

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 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 5:30 p.m. The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:00 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
Ricardo Verdugo
Bill Hatcher
Isavel Cancino(student board member)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2012:

Motion by Hatcher seconded by Verdugo to approve the agenda as presented.

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STUDY SESSION:

A. Jon Isom/Urban Futures Inc.- Bond Financing: Dr. East introduced Richard Jacobs from BUSH Construction. Jon Isom, Financial Advisor handed out Bond information. He explained in detail how the assessed value rate affects the amount of bond proceeds the district receives for each issuance. There was discussion regarding the stadium plans and the synthetic turf and potential damage due to the earth movement that is prevalent in the area. The Board suggested scheduling another community meeting to explain the pending changes to the stadium project since there was discussion about eliminating the synthetic turf and possibly switching the home bleachers back to the north side. After much discussion the Board asked Mr. Isom to put together aggressive and conservative assessed value scenarios for their review as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Anderson handed out and read a letter to the Board expressing his concerns regarding discipline issues at AHS. He gave some suggestions on how to address the situation. Ms. Monohon suggested to Mr. Anderson to create a committee composed of teachers to work on the discipline issues and report back to the Board with a solution. Sergio Grajeda, AHS Senior Vice President apologized to the Board for placing bad comments on the internet regarding the Board not communicating with the community. Mr. Barrera encouraged Sergio to keep attending the meetings so that students communicate to the Board regarding their concerns. Ms. Monohon suggested to Sergio that he speak to the Leadership class and address the discipline problems amongst themselves. Mrs. Alicia Jones clarified Mr. Anderson's comment regarding student's not dressing up for PE. She stated that at least for girls PE, they do dress up.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives: KCES student representatives Wendy Camacho and Taizz Flores reported on current and upcoming activities via SKYPE. AES and AHS student representatives

Angel Magallan and Julian Ponce gave an update on current and upcoming activities in the area of academics, athletics and school activities.

- B. Mr. Sailors – AHS Ag Program: Handed out the AG program plan. Mr. Sailors stated that each year the Ag program receives funding from the state and elaborated on how they use the funding. He explained how the Ag program is improving as far as student participation is concerned. Mr. Hatcher thanked Mr. Sailors for operating a successful program.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Hatcher stated that as a Board member he had three main concerns he feels still need to be addressed and suggested current and upcoming Board members to keep working on them. They are student discipline, collecting student data, and for the district to work on being transparent. Ms. Monohon expressed her concerns regarding the 3rd grade report card as it does not have a place for social studies or science and she finds that unacceptable. She reported the State Board Meeting focused on the Common Core Standards. There are many materials for boards, parents. She suggested the district give out information to students and include them in the on-going planning process regarding common core standards. Ms. Monohon reported she watched recent webinars and attended KCSBA and C&I meetings. She also made two school visits at AES and stated how important it is to receive feedback from schools. Mr. Barrera stated that we need to evaluate whether or not the discipline issue at AHS is with a group of students or greater than that. Finally, he reported that the traffic congestion at TES had greatly improved and thanked Mrs. Cheek for helping with the improvement.
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- absent.
- C. Mrs. Horn – Handed out her report and stated that the district will conduct Instructional Rounds at KCES. Mrs. Horn also reported that AES will be sharing the results of the teacher survey and interviews done by CSU doctoral students. Social studies and science standards are being integrated in lower grades, but not placed in report cards. This mandate is coming from the state.
- D. Dr. East- Reported that the state passed Proposition 30 and 39 promising schools flat funding. He also reported that he is working closely with the fiscal manager to go over our budget. Next Budget meeting will be held on Nov. 27 at 3:30pm. Dr. East also reported that the National School Boards Association is having a conference in April at San Diego and he would like to know if the Board would like to attend. He reported he attended the Drug Store Event at RSMS and thanked all the participants that helped put together this great event. The event was similar to the Every 15 Minutes Program. Dr. East then congratulated Reef-Sunset's Excellence in Ed nominees, Artemiza Leon: School Employee of the Year and Silvia Maldonado: Teacher of the Year. The next Joint City meeting is scheduled for Nov. 26th. Dr. East reported that the district does have a facility maintenance plan in place dated 2009-2014. He also reported that the AGB will be held on Dec. 4th and following that we will have Art Davis work on Strategic Planning on that same day at 3:30pm. He handed out and reported on the common core standards and changes for secondary math instruction and encouraged the Board to review them. Finally, Dr. East went over the district office holiday hours.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. WHC Joint Use Facility for Avenal: Dr. East shared information on his visit with Dr. Gornick. He stated that per Dr. Gornick, it would not be feasible to start constructing the WHC Avenal center as he only has two million dollars of the bond for Avenal. He suggested we look at a joint facilities program, co-locating on or near Avenal High School. There was discussion regarding the WHC Bond and what was promised to the Avenal residents. Dr. East will schedule a follow up meeting with Dr. Gornick and will update the Board.
- B. Future Agenda Items: District wide incentives. Update on standards based report cards.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of October 18, & November 8, 2012
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- E. Interdistrict Transfer Request

Motion by Monohon seconded by Barrera to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to Approve C&I Bylaws:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Monohon to **TABLE** the bylaws.

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- B. First Reading of Updated BP/AR 3580, District Records & AR 4040, Employee Use of Technology:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Hatcher to approve the first reading as presented.

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REPORTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Secretary to the Board