

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 12, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Calipatria Unified School District met in Regular Session this date at the Grace Smith School Multipurpose Building located at 9 E. 4th Street, Niland, California.

Present: Edgar R. Self, President
Patty Dockstader, Clerk
Marcia A. Carter
Michael Fong
Augustine Sadorra
Glenn B. Sampson
Holly Widmann

Absent:

Others Douglas T. Kline, Supt.
Present: Betty J. Raceles, Adm. Asst.

182. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Trustee Self, President of the Board. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Fong.

183. APPOINT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD BY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

(Traditionally the Superintendent is named)

Trustee Self named Superintendent Douglas Kline as Secretary of the Board.

184. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public.

REPORTS

185. Student Recognition

It is recommended that the Board recognize the following student(s) in recognition of special achievement: **1st Annual MESA Mindstorms NXT Robotics Competition Winners**
2nd Place Winners-Calipatria High School: Luis Angel Garcia, Luis Torres, Chris Bermejo, Victor Zamorano, Steven Valdez, Eric Sanchez, Gabriela Juarez, Daniel Vasquez, Gerardo Roman.
Ms. Calsada-Medina explained that this was the first year the high school had been able to maintain a strong interest in this program with the students. Building on successes in the Middle School, the students did very well in this 1st Annual Competition. Mr. Rosales, this year's advisor, has attracted students with his enthusiasm for the program.

186. Superintendent's Report

Douglas T. Kline

It is recommended that the Board receive the Superintendent's Report as informational

1. CDE December 2008 Highlights

Mr. Kline reported that Mrs. Wigg's absence from the meeting was because she would be attending tomorrow morning's session of School Service's Budget Workshop in Long Beach. He would be attending the afternoon session. We are being told to expect mid-year cuts, but with flexibility in spending categorical money. The Governor hopes to adopt an historic 18 month budget to carry the state through the end of the 09-10 fiscal year. Trustee Sadorra asked about rumors that 5 days would be cut from the school year. Mr. Kline doesn't think that would be approved, but nothing is final.

187. Assoc. Superintendent's Report

Angelita V.Ortiz

It is recommended that the Board receive the Assoc. Supt's Report as informational

1. Report
2. 2007-08 Annual Report Needs Assessment
3. 2007-08 California Physical fitness Report
4. NFRC 7th Annual Family & children's Health Fair
5. DELAC Report

The Board accepted the reports as information.

188. Principal's Reports Ref. IV D

It is recommended that the Board receive the reports as informational

1. Grace Smith Elementary
2. Fremont Primary
3. Young Middle School
4. Calipatria High School
5. Counseling Report

Mrs. Casey reported that Fremont Primary's 1st Grade was awarded the Target Field Trip Grant. The application was submitted by Mrs. Gutierrez.

189. ASB Report

It is recommended that the Board hear a report from the CHS ASB representative
There was no ASB Report.

190. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints Ref. IV F

It is recommended that the Board receive a report on the following general subject areas for any school within the district during the quarter ending December 2008:

- Textbooks and Instructional Materials: No complaints filed
- Teacher Vacancy or Misassignments: No complaints filed
- Facilities Conditions: No complaints filed
- CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services: No complaints filed

The Board received the report as information.

191. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote.

A. Approval of Minutes

Ref. V A

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2008 and the special called meeting of December 15, 2008, submitted as Ref. V A(1-8).

B. Personnel

Ref. V B

It is recommended that the Board approve Personnel Action, submitted as Ref. V B.

C. Approve Financial Reports

1. Cash Flow Ref. V C 1
2. Revolving Cash Ref. V C 2
3. Developer Fees Ref. V C 3
4. CHS ASB Accounts Ref. V C 4

D. Approve Purchase Orders

Ref. V D

It is recommended that the Board approve purchase order numbers: 090689 through 090818, submitted as Ref. V D(1-6)

E. Ratify Commercial Warrant Registers

Available

It is recommended that the Board ratify commercial warrant register numbers: #21, #22, #23.

F. Approve Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Ref. V F

It is recommended that the Board approve the breakfast and lunch menus, submitted as Ref. V F(1-3)

BUSINESS

192. Board Representation on SARB Panel-Discussion/Action

It is recommended that Board Members select members to serve on the District SARB Panel
Current members: Patty Dockstader and Holly Widmann

A motion to discuss was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote. Trustee Sampson asked whether both members were willing to continue and both were willing to continue. A motion to retain Trustees Dockstader and Widmann as SARB Panel members was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Sampson and passed with a unanimous vote.

193. Swimming Pool Funding Ref. VI B
It is recommended that the Board review, discuss, and, as necessary, take action to secure interim funding for the Swimming Pool Project
- CSBA Flex Funding Certificates of Participation (COP) financing
 - CFW Certificates of Participation (COP) financing
- A motion to discuss was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Kline reported that the district had received information from two different companies on interim funding secured through Certificates of Participation (COP). This involves transferring school property to a non-profit or JPA corporation who enters into a lease agreement with the district, selling bonds to investors for construction projects. Annual lease payments are made by the district to the non-profit, who, in turn, makes payments back to the investors. Upon final payment of the debt obligation, the school property is transferred back to the district. Mr. Kline also reported that he had talked to Rom Medina of the City of Calipatria. The city will include the unfunded portion of the pool in its Infrastructure Stimulus Package application. Trustee Fong had questions regarding how payments are made to the Contractor, saying that the district should only “draw” the borrowed funds as needed. He also thanked Mr. Kline for his efforts in securing funding options.
194. Adopt Resolution: Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims Ref. VI C
It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution: Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims. Resolution, Waiver and Background materials submitted as Ref. VI C(1-11).
This settlement is in response to a lawsuit brought about by the San Diego Unified School District and Butte and San Joaquin County Offices of Education regarding unfunded mandates imposed by regulations adopted by the State Board of Education in 1993. The Settlement would bring an increase to AB 602 funding beginning in 2010-11 and distribute money to districts and county offices for prior year costs. A motion to adopt Resolution and agree to waive future claims was made by Trustee Dockstader and seconded by Trustee Carter. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote as reflected by Roll Call Vote: Carter-aye, Dockstader-aye, Fong-aye, Sadorra-aye, Sampson-aye, Self-aye, Widmann-aye.
195. Approve Middle and High School Supplemental School Counseling Program Ref. VI D
It is recommended that the Board approve the Middle and High School supplemental School Counseling Program, submitted as Ref. VI D(1-5).
Mrs. Ortiz explained that funding was used to hire an additional counselor, Mr. Shaw. All counselors have reviewed the program and know the requirements, which include meeting with all parents and students regarding progress toward achieving a high school diploma and additional services for *at risk* students. Each counselor is required to address all components of the program. Mrs. Ortiz also reported that this program may be cut from the state budget. The State will be looking at evidence that the program is meeting expectations. A motion to approve the Middle and High School Supplemental School Counseling Program was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
196. Amend AR 3311 Bids to Reflect Annual Adjustment to Bid Threshold for Contracts Awarded by School Districts Ref. VI E
It is recommended that the Board amend Administrative Regulation 3311 Bids to reflect the annual adjustment to Bid Threshold for contracts awarded by school districts. Effective January 1, 2009 the amount changed from \$72,400 to \$76,700 for the 2009 calendar year. Information submitted as Ref. VI E(1-3)
A motion to amend AR 3311 to reflect the annual adjustment, increasing the bid threshold from \$72,400 to \$76,700 beginning January 1, 2009, was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote.

197. Amend BP 5131.5 Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti to Reflect Annual Adjustment to Liability Limit of Parent or Guardian for Willful Pupil Misconduct Ref. VI F
 It is recommended that the Board amend Board Policy 5131.5 Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti to reflect the annual adjustment to Liability Limit of Parent or Guardian for Willful Pupil Misconduct. Parent/Guardian limit of liability for damages and liability for any reward adjusted from \$15,693 to \$16,650 for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Information submitted as Ref. VI F.
 A motion to amend BP 5131.5 to reflect the annual adjustment to the liability of parents/guardians for willful pupil misconduct and liability for any rewards from \$15,693 to \$16,650 for the 2008-09 school year was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
198. Interdistrict Attendance Petitions Ref. VI G
 It is recommended that the Board consider the following petitions for Interdistrict attendance:
 1. Enrique Tolentino - Brawley Union High School to Calipatria - To graduate with classmates
 2. Jacob Torres - Calipatria to Mulberry - No room in 2nd grade at Fremont Primary
 3. Damian Torres - Calipatria to Mulberry - To attend same school as sibling (above)
 A motion to discuss was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote. Mrs. Calsada-Medina asked the Board to deny the request of Enrique Tolentino. The student has disenrolled from the high school. Mr. Kline reported that he had met with the parents of the students requesting attendance at Mulberry. They were unwilling to consider enrolling both students at Grace Smith. Trustee Sampson was not in favor of approving the petitions because there is room at the Niland school. Trustee Fong disagreed, saying that the Board had consistently approved Interdistrict petitions for a variety of reasons and should be consistent in allowing students to attend the school or district of their choice. A motion was made by Trustee Sadorra to deny Request #1 and approve Requests #2 and #3. The motion was seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay. Trustee Sampson voted no.
199. Approve 2008-09 Consolidated Application Available
 It is recommended that the Board approve the 2008-09 Consolidated Application (Parts I and II). Copies are available to the public for viewing at the Superintendent's Office, 501 W. Main Street, Calipatria, CA during normal business hours.
 A motion to approve the 2008-09 Consolidated Application was made by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
200. Adopt Revised Exhibit 5148.2 Before/After School Programs Early Release and Modified Attendance Authorization Form Ref. VI I
 It is recommended that the Board adopt revised Exhibit 5148.2 Before/After School Programs Early Release and Modified Attendance Authorization Form, submitted as Ref. VI I.
 A motion to adopt revised Exhibit 5148.2 Early Release and Modified Attendance Authorization was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Sampson and passed with a unanimous vote.
201. Review and Accept 2007-08 Financial Audit Report Available
 It is recommended that the Board review and accept the 2007-08 Financial Audit Report. The report is available to the public for viewing at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.
 A motion to accept the 2007-08 Financial Audit Report was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Sampson and passed with a unanimous vote.
202. Approve Certification of Corrective Action 2007-08 Audit Finding 2008-1 After School Education and Safety Program-After School Component Ref. V K
 It is recommended that the Board approve Certification of Correction Action Audit Finding #2008-1: After School Education and Safety Program After School Component as referenced on page 55 of the 2007-8 Financial Audit Report.
 Corrective Action: The early release policy for the ASES program has been revised to include the necessary language. The district has purchased and has begun using an automated computer software program to track attendance for 2008-2009. Parent notices and brochures have been revised to include more specific information about the ASES program. Documentation submitted as Ref. VI K(1-6).

A motion to approve Certification of Corrective Action 2007-08 Audit Finding 2008-1 was made by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote.

203. A motion to adjourn to a Closed Session was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 8: 15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations/Collective Bargaining, pursuant to Govt Code 54957.6

1. Directions for Negotiations: CUTA

204. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS/Action from Closed Session

The meeting reconvened to an Open Session at 9: 32 p.m. There was no action reported from the Closed Session.

205. BOARD DISCUSSION

Trustee Self asked the Board whether there was need for further action on changing the beginning time for regular meetings, saying he is okay with keeping the meeting time at 7:30, but suggests that the a closed session be scheduled at the beginning of the meetings when action on student discipline is needed. The Board would like to take action of the issue at the February meeting.

206. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Self, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas T. Kline, Secretary

APPROVED AND ENTERED INTO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT THIS DAY

Date

Patty Dockstader, Clerk of the Board