

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2013
DISTRICT BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

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

Ms. Monohon, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:07 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gail Monohon, President

Jose Barrera, Clerk

Ricardo Verdugo

Leticia Lopez

Chris Collins

Isavel Cancino(*arrived at 7pm and left at 7:46 pm*)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: The board ratified the contract for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2013-14 school year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 25, 2013:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Lopez to approve the agenda as amended. *Added Action Item K.*

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RECOGNITION:

Dr. East, with the help of Ms. Drummond recognized the AHS Academic Decathlon participants with certificates from Assemblymember Rudy Salas office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Casida representing the City Council stated they put together a resolution offering WHC property on Hydril Rd and announced they would offer other outside properties. Mr. Rogers expressed his concerns regarding student discipline at RSMS and district wide retention policy. Mr. Anderson expressed his concerns regarding the need to have more credentialed teachers being part of the athletic program. Mr. Ovalle stated he is still waiting on the community survey that WHC reported they would conduct.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives- TES, AHS and KCES student representatives Carly Carillo, Erica Verdusco, Angel Magallan, Julian Ponce and Wendy Camacho gave an update on current and upcoming school activities. Melissa Figueroa and Maricarmen Figueroa gave an update on the AHS PBIS Team and proudly displayed posters and hand made ribbons for PBIS.

B. Art Davis, Strategic Planning Update- Gave a report on the strategic plan. He explained in detail how the strategic planning committee works to make sure they address the vision, mission and priorities of the Board and how they should be reflected on the goals that happen in the classroom. Dr. East reported they surveyed parents both in English and Spanish.

C. Dr. Frank Gornick, WHC Update- Thanked Mayor Casida for the land offer for the WHC building in Avenal. They want to assess good use of the dollars they have to build the WHC building. Dr. Gornick introduced Mr. Addington, WHC Architect and handed out the Avenal Outreach project analysis booklet and also showed a power point presentation on the project. They hope that shows the level of research and their due diligence. There was a question and answer session. Ms. Monohon suggested that WHC should share the plans with the residents of Avenal by having a series of public meetings. Mrs.

Jones reported that the high school received a grant for \$3,000 to beautify the Avenal High School campus, especially the student store.

D. Claudia Cazares, DELAC Committee Report- Went over the eight suggestions made by the DELAC committee to the Board based on the conversations in their ELAC/DELAC meetings.

E. Tina Smith, AHS PBIS Report- Handed out her PBIS report about the things they have done all year. PBIS focus this year was on fights, drug abuse, gangs and harassment. She reported on the programs that have come about through PBIS and happily stated that they had received the Cal Endowment grant. Mr. Barrera commended Mrs. Smith for her work with PBIS. Mr. Verycrusse reported he uses PBIS methods in his style of teaching. He uses the PBIS behavior contract to run his football program and reported he's finding overall success with PBIS.

F. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives- Tammy Ware and Gloria Chavana from CSEA reported that Classified Employee Week would be celebrated May 20-24. Mrs. Ware also expressed her concerns regarding the classified layoffs due to loss of migrant funds.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Members- Ms. Monohon thanked and recognized the Administrative Professionals, and teachers to be recognized the first week of May for their hard work. Mr. Barrera reported he attended the Family Resource Center meeting and learned that they could be a valuable resource for our schools. He suggested the district contact the center if we would like more parent involvement. He also visited KCES and entered classrooms and was amazed by the classroom technology. He saw classroom management at its best. He also attended the district's Budget meeting. Ms. Lopez reported she attended C&I and as well as Open Houses at RSMS and AHS. Ms. Lopez also stated that this year we will not have CHA Program because housing fell through. Mr. Collins reported he is feeling a lot positive energy and is excited to see the stadium coming along.

