

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
DISTRICT BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A special 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.

Mr. Bunch, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bunch, President

Gail Monohon, Clerk

Jose Barrera

Ricardo Verdugo

Bill Hatcher

Isavel Cancino(student Board member)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Mr. Ruiz, KCES Principal provided translation

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Discuss and Determine the Level of Support for the Avenal-Ivy League College Preparatory Charter School Petition per Education Code 47605:

Opened for comment at 6:08 pm. Dr. Austin was given the opportunity to present the Avenal-Ivy League petition and he briefly explained what his charter school is and what they would offer. Mr. Ovalle asked the Board to keep in mind that parents need a choice and advocated for the charter school. Mr. Preciado expressed his support for the charter school. Richard Valle, Kings Co. Board of Supervisors expressed his support of the charter school and the concept of giving Avenal and Kettleman City students an option to choose. He stated he viewed the charter school as another resource. Parent Graciela Vargas was in support of the charter school and expressed that students would have a choice or opportunity of attending another school. Cecilio Barrera from Waste Management stated he was in favor of the Ivy League school as he felt it was a win-win situation for everyone. Parent Crystal Garcia stated she felt the charter school would make Avenal prosper and students would have more choices. Parents Marcos Serrano, Luis Vega, Imelda Rivera, Angela Valenzuela and Gibrat Rodriguez also expressed their experiences, interest and support for the charter school. Parent Obdulia Barboza had concerns about the accreditation of the high school. Ms. Drummond cleared the misunderstanding stating that AHS is an accredited school. Parent/teacher Mr. McGee asked if this was the only hearing to be held regarding the charter school as he felt it was not well advertised, otherwise Avenal schools would have more support. The Board and Superintendent then asked questions of Dr. Austin regarding his plan to provide school lunches, nursing, special ed services, etc. Ms. Monohon asked Dr. Austin if parents were informed of the content of his proposal and if it was written in Spanish for the non-English speaking parents. Mr. Barrera expressed his appreciation to the parents who attended the meeting. Closed at 7:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Secretary to the Board

