

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2012
BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

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

Mr. Bunch, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. to The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bunch, Board President
Gail Monohon, Board Clerk
Jose Barrera
Ricardo Verdugo
Bill Hatcher
Isavel Cancino(student Board member)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: The Board approved a leave of absence for employee ID# 20890.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bunch announced that Mr. Hatcher had re-married. Mr. Hatcher then introduced his new wife, Lori Hatcher. Mr. Ovalle asked for translation services for Spanish speaking parents in attendance (Mr. Ruiz provided translation). Mr. Draper thanked the Board and Superintendent for the opportunity to work for Kettleman City students. He stated he always did what he thought was best for his students and is now an educational consultant. Mr. Preciado congratulated Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Draper and he stated he saw a difference in Kettleman City under the administration of Mr. Draper and he wishes Mr. Ruiz the same continuing success.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 16, 2012:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Monohon to approve the agenda as presented.
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APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER / OATH OF OFFICE:

Isavel Cancino was given the oath of office by Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tim Bowers. Ms. Monohon welcomed Isavel and reminded her that she was a full member of the Board and went over the duties and responsibilities of a student board member.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives- AHS student representatives, Julian Ponce, Anahi Arias, Melissa Figueroa, Maricarmen Figueroa, Diana Lopez, Amanda Piere. They didn't have much to report because it was their first day of school. However, Melissa reported that the leadership cabinet met at 6 am to see the sunrise and to start the school year together. It was a way to symbolize that they would start the beginning of their school year together as well as end the year together watching the sunset at their graduation.
- B. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: Tammy Ware, CSEA President reported she attended the CSEA Annual Conference where she was told to congratulate our district for passing our measure with such a high percentage. Mrs. Collins, CTA representative is hoping for a great year.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Hatcher reported he had the opportunity to spend time during the summer at CHA Berkeley House where he taught a painting class through WHC. Mr. Hatcher stated that he was amazed with the counselor's work as well as with Dr. Mellor and Mr. Meyer for running a great program. He hopes the Board continues to support them. Ms. Monohon stated that summer was a good time to catch up on professional reading. She was glad to hear that our administrator's read Covey's "Speed of Trust" as she believes that building trust is a primary issue for them. Ms. Monohon also reported that CSBA policy news had updates on school lunch and common core instruction. She attended professional development at the district and would like teacher input. Ms. Monohon reported on CSBA's Linked-In site as it has good discussions on tools of communication districts can use for communicating with the public. Mr. Barrera reported that it was a good opportunity for the Board to meet and work on strategic planning. He also mentioned that the metaphor that student, Melissa Figueroa had mentioned about the sunrise; beginning the school year on a positive note, tells him something good has happened with our students. He will do everything he can possibly do as a Board member to ensure students have everything they need to succeed in life. He encouraged them to continue to communicate through their student board member, administration or by coming and reporting at board meetings.
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- absent
- C. Mrs. Horn- Reported they will be audited on line by the state this year and handed out a 2011-12 Professional Development review costs sheet.
- D. Dr. East- Passed out his report. He reported on the Board elections coming in November, Area 4- Larry Bunch & Leticia Lopez; Area 5- Pete Barrera Jr. & Chris Collins. Dr. East reported we would follow a similar timeline as we did in the Fall of 2010 with notices for appointment for Area 2. Dr. East reported that we submitted grants with the help of Mrs. VanDermolen and Mrs. Cheek for a literacy grant. We are also trying to submit forestry grants to plant trees. Dr. East also stated that our test results came in. Our preliminary analysis shows mixed results among the sites. Administrative team had a retreat and their focus was on trust building using Covey's "Speed of Trust" presented by Art Davis. They also worked on next steps for the district's initiatives. Dr. East also reported that we would be holding a meeting for a stadium renovation project planning for August 30th at 5:00pm. He also reported that he had met with contractors, BUSH Construction and Oral Micham who specialize in lease-leaseback projects. We will be submitting requests for architects and contractors and construction management next month; they will serve as an advocate for the district. Finally, Dr. East reported he would like some dates scheduled for strategic planning sessions. He would like to hold the strategic planning meetings with school administrators, employees and some Board members. He would like to hold them during school hours if possible. Ms. Monohon suggested schools invite or have people volunteer themselves. She would like a good representation of people attend these strategic planning meetings. Dr. East will get together with Art Davis to come up with dates. Isavel Cancino expressed her concerns regarding the AHS stadium beginning of construction date of February and whether or not the project would be completed by the time of their graduation.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of June 19, 21 & August 2, 2012
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Developer Fee Report for 2011/12