B. Business, Mrs. Cutillo- Absent.

C. Curriculum, Mrs. Horn- Went over the summer activities, summer camp and AG programs.

D. Superintendent, Dr. East- Went over board designated ceremonies and asked for Board volunteers. He reported that the Board will have a governance workshop with Luan Rivera on May 18th from 9-3pm. He recognized Silvia Maldonado and Artie Leon for being KCOE Excellence in Education finalists in their categories. He also thanked and recognized administrative professional, teachers, and CSEA employees as well as all our retirees for this year. Dr. East also gave a construction update stating that the plans for lighting were at DSA for approval. Prop 39 oversight committee met on April 15th and elected Jose Yanez as their Chair and Jose Magallan as Vice-Chair. They reviewed their roles and responsibilities with Bond counsel Bill Kadi and agreed to meet on May 13th at 4:30pm to review current fiscal reports. Dr. East also reported that he will convene an Adhoc committee to review coaching policies and practices and develop a working handbook. He also reported that he is listening to what AHS staff had to say at the last board meeting and is incorporating those comments into their needs assessment as they conduct their Principal search. Additionally, Educational Insight Group has conducted a site visit with classroom visitations and stakeholder interviews and will be publishing an assessment of Avenal High which will be used in creating an action plan to implement the Avenal High Ag Career Academy sponsored by Paramount. Dr. East reported he has been working with AHS staff on the logistics for the graduation ceremony that will be held on the baseball field to the south of the stadium. He also reported that there is a conflict with Old Timer's day being on the same day as the TCOE teacher recruitment fair.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of Mar. 21, & April 3, 16, 2013

B. Warrants

C. Personnel Report

D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – (3rd Quarter)

E. Surplus of Old Dell Workstations

F. Request to Approve Class of 2013 Senior Class Trip

G. Milton O. Wilen Award Nominees

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

A. Resolution 2013: 12, Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees and Decision to Rescind Layoff Notices:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 2013: 12 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Monohon – Yes, Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes.

Motion Carried

B. Resolution 2013: 13, Reduction of Classified School Services for the 2013-14 School Year:

Motion by Collins seconded by Verdugo to approve Resolution 2013: 13, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Monohon – Yes, Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes.

Motion Carried

C. Request to Approve the Adoption of the 2013/14 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) AES, KCES, TES & RSMS:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Lopez to approve the SPSA's as presented.

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D. Request to Approve the First Reading of the 2013/14 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for AHS & SHS/Adelante:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Lopez to approve the First Reading as presented.

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E. Adoption of Integrated Math 1 Course Outline for AHS:

Motion by Barrera seconded by Collins to adopt the course outline as presented.

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F. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Lopez to approve the Declaration of Need as presented.

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G. First Reading of the Master Plan for English Learners:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Verdugo to approve the First Reading as presented.

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H. First Reading of High School Expository Reading & Writing Course:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Lopez to approve the First Reading as presented.

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I. Request to Approve the Agreement between Arthur Davis and RSUSD for Independent Consulting Services:

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

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J. Adoption of Updated AR 6184, Continuation Education:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Barrera to adopt updated AR 6184 as presented.

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K. Resolution 2013: 14, Local Control Funding Formula:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 2013: 14, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Monohon – Yes, Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes.

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Possible Schedule for Future Meetings- Ms. Monohon suggested we TABLE this for the May 18th meeting. The Board agreed.

B. Fencing at AHS and RSMS- Dr. East handed out quotes on fencing for these two sites. He went over the sum of \$31,000 to provide fencing at AHS and \$23,000 was the cost for RSMS and \$7,475 for KCES. Mr. Barrera expressed he wasn't too sure that we should provide fencing at the high school, however; he would like to see it at elementary schools. Dr. East will bring back RSMS and KCES fencing for action in May.

C. Little League Field- Dr. East reported that Avenal Little League has disbanded and stated that the district would like to propose to activate that field and use it as a softball facility and provide lighting. Mr. Barrera stated it has so much potential for softball and if Little League comes back they can certainly benefit from it. The Board agreed with the proposed use of the field.

D. Board Bylaw 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement & Other Benefits- Dr. East stated Mr. Collins wondering that if in lieu of benefits he could get compensation. Dr. East did some investigation and a board member would get \$240 a month based on district's ADA. Mr. Barrera suggested the Board bring this back next month for further discussion.

E. Student and Board Conversations- Ms. Monohon passed out a handout regarding conversations between school board members and students and suggested we initiate this.

F. Grant Writing Update- Dr. East reported we did not receive the 21st Century grant for AHS. He is concerned for the level of success with the hired grant writers. We are using CA Consulting and he doesn't plan to work with them further. He will report again in May.

G. AHS Scheduling Update- Ms. Monohon was concerned that too many students are assigned as TA's instead of being enrolled in AP or online classes. Mr. Barrera asked that we get more information before it comes to the Board. Board agreed to have Dr. East address it with high school and report next month.

H. Future Agenda Items- Membership of AGB, duties and responsibilities of department chairs, district communication plan,

REPORTS:

A. Cafeteria Report

B. Attendance Report

C. JSO Report

D. Suspension Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:28 pm.

Secretary to the Board