

CALAVERAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 21, 2012

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 Bowher
John Yerman
Evan Garamendi
Zerrall McDaniel
Sherri Reusche

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Campbell
Amy Hasselwander
Kathy Griggs
Titia Ashby
Kim Potter
Renetta Hale
Patrick Foley
Tammy Foley
Mark Caruso
Heather Holland
Sandy Hoffman
Liz Stanko
Shirley Bell
Randall Youngblood
Terri Rae Henderson
Celia Nard-Richardson
Bunnie Hale
Wendy Evans
Sara Cobb
Sharon Schlegelmilch
Sandra Franklin
Valerie Conrado

OTHERS: Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL - All Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC (5-0) to approve the August 21, 2012 agenda.

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)

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- d) Conference with Labor Negotiator: Mark Campbell in regard to negotiations with CASTA (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- e) To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54957)
- f) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Crescensiano Villanueva GAL for CV, a minor v. CUSD, et al, case number 10CV37201.

5. Public Comments

At this time, 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 closed 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.

6. Closed Session

There was no action taken in closed session.

7. Reconvene to Open Session

8. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

A salute to the flag was conducted. Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

9. Report of Action taken in Closed Session

Board President McDaniel reported there was no action taken in Closed session.

10. Celebrations, Recognition and Announcements

1. TCATS Presentation

Bernadette Hale, teacher at Jenny Lind Elementary School, will give a presentation about TCATS (Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador Teaching Science) program and the training she received in New Jersey with the Mikelson ExxonMobile Teachers' Academy this summer.

11. Budget Overview

Fiscal Services Director Titia Ashby and Superintendent Mark Campbell provided a budget overview. Ms. Ashby conducted a PowerPoint presentation, providing information on our budget and plans dependent on the upcoming educational funding initiatives on November's ballot. Mr. Campbell spoke about what we have done well to preserve programs and class size, and talked about some of the difficult decisions we will be facing for the future. Handouts were provided outlining the initiatives, a synopsis of our budget, with comparisons of contingency plans, and an overview of what we've done to save programs and the issues we will face with projected cuts to education in years to come.

Questions were taken from the audience. Tax initiatives were discussed as well as our tax roll.

Mr. Darren Spellman suggested we model ourselves after Amador County and consolidate all the school districts in Calaveras County to one.

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Budget Overview – Continued

Mr. Campbell announced there will be a Study Session on Saturday, September 15, that is open to everyone. It will be held at the District Office in the Board Room beginning at 9:00 a.m. The agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting.

12. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Campbell said we will be taking the Board meeting to nine sites to share information with people and hear dialogue – not just on the tax initiatives but on budget overall. For the most part, we'll be doing the same budget presentation at each meeting. There is a lot going on. We are looking at STAR Testing and API's. It's great there is a lot of staff here tonight and that's why we take the meetings on the road. Day and in and day out the staff shields kids and we need to continue to keep this in mind as the year proceeds – we're here for kids to deliver services. We can't lose sight of this; on and off campus. Our staff does a phenomenal job of this. He applauded Jenny Lind staff for attending and staff overall.

13. 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.

Mr. Greg Gustafson remarked about the excessive heat in the Toyon Middle School kitchen when he was there one evening at 6:00 p.m., and his concerns about the staff who has to work in that kitchen.

Alice Raine is concerned with one ingress/egress at Jenny Lind Elementary. She believes this is a safety concern. There is a gate on the athletic field but it can't be used because there is a large ditch. She also raised a concern about the portables and the "fungus growth." Mrs. McDaniel said we are still waiting for the OSHA report and it should be about six weeks. Mr. Campbell said he would be happy to discuss ideas about the ingress/egress; especially if there is a compliance issue.

Teacher Sharon Schegelmilch said this is the first time in ten years they have not had to reconfigure their classes. It's so hard on the kids and she thanked the Board for that.

Darren Spellman shared his concern over the Safe Routes to School Program and believed the District made a commitment for funding about five years ago. Now the District is saying they have no money and he says that is unacceptable. He believes Mr. Campbell made a budget decision to cut this and does not think this should have been Mr. Campbell's decision to make.

