

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2011
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
Julian Ponce

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: The Board scheduled a special board meeting for August 23rd at 6pm concerning negotiations. They also readmitted 7 students from Secondary Community Day School.

Mr. Bunch welcomed County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tim Bowers

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Betteridge informed the board that RSMS received a plaque in recognition because they helped raise \$2,000 for the Pennies for Patients Program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 18, 2011:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Barrera to approve the agenda as amended. *Remove Action Item F & G to be tabled for August 23rd.*

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APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER / OATH OF OFFICE:

Julian Ponce was given the oath of office by Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Tim Bowers. Ms. Monohon welcomed Julian and went over the duties and responsibilities of a student board member.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives- TES and AHS student representatives Steven Rodriguez, Maddysen Caldera and Edson Huape gave a report on current and upcoming school activities.
- B. Chief Amoroso – Introduction of New JSO, Alsie Ortega: Introduced Officer Ortega and stated that she will be available to the students not only as a law enforcement officer but as a role model. Dr. East thanked the APD for their help with the TES traffic congestion. They were prompt to respond and parents were very grateful. Chief Amoroso reported they had completed their community surveys and would share the results with Dr. East and the board. Finally, Chief Amoroso briefly went over the JSO agreement.
- C. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: None

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Hatcher stated he was appointed last month and had to catch up on a lot of book reading - The Brown Act, Becoming a Better Board Member and also read the results of the School Services survey. He thanked Dr. East and Lorena for their guidance. He went over his goals and reported that he has concerns regarding AHS discipline and stated that we need to support our site administrators so they can be more effective in that area. He also went over ideas of maybe starting a charter school and starting in-house suspension. Mr. Barrera reported he is scheduled to attend the next MIG workshop for Sept. 24th. Ms. Monohon welcomed everyone and stated that we not forget that government imposed test score goals are not why we are here. She reported that most parents want their children to get a solid well-rounded education in a setting that is nurturing, caring and encouraging. Ms. Monohon expressed that the reason they were there was to turn out a graduating class of young well rounded adults who are prepared to step into society. She stated that our motto should be "For Every Student, Every Day, Every Classroom is a Good Place to Be".
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- absent
- C. Mrs. Horn- Passed out her report and went over professional development activities. Special Ed: She reported they have hired 4 special ed teachers. Grants: Mrs. Horn reported that we did not receive funding for the EMHI and SIG grant. Academic Events: Mrs. Horn reported that this year they plan to have the Spelling Bee, Peach Blossom, Math Competition and Academic Decathlon. Other Events: Mrs. Horn was excited to announce that we would be bringing the Rachel's Challenge presentations to our schools and for the community. Presentations for Rachel's Challenge are scheduled for August 30th at RSMS and AHS and community assembly.
- D. Dr. East- Passed out his report. He reported that our elementary schools participated in the Soroptomist Child Spree program which gives students money to go on a shopping spree at JC Penny. Waste Management helped out by sponsoring some kids from KCES. He thanked all the staff who helped out with this event. Dr. East also reported that our test scores went up. AHS received the WASC 2-year accreditation. Also, staff came back on Monday to a Welcome Back breakfast. He also reminded board members about the KCSBA/ACSA Fall Conference scheduled for September 29th; Art Davis will be presenting at the conference. Ms. Monohon reported they are having a board member round table discussion at the conference as well. Dr. East reported that he was in contact with CSBA and they were going to produce a revised BP 3100. We will bring that back when we obtain it from CSBA. Dr. East invited everyone to join our RSUSD Facebook page. He also reported that our student information AERIES program was online too. Parents will now have access to a parent portal to look at their student's grades and attendance. Dr. East reported that he is currently working with KCOE staff to get kids in Avenal low cost or possibly free Internet service. He also reported that AHS auditorium now has a movie theater sized screen, therefore, prepared for the Rachel's Challenge presentations. Ms. Monohon asked how we were promoting Rachel's Challenge and Dr. East stated that we have a group that is working with the school's and Mrs. Horn will contact the City about advertising Rachel's Challenge on their new downtown electronic marquee. Mr. Barrera commented that the good news shared by Dr. East regarding our test scores is a breath of fresh air. He thanked everyone involved with our students' education and also thanked the students as well for all their efforts and hard work.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of June 16 & July 7, 2011
- B. Warrants(*removed to vote on separately*)
- C. Personnel Report

- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Developer Fee Report for 2010/11
- F. Inter-district Attendance Requests
- G. Donation of Obsolete Lathes to West Hills College
- H. Obsolete Items from the District Office Complex

There was discussion regarding Consent Calendar Item H. Mr. Verdugo requested for future obsolete item list we place why they are obsolete. Other board members shared ideas about how we can have other teachers use the discarded material; however Mrs. Vandermolen stated that the obsolete equipment/material are basically items that are not in good condition.

