

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2012
DISTRICT STAFF/BOARD DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the District Staff/Board Development Room located at 205 N. Park Ave., Avenal, CA 93204.

Mr. Bunch, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bunch welcomed everyone and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bunch, President
Gail Monohon, Clerk
Jose Barrera(absent)
Ricardo Verdugo(*left at 9:14pm*)
Bill Hatcher
Isavel Cancino(*student Board member*)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: The Board readmitted three students.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 18, 2012:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Monohon to approve the agenda as amended. *Rearranged the order of the agenda by moving "Public Comment" section before "Presentations" section and placed "Action Item A" to follow "Public Comment".*

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Austin explained the purpose of his charter school and what it would offer to the community. He asked the trustees if they all read the proposal. Mr. Hatcher answered he did, Ms. Monohon stated she read it twice and Mr. Verdugo and Mr. Bunch expressed they did not wish to answer. Dagoberto Ovalle and Alvaro Preciado, City councilmen expressed their concerns and asked the Board to give parents a choice. Gloria Preciado as a member of the community expressed her concerns and asked the Board to give students an opportunity for them to have an Ivy League Charter School. Cecilio Barrera, Waste Management also asked the Board to accept the charter school. Parents Obdulia Barboza, Luis Vega, Maria Ovalle and Nicolas Medina expressed their concerns and also asked the Board to accept the charter school and give the students an opportunity of school choice. Ms. Monohon expressed she understood the wishes of the parents and explained in detail what the Board has to take into consideration when approving a charter school. She explained to them that the document submitted by Dr. Austin was reviewed by attorneys and there were findings which she hoped Dr. Austin had shared with parents. Finally, Mrs. Cheek expressed that the district had great teachers that come from out of town and who really care for RSUSD children.

ACTION ITEM:

A. Avenal-Ivy League College Preparatory Charter:

Motion by Monohon for Board to adopt final findings as facts, as their own and deny the charter school petition. Motion seconded by Verdugo.

Roll Call Vote: Hatcher –Yes, Monohon –Yes, Bunch – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Barrera – Absent.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives: TES and AHS student representatives Leilani Jimenez, Erika Verduco, Carla Carillo and Julian Ponce gave an update on current and upcoming activities in the area of academics, athletics and school activities.
- B. Art Davis – Strategic Planning: Shared a powerpoint presentation and explained in detail what the ABC District Strategic Plan is. He went over the goals and indicators and gave samples of strategic plans. He reported he and Dr. East will work on the scheduling dynamics as the Board would like to see stakeholder input.
- C. Judy Horn – End of the Year Evidence of Progress Implementation of LEA Plan Strategies and Actions: Mrs. Horn handed out information on the evidence of progress. She reported that this would be an annual report. This is a new requirement to demonstrate progress in implementing and monitoring their revised LEA Plan. She reported that RSUSD's top three priorities were to work on the following: standards based report cards, professional development for teachers on direct instruction and engagement strategies and after school intervention programs at each school. She presented data and explained in detail what was done to address those three priorities.
- D. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives: Stella Valdez introduced herself as the new CTA President and reported she looks forward to working with the Board.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Hatcher reported he attended a CNS seminar on concussions and believes the information would be valuable to the coaches and school nurse. Ms. Monohon reported she had attended meetings of the Budget committee, C&I, Strategic Planning, as well as the Joint Meeting with City Council and the Kings County School Boards Association. She reported KCSBA is looking ahead to the first of the year and considering a county-wide training session for newly elected Board members. Ms. Monohon also reported that she has been busy watching a number of online education videos and webinars. She urged all Board members to try to watch as many of the helpful webcasts as she feels it is the only way they can keep up with all the changes going on in education. She also reported she has been looking through the school board journals, CSBA Policy News and some helpful books. On Oct. 12 she visited AES classrooms during TESS lessons with Mr. Horn.
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- absent.
- C. Mrs. Horn- Reported that the Literacy Coaches have been very busy with Blended Learning training. Special Ed: Mrs. Horn reported that Psychologist Brenda Rose has been attending school to become a behavior specialist. This is to address the mental health need in our schools. Also, the district has added friendship groups and counseling sessions at each school. Mrs. Horn reported Academic Decathlon will be in February. Ms. Monohon would like feedback from teachers on staff development.
- D. Dr. East- Thanked Mr. Verdugo for signing on for another term as Board member. Thanked the staff who attended the Day of the Family event. Paramount will be funding the PIQE program in grades K-8. The CA Common Core Standards training and implementation is underway. There will be significant changes particularly for high school. Blended Learning training is currently underway in grades 7-9. Dr. East also reported that Jon Isom, Financial Advisor would like to meet with the Board on Nov. 15th and have a study session on bond financing options. Dr. East asked if the Board would agree to move the meeting to commence closed session at 5:30pm and have the bond study session 6-7pm. The Board agreed to the time change to address the study session.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of September 13, 20, & October 3, 4, 11, 2012

- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report/Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Interdistrict Transfer Request

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
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ACTION ITEMS:

- B. Resolution 2012: 20, Authorizing Submittal of an Application for a Low Interest Loan to the CA Energy Commission to Install Photovoltaic Systems:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Hatcher to **TABLE** Resolution 2012: 20 for December 2012.
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- C. Request to Approve Continued Services from National School Boards Association (NSBA):

Motion by Monohon seconded by Verdugo to approve the request as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hatcher –Yes, Monohon –Yes, Bunch – No, Verdugo – Yes, Barrera – Absent.
Motion Carried

- D. Resolution 2012: 19, Authorizing Signature of a Funding Agreement and Related Documents for Funding Under the Safe Drinking Water (Prop 84):

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the Resolution 2012: 19 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hatcher –Yes, Monohon –Yes, Bunch – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Barrera – Absent.
Motion Carried

- E. Request to Approve the Amended Citizens' Oversight Committee Roster for Measure A:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Bunch to approve the request as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hatcher –Yes, Monohon –Yes, Bunch – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Barrera – Absent.
Motion Carried

- F. Discussion/Action on Possible Change to Agenda Order:

Motion by Verdugo to move the Discussion Item section before Consent Calendar and to limit the number of discussion items to 2 for a total of 15 minutes. This will be on a trial basis for November *only*. Motion seconded by Monohon.
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- G. Adoption of Updated AR 1312.1, Complaints Concerning District Employees:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve adoption of updated AR 1312.1 as presented.
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- H. Adoption of New/Updated July 2012 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Bunch to approve the adoption of the updated BP/AR's as presented.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Student Transportation Update: Dr. East reported this was brought to the Board because there were questions regarding safety procedures being followed and such especially with the death of the AES student. He stated he feels adequate about the district's policy.

B. Auto Electronic Defibrillators: Dr. East explained how the Board had mentioned the need to have AED's. He reported that we currently have one at the high school. Dr. East will check on the liability part on the use of AED's and possibly purchasing additional ones. He will update the Board next month.

C. Future Agenda Items: AED report, copy of deferred maintenance plan.

REPORTS:

A. Enrollment Report

B. Cafeteria Report

C. JSO Report

D. Suspension Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Secretary to the Board