Amber Barci is PTO president at Jenny Lind Elementary. She thanked the teachers at Jenny Lind for the hard work. The campus is absolutely beautiful. Everybody works very hard.

14. Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

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15. CONSENT AGENDA:

MSC 5-0 to vote on Consent item “I” separately.

MSC 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, minus item “I.”

a. Approval of Minutes

1. August 7, 2012

b. Routine Personnel Report , August 21, 2012

c. Approval, Vendor Warrant Listings

The Vendor Warrant Listings from July 18, 2012 through August 14, 2012 are presented for approval. (A copy of these listings are available at the District office or linked to this agenda on our website at www.calaveras.k12.ca.us.)

d. Approval of Donations

Donations are presented for Board approval.

e. Recognition of Grants

Grants are presented for recognition.

f. Approval of Bond Disbursements - No items presented.

g. Approval of Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson

1. Mokelumne Hill Elementary

Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson to provide general music instruction to Mokelumne Hill Elementary’s Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st graders through May 30, 2013. The total cost is \$1,098.00, funded through the MHE Parent Teacher donations.

2. Jenny Lind Elementary

Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Tim Roberson to provide general music instruction to Jenny Lind Elementary’s 1st grade class through May 28, 2013. The total cost is \$349.80, funded through the JLE donation account.

h. Approval of Special Contract Services with Chuck Carleton

Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Chuck Carleton to provide t-shirts, aprons and other apparel for the after school and preschool staff. The cost will not exceed \$500 and is funded through the ASES grant.

i. Approval of Special Contract Services with Ole Gardina

Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Ole Gardina to install wooden letters to the two story classroom wing at Toyon Middle School. The cost is \$450 and is funded through site Lottery.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONTINUED

j. Approval of Special Contract Services with Regina Rosenzweig and Kathryn Wyffels (pp 23-
Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Regina Rosenzweig and Kathryn Wyffels to provide 4 days of GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition and Development) training for 13 teachers from Valley Springs Elementary School, 2 teachers from West Point Elementary School and 6 teachers from Jenny Lind Elementary School on September 11-14, 2012. The total cost is \$13,125, funded through Title I.

k. Approval of Special Contract Services with Arleen Bates (pg 25)
Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with Arleen Bates to provide training to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten staff for the EISS grant compliance. The total cost is \$2,100 funded through the EISS grant.

l. Approval of Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree (pg 26)
Board approval is requested to enter into Special Contract Services with The Grant Tree to provide training to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten staff for the EISS grant compliance. The total cost is \$1,200 funded through the EISS grant.

MSC 4-1 (Garamendi Nay) to approve the special contract services with The Grant Tree to provide training to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten staff for EISS grant compliance.

m. Authorization to Continue American Fidelity Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan
Authorization is requested to continue an agreement with American Fidelity to administer the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for the 2012/13 school year.

n. Overnight Functions/Field Trip Approvals

- 1. Calaveras High School, Marine Biology Trip**
September 28-29, 2012. Trip to Monterey to the Aquarium and whale watching with Sanctuary Tours. Paid by grants and donations. Travel in personal vehicles by district-approved drivers.
- 2. Calaveras High School, FFA (Future Farmers of America)**
October 6-7, 2012, Future Farmers of America to attend Chapter Officer Leadership Conference at Denair High School. Travel is by Ag Truck and personal vehicle. Funding is through FFA.
- 3. Valley Springs Elementary, Science Camp**
January 15-18, 2013. Science Camp trip to Walker Creek Ranch Outdoor School. Paid by Valley Springs Elementary Science Camp Fund and travel will be by CUSD bus.
- 4. Calaveras High School, FFA**
February 15-16, 2013. Trip to “Made for Excellence” or Advanced Leadership Academy in Modesto. Funding is through FFA and travel will be by Ag truck and personal vehicle.
- 5. Calaveras High School, FFA**
April 20-23, 2013. Students will be attending FFA State Conference, where they will gain leadership and interpersonal skills as well as learn about FFA functions. Transportation will be by Ag Truck and personal vehicle and is funded through FFA.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONTINUED

n. Overnight Functions/Field Trip Approvals (Continued)

6. Toyon Middle School, Relay for Life

April 27-28, 2013. Students from Toyon Middle School will participate in the Relay for Life fundraiser. The event will be held at Bret Harte High School. Transportation will be private and there is no cost to CUSD.

