

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
KETTLEMAN CITY SCHOOL LIBRARY

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the Kettleman City School Library located at 701 General Petroleum, Kettleman City, CA.

Mr. Verdugo, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:07 p.m. and Mr. Verdugo led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ricardo Verdugo, Board President
Leticia Lopez, Clerk
Chris Collins(absent)
Enrique Jimenez(absent)
Claudia Cazares

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Community member, Gail Monohon shared various information from the State to get parents engaged in the LCAP process, one of them being 'Clave al Exito' which is targeted for Spanish speaking parents. Community Member, Rosa Sierra expressed her concerns regarding harsh remarks she felt were counter productive that were made by some public members at board meetings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2015:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Lopez to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.
Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives: AHS, KCES students Genevie Araiza, Melissa Maldonado, Eric Vidal, Evelyn Tostado and Mariana Rios and via a youtube presentation, RSMS students reported on current and upcoming school activities.
- B. Ken Reynolds, Schoolworks – Facilities Master Plan: Showed a powerpoint presentation on the facilities master plan and reviewed all the different components. Mr. Reynolds reported that the District would need \$10.5 million dollars to improve facilities at all sites. He reviewed project funding sources and timeline. Mr. Reynolds stated that the district would need to start by filing OPSC applications for design funding.
- C. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: None

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Ms. Lopez reported she was working with Kings Canyon School District. She reported and passed out a printout on high school dropout rates. She found it alarming that dropout rates at RSUSD for grades 9-12 have remained at 20% for the past 10 years. Ms. Lopez stated she would like to challenge the school district to see how we can reduce our dropout rates starting at the elementary level. Mr. Verdugo reported he attended the Joint City meeting on Sept. 14. He stated he would like the district to work with the City on a national disaster plan. He also invited everyone to attend the Day of the Family, September 26 and the Rotary Club Fish Fry, October 3.
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- Reported the Business department was working on closing books for 2014-15. She reported the Maintenance department was busy constructing the new playground equipment at Tamarack Elementary School.

- C. Mr. Horn- Reported the district had BTSA administrator new teacher training. He reviewed all staff development dates and training material. Mr. Horn presented a powerpoint presentation of the SBAC district wide results for 2014-15 in language arts and math. The SBAC interim assessments will be given in October.
- D. Dr. East- Reported that all the Open Houses were well attended. He stated that the district will be monitoring the attendance to report in the district LCAP update. Dr. East also reported that Adult Kettleman City classes have been ongoing. He stated that he will continue discussions with the City regarding the traffic issue at Tamarack Elementary. Wonderful company personnel will give district estimates on the AHS water well. Dr. East commended AHS staff for their AGB presentation. The AGB agreed to support AHS as they prepare for their WASC accreditation. Dr. East reported that administrators attended the first CVELI visit at Fresno State. Finally, he reported on the upcoming LCAP parent meeting at AES on Sept. 22 and AGB meeting on Oct. 1.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of August 20, 2015
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Interdistrict Transfer Request
- E. Approval of Supplemental Educational Service Providers for 2015/16

Motion by Cazares seconded by Lopez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2015: 17, Gann Limit:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2015: 17, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

- B. Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for 2014-15:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve report as presented:

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

- C. Variable Term Waiver Request:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Lopez to approve the request, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the LEA Plan Goal 2 Budget Update 2015-16:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve the update as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

- E. Adoption of the New/Revised July 2015 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Lopez to approve the adoption as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

- F. Request to Approve the Agreement between Kings View Counseling Services for Kings County and Reef-Sunset Unified School District:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve the agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Collins – Absent, Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Absent, Cazares – Yes.

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Certificate of Participation Financing Options- Dr. East reported the district was approached by Jon Isom to participate in this. This will be 12% cost savings to the district. Dr. East reported that the district already initiated a conference call with the county. After some discussion the Board agreed to move forward with the financing options. Dr. East will bring documents to the October regular board meeting.
- B. Communication- Ms. Lopez reported she would like a better communication plan for the district over the course of this school year. She suggested each school do an internal audit on how we communicate with parents, nothing extensive to be completed by December. She gave examples such as being more transparent with consent calendar, posting C&I reports or other informal notes.
- C. GATE Program Update- Table for next month.
- D. Athletic Director Position Update- Table for next month.
- E. LCAP Update- Dr. East reported on a LCAP report written by Michael Fallon, who describes some issues with LCAP. Dr. East reviewed Mr. Fallon's report where he reviewed areas of struggle. Dr. East reported he will be meeting with parents and will engage with them on the LCAP. Next LCAP meeting will be at AES, Sept. 22 at 6:30pm.
- F. Future Agenda Items- COP financing options, resolution for facilities master plan, Kings View presentation, communication follow-up, athletic and GATE updates.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. JSO Report
- C. Suspension Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Secretary to the Board