

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2015– 5:00 P.M.
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.

Ricardo Verdugo, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:06 p.m. by Mr. Verdugo who led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ricardo Verdugo, President
Leticia Lopez, Clerk
Chris Collins
Enrique Jimenez
Claudia Cazares(absent)
Edwin Martinez, Student Board Member(absent)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

OATH OF OFFICE: None

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Dr. East, Superintendent acted as secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT FOR 2016: Collins nominated Verdugo for the office of President, seconded by Lopez. By Roll Call Vote: Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Cazares – Absent, Verdugo was appointed to serve as President of the Board for the year 2016.

CLERK FOR 2016: Verdugo nominated Lopez for the office of Clerk, seconded by Jimenez. By Roll Call Vote: Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Cazares – Absent, Lopez was appointed to serve as Clerk of the Board for the year 2016.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR 2016:

Motion by Verdugo seconded by Lopez to appoint Dr. East as Secretary to the Board for 2016. By Roll Call Vote: Lopez – Yes, Jimenez – Yes, Collins – Yes, Verdugo – Yes, Cazares – Absent, Dr. East was appointed to serve as Secretary of the Board for the year 2016.

ESTABLISHMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS FOR 2016:

Motion by Jimenez seconded by Lopez to approve the meeting calendar as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Assignment of committee representatives:

1. KCSBA- Ms. Cazares
2. C & I / LCAP / Budget- Ms. Lopez / Mr. Verdugo
3. Alternative Governance- Mr. Collins / Mr. Jimenez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 10, 2015:

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

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RECOGNITION: The Board and Dr. East recognized Coach Vallem and the Cross Country team with a plaque and medals. The AHS Football team was absent.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives – AHS, AES and TES student representatives Genevieve Araiza, Aiden Price and Briana Padilla gave an update on current and upcoming school activities.
- B. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives – None

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members: Mr. Jimenez reported that he visited TES and was impressed with the new playground structure. Mr. Collins reported that he attended the Joint City meeting. Council and Board members came up with a plan to remove the pigeon infested building at AES. Ms. Lopez reported on ESA, new legislation that replaced NCLB. She stated she felt the district was moving in the right direction in regards to Common Core.
- B. Business Manager: Mrs. Cutillo- Reported the business department was doing the Toys for Tots with the help of Avenal State Prison staff - Dec. 21 in the board room. She acknowledged Mr. Cobine and his staff for their work in completing the TES playground structure. Finally, Mrs. Cutillo reported she contacted FCMAT and found out that they do not have the capacity for salary studies, but School Services of CA does. She will bring both proposals next month so the board can decide how to proceed.
- C. Curriculum: Mr. Horn- Reported he held a DELAC where he reviewed SBAC scores and discussed Common Core Math. Mr. Horn also reported that AHS held an LCAP meeting where parents asked for a full time nurse to address the needs of the students. Finally, Mr. Horn reported he will present SBAC results at the January board meeting.
- D. Superintendent: Dr. East- Reported that the WHC Joint facility presentation will be postponed until next month. One item the board may need to start considering is the naming of the facility. Dr. East also reported that the district received a grant for the sum of \$290,000 to receive bottled water for AES. We currently purchase water from LCFE funds, so this will allow the district to spend water money on other services. He stated that TES will hold a parent LCAP meeting on Feb. 1st at 6pm. Also, at that meeting they will discuss enrollment caps at TES and AES. Finally, Dr. East reported that the district was checking with Caltrans regarding the possibility of adding a crosswalk on Skyline Blvd.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of November 19, 2015
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report

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

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. 1st Interim Report:

Motion by Collins seconded by Jimenez to approve the 1st interim report with a positive certification.

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

Preferential Vote: Araiza – Yes

Motion Carried

- B. Certification of Signatures:

Motion by Jimenez seconded by Lopez to approve the certification of signatures as presented.

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

Motion Carried

- C. Adoption of New Job Description, Internet Help Desk Specialist:

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

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the Agreement between RSUSD and School Services of California, Inc.:

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

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

Motion Carried

E. First Reading of Updated AR 1330, Use of School Facilities:

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

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

Motion Carried

F. Adoption of Updated October 2015 Board Policies/Administrative Regulations:

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

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

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. GATE Update: Mr. Yocum reported that LCFF took over and the LEA's now have a say on how they spend GATE funds. Mr. Yocum reviewed various options discussed with administration. After much discussion, the board decided Principals discuss GATE options with teachers and parents.

B. District Communication Audit: Dr. East put together a matrix of the district's current communication practices. He discussed methods implemented. He feels we communicate as best we can and found out that the most effective form to communicate to parents is through Schoolmessenger. Various ways of parent engagement were discussed.

C. KCES Improvements / Waste Management Funds: Dr. East handed out a report on the Waste Management funds. He reported that on April 16, 2015 Waste Management donated \$450,000 to RSUSD. The Local Assessment Committee (LAC) developed the idea and stated that the funds be used for the installation and/or construction of a walking track, soccer field lighting, pavilion, and parking lot on the grounds of the Kettleman City Elementary School. Dr. East stated that the district will have an architect look at the site to see how we should proceed, but there are no timelines. The board concluded that they would like to move forward as soon as possible with this project.

D. Warrant Information: Dr. East gave some history regarding warrant information requests and previous suggestions. He asked the board for direction. Additional suggestions were discussed. After much discussion the board decided to post the pre-list the day after the board meeting for transparency. Pre-lists will be posted in January.

E. Future Agenda Items: Gift card report for February.

REPORTS:

A. Enrollment Report

B. Cafeteria Report

C. JSO Report

D. Suspension Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Secretary to the Board