

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2011  
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 7:06 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  
Julian Ponce(student board member)

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2011:**

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Barrera to approve the agenda as amended. *Removed Action Item H.*  
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**PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Student Representatives- TES and AHS student representatives Summer Robbins and Edson Huape, gave an update on current and upcoming activities in the area of academics, athletics and school activities.
- B. Attorney Randy Edwards; Griswold LaSalle – Establishing Trustee Areas- Mr. Edwards briefly discussed the handout regarding the establishment of trustee areas. Attorney Edwards also explained in detail the three alternate maps for the RSUSD trustee areas. He also answered questions from the Board regarding the possibility of revising certain language on the resolution for the boundary plan. Mr. Edwards gave suggestions for leaving the resolution as is.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**RSUSD TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARY PLAN-** Opened for comment at 7:20 pm. Ms. Monohon expressed her concerns regarding the trustee area boundary plan resolution and stated she was going to vote against it. Mr. Edwards explained to the Board that they would have to vote on an alternate map when adopting the resolution. There being no other comments, the hearing adjourned at 7:29 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Anderson expressed his concern regarding discipline at AHS. He encouraged the Board to pursue establishing an on-campus suspension class. The Board expressed their ideas regarding in-house suspension and other alternatives. Ms. Drummond reported that they held their annual fall sports awards banquet last night and shared a program of the event and handed thank you cards to the Board.

**STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Board Members- Mr. Hatcher stated that in his opinion the school district has a poor outlook by the community. He feels we need to be more transparent. Ms. Monohon asked Julian what his thoughts were about the discipline at AHS. Julian commented that more should be done as far as

rules are concerned. Mr. Barrera commented that he would like to see we have more parent meetings so that we can hear what parents have to say. Mr. Barrera attended a senior parent meeting at AHS and stated it was very informative and also heard about a student who has a bad illness and Mr. Barrera asked if as a Board we can show our support. He also attended an MIG workshop on judicial review. Ms. Monohon reported that this is American Education week. She also attended the KCSBA meeting held in Lemoore and reported that the President's Dinner will be in March. Ms. Monohon also reported on the NSBA webinars regarding school boards. Finally she reported that she was impressed with Coalinga high school's journalism class and asked when the Board would be getting a copy of the AHS Buc Newspaper.

- B. Mrs. Cutillo- Handed out her report and reported that the five year fiscal analysis didn't look good. School Services will give them a better idea in January. Mrs. Cutillo also handed out invitations for Verlene's retirement party. Ms. Monohon asked about CHP checking our school buses. Mrs. Cutillo stated that they are checked by the CHP Coalinga station regularly.
- C. Mrs. Horn- Handed out her report and stated that she left out that the ELD Benchmarks were coming after the Thanksgiving break. The standards based report went out to grades K-5. Ms. Monohon recommended we approach the standards based report card in a more user friendly way that can be understood by parents.
- D. Dr. East- Handed out his report. Grants: Dr. East reported that we mailed out the Prop 84 water grant for KCES as well as the SIG grant for AES students. Dr. East will know by late January early February if we will get funded. He commended Mr. Horn for his work in helping complete the grant. Dr. East congratulated KCES for obtaining the clean-campus award. Dr. East will bring a bond proposal in December. He also reported that he will bring policy information regarding records retention that will give the district clear direction on how to deal with email records. Dr. East handed out information from the auditors finding on the Board member health benefit issue. This will be brought back for discussion in December or January. Personnel: Dr. East is investigating and revising job descriptions. We may do better getting this outsourced. We received the petition for Ivy League Charter School and will possibly bring to the Board in December for action on receipt of petition. Dr. East is currently going over the signatures. Mr. Barrera commented his concerns regarding the old AHS marquee.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of October 15, 20, 27, 2011
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Adoption of Houghton Mifflin Medallions - ELD
- E. Adoption of Earth Science Textbook for Avenal High School

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

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#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consider Approval of Resolution 2011: 29, Establishing Board of Trustee Areas:  
*Adding alternate map # 1: Motion by Barrera to approve Alternate Map 1 seconded by Bunch*  
*Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes , Bunch – Yes , Verdugo – Yes*  
*Motion Carried*

Motion by Barrera seconded by Bunch to approve Resolution 2011: 29

Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – No, Bunch – Yes, Verdugo – No

*Motion Carried*

- B. Adoption of Revised BP/AR 6158, Independent Study:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Monohon to approve the adoption as presented.

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C. Consider Possible Change of Warrant Report Process:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Hatcher to approve the warrant report process.

Roll Call Vote: Barrera – No, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes, Bunch – No, Verdugo – No  
*Motion Not Carried*

D. Request to Approve Warrants:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Verdugo to approve the warrants as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Hatcher – No, Monohon – No, Bunch – Yes, Verdugo – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

E. First Reading of Pearson's CA Geometry for Avenal High School:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Verdugo to approve the first reading as presented.

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F. First Reading of Starline Press Curriculum:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the first reading of Starline Press. Curriculum.

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G. Adoption of New Job Description, Fiscal Manager:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the new job description, as presented.

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H. Request to Approve the General Obligation Bond Survey Proposal: **REMOVED**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Educational Options Programs: Dr. East commented that Mrs. VanDerMolen has been working with Rich Villanueva in regards to the educational options program and how they can modify the schedule to better accommodate the students. Mrs. VanDerMolen explained what the plan would be to expand the program. We are looking to bring this to the Board for action in December. Ms. Monohon asked if the Board could get additional information.

B. Future Agenda Items – Educational Options Program proposal, policy regarding expenditures, presentation regarding discipline in regards to suspension data, tardies and Saturday school. Mr. Barrera would like to see more JSO interaction with the parents and this can be reported on the JSO report. Security at the AHS Ag Farm.

REPORTS:

A. Enrollment Report

B. Cafeteria Report

C. JSO Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

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Secretary to the Board