- F. Inter-district Attendance Requests
- G. Obsolete District Computers
- H. Request to Approve FFA Overnight Trip to Magic Mountain for Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2012
Motion by Barrera seconded by Verdugo to approve the consent calendar as amended. *Added 2 interdistrict request forms under Consent Calendar Item F for students Esela Perez – 8th, and Devany Sanchez – 9th.*
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ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consider Solicitation of Solar Financing & Installation Proposals that Achieve the District’s Minimum Savings Objectives: *Rick Brown from TerraVerde presented and briefly explained the action item and answered questions from the Board and public.*
Motion by Barrera seconded by Hatcher to approve the request the proposal as presented.
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- B. Receive Submission of Petition from Avenal-Ivy League College Preparatory Charter Schools:
Motion by Barrera seconded by Verdugo to approve the receipt of submission for the petition as presented. *Public hearing will be held – Sept. 13th at 6pm / Action will be conducted on Oct. 18th.*
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- C. Request to Approve the 2012-13 Agreement between Kings View Counseling Services for Kings County & RSUSD:
Motion by Monohon seconded by Barrera to approve the agreement as presented.
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- D. Consider Proposal for Consulting Services with School Facility Consultants:
Motion by Barrera seconded by Hatcher to approve the proposal as presented.
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- E. Resolution 2012: 12, Child Development Services Contract 2012-13:
Motion by Monohon seconded by Barrera to approve Resolution 2012: 12 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes, Bunch – Yes.
Motion Carried
- F. Resolution 2012: 14, Declaring Intention to Reimburse Expenditures:
Motion by Barrera seconded by Verdugo to approve Resolution 2012: 14 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes, Bunch – Yes.
Motion Carried
- G. Resolution 2012: 15, Canvassing and Certifying Election Results:
Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve Resolution 2012: 14 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes, Bunch – Yes.
Motion Carried
- H. Resolution 2012: 16, Application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District:
Motion by Barrera seconded by Verdugo to approve Resolution 2012: 14 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Barrera – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Hatcher – Yes, Monohon – Yes, Bunch – Yes.
Motion Carried

- I. Request to Approve the Agreement between Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS) and RSUSD for the 2012-13 School Year:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Hatcher to approve the agreement as presented.
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- J. Consider Proposal from School Facility Consultants for Developer Fee Justification Study:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the proposal as presented.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. JSO Officer for Kettleman City Elementary: Dr. East reported that he spoke with Sheriff Putnam who reported that their department was under staffed. Dr. East also spoke with Asst. Chief, Rusty Stivers about possibly having the current JSO service KCES however, Asst. Chief Stivers stated that she was unable to because of the jurisdiction issue. Mr. Ruiz spoke with Officer Ortega and she's willing to do and attend assemblies at KCES. Mr. Barrera expressed his concern about the lack of a JSO at KCES.

B. Professional Development: Dr. East and Mrs. Horn provided a brief summary of some of the initiatives we had last year as well as some professional development contracts. Dr. East went over the list provided by Mrs. Horn. These were all paid for by categorical funds. He reported that the district is continuing with AVID and they are conducting Aeries training. We are analyzing our categorical funding to cut back because we have to proceed with caution. Tammy Ware suggested setting funds aside for classified staff training.

C. School Cameras Functionality and Effectiveness: Dr. East reported that principals depend heavily on cameras to conduct discipline issue. Isavel stated that she didn't think cameras are deterrents however, she believes it helps the administration with their job. Mr. Betteridge stated that they do act as a deterrent at the middle school. He also stated that it acts as an 'eye opener' for parents.

D. Ag Program Funding: Dr. East read the email sent by Mrs. Cutillo regarding the history of Ag program funding. They would like ASB FFA department to start direct purchasing of animals. Mr. Barrera asked that this item be brought back for discussion as far as funding procedures.

E. Future Agenda Items: Athletic coaching contracts, Ag funding procedures.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