16. PERSONNEL

a. Certificated Report

Teacher Renetta Hale gave a brief description of the two tax initiatives that will be on the ballot in November. They believe Prop 30 is the better Initiative because it is a temporary tax and it also addresses public safety. The Molly Munger bill is a permanent tax and it does not address public safety. Ms. Hale gave a handout to each Board member.

b. Classified Report

Terri Henderson reported that CSEA ratified the Tentative Agreement at their last Chapter meeting. Allen Lujan and Greg Gustafson, who are running for Trustees, were present at their meeting. She extended an invitation for Sherri Reusche and John Yerman to attend their next Chapter meeting on September 13 at 5:30 (get there around 5:00 p.m.) at Toyon Middle School in the Multi-purpose room. They are still working on their cookbook. If you have recipes, send them to Pat Jackson in Transportation or to the Food Service Office. The money earned from the cookbook goes towards scholarships.

c. All Personnel – No item presented

d. Classified Personnel - No item presented

e. Certificated Personnel

1. Recommendation to Grant Tenure to Laura Stickels

It is recommended Laura Stickels be granted tenure with the Calaveras Unified School District.

MSC 5-0 to grant tenure to Laura Stickels.

f. Management/Confidential/Supervisory

17. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – No item presented

18. BUSINESS

1. Adoption, Resolution 2012/13-03, Reducing the Restriction of Excess Reserves for Specific Purposes

Adoption of Resolution 2012/13-03, Reducing the Restriction of Excess Reserves for Specific Purposes for the 2012-13 school year is recommended. This resolution reduces the GASB45 OPEB Contribution that was designated Resolution 2008/09-28.

MSC 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2012/13-03, Reducing the Restriction of Excess Reserves for Specific Purposes.

19. **DISTRICT OPERATIONS** – No item presented

20. **POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**
Policy Overview (pp 34-35)

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS - CONTINUED

a. **First Reading – Board Policies, Bylaws, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits**

- E 5145.6 Parental Notifications (pp 36-53)
- BP 5145.7 Sexual Harassment (pp 54-56)
- AR 5145.7 Sexual Harassment (pp 58-63)
- BP 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities (pp 64-66)
- AR 6159 Individualized Education Program (pp 67-79)
- BP 7110 Facilities Master Plan (pp 80-83)
- BB 7214 General Obligation Bonds (pp 84-88)
- AR 7214 General Obligation Bonds (pp 89-92)

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS - CONTINUED

b. **Second Readings/Adoptions**

- BP 5141.6 School Health Services
- BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
- BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

MSC 5-0 to approve all second readings in item b above.

21. **Calendar of Events**

DATE	EVENT
Back to School Nights	August 21: Calaveras High School, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Program August 30: Rail Road Flat Elementary, 6:00 p.m.
August 29	Bulldog Trek at Valley Springs Elementary 8:00 to 10:30 a.m., on the walking track
September 3	Holiday – No School – Labor Day
September 6	Mokelumne Hill California History Day – 4 th Grade Students – downtown Mokelumne Hill

22. **Future Agenda Items**

23. **Comments from Board Members**

Karan Bowsher

Our teachers and staff are exceptional. They do so much given all the difficulties we're having.

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Evan Garamendi

She thanked all the staff for stepping up to the plate. Her heart breaks because things are not better yet. There's much more to go through. She's very sorry about it.

John Yerman

Thank everyone for coming.

Sherri Reusche

Thanked the school for hosting them. She thanked everyone for what they do day in and day. She visited the high school and it was great to watch all the student engagement.

Zerrall McDaniel

Reiterates all the good things everyone said. It's great to have a large audience.

24. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the CUSD Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012. This meeting will be held at Valley Springs Elementary School in the Multi-purpose room. Closed Session begins at 4:30 p.m. and Open Session begins at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a special study session on September 15, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mark Campbell, Superintendent
By Shirley Bell, Administrative Assistant