveras Unified School District expects our legislators to work with the governor to protect school from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment of our students. Therefore, supporting placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year temporary revenue extension.

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2010/11-13, to support placing a revenue extension measure on the ballot.

Policies and Regulations

- a. First Reading – None Presented
- b. Administrative Regulations/Exhibits – None Presented
- c. Second Reading & Adoption

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
February 14 and February 21, 2011	HOLIDAYS – NO SCHOOL
February 14-18	Kindness Week
February 16, 2011	Family Art Night – Mokelumne Hill Elementary School, Pizza at 6 p.m. Art at 6:30 p.m.
February 24, 2011	Policy Review Committee, 3:30 p.m., District Administrative Offices, Board Room
February 24, 2011	2nd Trimester Ends – Reports Card Go Home March 8
March 9, 2011	Kindergarten Registration

Addition to the Calendar:

March 8, 2011: A special Board Meeting for Parent and Community Volunteer Recognition, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the CUSD Board Room

Future Agenda Items – No item presented

Comments from Board Members

Karan Bowsher recommends going to a CHS basketball game.

Evan Garamendi read the Stockton Record article today. One of their Directors uses a district issued Mastercard. This Board (CUSD), has no Mastercards, no gas cards, no Visa cards and we do not collect mileage. Our health insurance is paid for; that is what we receive.

John Yerman had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – CONTINUED

Zerrall McDaniel thanked California Financial Services and all the people who showed up tonight.

Sherri Reusche is getting ready to leave to take students to the Rotary youth Leadership Camp, where there will be 100 high school junior girls this weekend. The camp is in Oakhurst, which is at 3,000 feet and they will be right in the middle of a storm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randall Youngblood said it is Kindness Week and there are different ways to look at it. We have dwindling ADA in our schools. We need to take care of our ADA and not send kids off far away. There is no snowball's chance that we would pass a Bond if we are going to close a school.

Rene Malamed thanked Airolla Law Offices in Sacramento for their donation. They donated T-shirts for this Friday's Grateful Red Day, which they will distribute at the rally.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. Open Session begins at 6:00 p.m.

There is a special Board meeting on Tuesday, March 8, in recognition of parent and community volunteers that will begin a 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant