

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015  
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. Verdugo, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. to The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:05 p.m. and Mr. Verdugo led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ricardo Verdugo, Board President  
Leticia Lopez, Board Clerk  
Chris Collins  
Claudia Cazares  
Enrique Jimenez

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Community member, Gail Monohon reported that the US Department of Education had published parent engagement tools. She also reported on the various online webinars. She expressed that communication remains a number one priority in our school system.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 20, 2015:**

Motion by Lopez seconded by Collins to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

**PUBLIC HEARING SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:**

Dr. East explained that this was a yearly public hearing to comply with the Williams Act. Hearing opened for comment at 6:11p.m. Community member, Gail Monohon asked questions regarding the library system and student materials. Dr. East and Mr. Horn clarified that students have their instructional materials and the library server was restored. Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Micky Yocum – RSUSD Prevention Intervention & Health Services Update: Showed a power point presentation of services provided by the Prevention Intervention Specialist, Mina Vadeabella to RSUSD students as well as consultations with parents and staff. Tina Jimenez, District Nurse showed a power point presentation and reviewed her job duties and services rendered last year.
- B. Cecilio Barrera – Waste Management Environmental Science Academy: Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Barrera showed a power point presentation. Mr. Ruiz stated that his goal is to start the Waste Management academy and prepare high school students for high skilled jobs. They will be able to earn college credits through West Hills College. Students in the Waste Management Environmental Science Academy will also be able to earn safety certifications. Mr. Barrera reported that Waste Management would like to expose students to different careers such as environmental consulting, information technology, etc.
- C. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: None

#### STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Jimenez wished staff a great school year. Ms. Cazares welcomed everyone back and reported that she attended the KCES Back to School night. Mr. Collins expressed his support for the district nurse and our student wellness programs. Ms. Lopez reported she spoke to some of the librarians about the library system crashing but found out that everything was taken care of. Ms. Lopez also reported that she is working on getting more health services to come to Avenal and help the community. Mr. Verdugo welcomed everyone back to another great school year.
- B. Mrs. Cutillo- Reported that the maintenance department is doing better with the new hire. However, the district will need to hire another skilled person to be added to their department. The technology department was busy upgrading the library program *Destiny*. Finally, Mrs. Cutillo reported on the increased LCFE funding and one time allocations.
- C. Mr. Horn- Congratulated our hard working staff. RSMS hosted ELA/ELD frameworks; AHS/RSMS attended AVID training in San Diego during the summer. He reviewed all the August trainings for certificated staff. Finally, Mr. Horn reviewed the upcoming September trainings such as BTSA, IReady, Math and ELA-ELD trainings for different grade levels.
- D. Dr. East- Welcomed Dr. Katherine Reddick, new KCES Principal. Dr. East provided the board with a list of seniority milestones and recognized Mr. Anderson, who was present for his twenty years of service. Dr. East reported that the City approached him as they would like to resume the Joint City meetings. They would like to meet quarterly, starting September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Avenal Theater. Dr. East will confirm with the City Manager on the exact date. Dr. East reviewed the Summer School recap; programs involved about 800 students. He also discussed the Preliminary CAASP report. Dr. East reviewed the suspension and expulsion data and expressed he was excited to report that there was a 50% drop in fights and defiance. He correlates this to PBIS and restorative justice practices. Dr. East also reported on the literacy grant through the Fresno Regional Foundation. The district applied but was not selected. However, the district has started adult ESL classes in Kettleman City that we could fund locally but would need to discuss at LCAP Advisory. Lastly, Dr. East reported that the first LCAP Advisory meeting in coordination with C&I will be held Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of June 11, 18 & July 21, 2015
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Developer Fee Report for 2014/15
- F. Inter-district Attendance Request
- G. 2015-16 Consolidated Application

Motion by Collins seconded by Cazares to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Discuss and Approve Response to the Kings County Grand Jury Final Report 2014-15 Regarding Avenal High School:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Jimenez to approve the response as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

B. Discuss and Approve Response to the Kings County Grand Jury Final Report 2014-15  
Regarding Reef-Sunset Unified School District:

Motion by Jimenez seconded by Cazares to approve the response as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

C. Discuss and Approve Resolution 2015: 16, Sufficiency of Materials:

Motion by Collins seconded by Lopez to approve Resolution 2015: 16, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

D. Request to Approve the 2015-16 Contract between RSUSD and KC Educational  
Solutions for Professional Development Services:

Motion by Collins seconded by Jimenez to approve the contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

E. First Reading of New/Updated July 2015 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Collins approve the first reading as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

F. Request to Approve the Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for 2015-16:

Motion by Collins seconded by Jimenez to approve the SPSA's as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

G. Intent to Employ a Teacher on a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP):

Motion by Collins seconded by Cazares to approve the PIP as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

H. Request to Approve the SARB Agreement for 2015-16:

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

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

I. Variable Term Waiver Request:

Motion by Lopez seconded by Collins to approve the request as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Verdugo – Yes, Lopez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Cazares– Yes, Jimenez – Yes.

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Facilities Master Plan Update: Dr. East shared a draft facilities master plan put together by Ken Reynolds from Schoolworks. Dr. East shared the facilities needs summary. He will bring this item back to discuss the finalized facilities master plan.

B. School Grade Level Configurations for 2016-17: Dr. East informed the board that Tamarack Elementary School (TES) was at its capacity in regards to students. He reported that he was aware that an 80 unit apartment building would be built on Corcoran Street which will more than likely cause an overflow of students at TES. Dr. East stated that keeping siblings together is a priority for the district. This will be brought back in February for further discussion.

C. Future Agenda Items: Discuss the GATE program at elementary levels, athletic director position, and finalized facility master plan.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board