Ms. Monohon asked that Consent Calendar B – (Warrants) be moved at the end of the consent calendar and be voted for separately. There was extensive discussion regarding the way warrants are presented to the board. Dr. East asked the board to allow him to do further investigation regarding the warrants and will present this next month.

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Barrera to remove item B per Ms. Monohon's request to vote on this item separately and to approve the Consent Calendar with the following amendments: *Revised minutes of June 16th, Personnel Report: added Melanie Ruano to the resignation layoff as of August 1 and pulled pgs. 96 & 97(inter-district transfers submitted by Mrs. Flores & Mrs. Nieto).*

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

Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Calendar:

- B. Warrants

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

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to Approve the 2011/12 JSO Agreement:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Barera to approve the JSO agreement as presented.

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- B. Resolution 2010: 21, Child Development Services Contract 2010-11:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Verdugo to approve Resolution 2010: 21 as presented.

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve the 2011-12 Agreement between Kings View Counseling Services for Kings County & RSUSD:

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

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the Certification of Signatures:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Hatcher to approve the Certification of Signatures as presented.

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- E. Approval of 2011-12 SARB Agreement:

Motion by Monohon seconded by Hatcher to approve the 2011-12 SARB agreement as presented.

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- F. Ratification of WKCTA Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Period of 2010-13:
Removed and TABLED for August 23rd because the Board would like to review language updates as they were not included in their backup materials.
- G. Ratification of CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Period of 2010-13:
Removed and TABLED for August 23rd because the Board would like to review language updates as they were not included in their backup materials.
- H. Consider Approval of WorldSolar Tec Professional Services Agreement:
Motion by Monohon seconded by Verdugo to TABLE item for next month.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. 2011/12 Budget Review- Dr. East handed out and read Mrs. Cutillo's memo from Steve Corl, Asst. Superintendent of Business from KCOE in regards to the Governor's budget and AB 114 requirements. Dr. East read the memo where it stated districts should proceed with caution regarding the budget. Dr. East also provided a general fund summary based on no ADA cuts. He believes that the amount there is enough to withstand a mid-year cut. We will know in November whether or not we will have those mid-year cuts. Dr. East reported that this would be a good opportunity to increase the reserve so we can continue to meet payroll. Dr. East went over his memo regarding the planning/input process for budget cuts thus far used to develop our 2nd interim report. Ms. Monohon thanked Dr. East for his report but asked for a more complete and detailed report. She asked that the budget committee meet ASAP so that Mrs. Cutillo and Dr. East can give a more accurate budget report.
- B. Schedule Board Study Session – Board Goal Setting & Organizational Structure: Dr. East handed out CSBA governance consultant service information. He believes the Board would benefit from a facilitator consultant to come to Avenal and conduct a Board development workshop. Ms. Monohon asked that we can put this on for discussion for the scheduled special meeting on August 23rd. Finally, Dr. East handed out a list of duties of the Human Resource department so that the board can be clear as to the current transition that has been made at the district in regards to the organizational structure.
- C. Dance attendance policy at AHS - Ms. Monohon stated it should have been discipline policy not dance policy. She went over BP 5144.1 pg. 6 where it specifies the discipline policy. She would like to employ a certificated person and develop an on-campus suspension classroom. She would like to see us follow that policy and establish the classroom. Mr. Hatcher also shared his ideas of having an on-campus suspension classroom. Dr. East will look into other schools for on-campus models. Mrs. Horn reported that the AHS will join the PBIS cohort to help with discipline issues. In the meantime, we need to have discipline procedures in place to eliminate expulsions and discipline in school offices. Mr. Ruiz clarified that the reason the dance attendance policy was placed on the agenda was because it was brought up by a board member at the June meeting.
- D. Future Agenda Items- WorldSolar Tec presentation, discussion on discipline policy, Special meeting – August 23rd, board development workshop and report on the warrants.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

