

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALIPATRIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 9, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Calipatria Unified School District met in Regular Session this date in the Board Room located at 501 West Main Street, Calipatria, California.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Douglas T. Kline, Supt.
Betty J. Raceles, Adm. Asst.
Lori Wigg, Business Manager

234. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

235. PUBLIC FORUM

Alicia Garcia, CUTA President, reminded the Board about the upcoming school site council training being offered by Uniserve. The workshop will be Tuesday, March 10, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Fremont Primary. Mrs. Carter commended Grace Smith School on its "Academy Award" style Red Carpet Awards Assembly, saying it was a very fun and unique assembly. Mrs. Aleksick presented photos of the "shining stars" to the Board. Trustee Widmann read an excerpt of a letter written by her daughter, Gretchen Whannel, to the Board. The letter thanked Mr. Derma, Mr. Vega, Ms. Jimenez, and Ms. Sullivan for their support and assistance to struggling students.

236. Public Notice/Sunshining of Initial Proposal - CSEA

Ref. III

All initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization which relate to matters within the scope of representation shall be presented at a public Board meeting and shall thereafter be public records. (Government Code 3547). The Initial Proposal from CSEA Chapter 393 to the Calipatria Unified School District is hereby presented for Public Notice.

REPORTS

237. Student Recognition

Ref. IV A

CHS Hornet Drum Line: Eddie Escalon, Esteban Franco, Jesus Gallegos, Isaac Linares, Ismael Rodriguez, Dylan Walker, Jose Zarate.

The members of the drum line were presented by Mrs. Self, ASB Advisor, who also thanked Margie Pizano for her assistance with helping these students prepare for High School Madness at the Mid-Winter Fair. Ms. Calsada also presented the group with a trophy, awarded by the High School Madness judges, for best new drum line. The students have taken it upon themselves to recruit and support members for next year's drum line.

238. Superintendent's Report

Ref. IV B

It is recommended that the Board receive the following as informational:

1. CDE February 2009 Highlights
2. Letter from ICOE regarding First Interim Report
3. Kindergarten Enrollment: If parents chose to enroll children in kindergarten, districts must admit them at the beginning of the school year (or whenever they move into a district) if they will be five years of age on or before December 2 of the school year. (Source: CDE- Kindergarten in California)

Mr. Kline commented on Jack O'Connell's message, saying that it is time to stop complaining about the economy and , instead, focus on the job of continuing to provide the best education for our students with the resources available. He also commented on recent concerns about the immaturity of four year olds entering kindergarten. The law states that students who will be five years of age on or before December 2 shall be admitted to kindergarten. However, once enrolled, they are expected to attend on a regular basis and are subject to the SARB.

239. Associate Superintendent's Report Ref. IV C

It is recommended that the Board receive the following as informational

1. Written Report
2. Family & Children's Health Fair – March 18 1:30 - 3:30 at NFRC

The report was received as information.

240. Principals' Reports Ref. IV D

It is recommended that the Board receive reports from the school sites as informational

1. Fremont Primary
2. Grace Smith Elementary
3. Bill Young Middle School
4. Calipatria High School

The reports were received as information.

241. Calipatria High School Counselor's Report Ref. IV E

It is recommended that the Board receive the report as information.

The report was received as information.

242. ASB Report

It is recommended that the Board receive a report from ASB as information.

Eddie Escalon reported on recent and upcoming ASB activities and events. Mr. Mendoza reported on FFA Livestock Fair results.

243. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Carter 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 February 10, 2009, submitted as ref. V A(1-6).

B. Personnel Action Ref. V B

It is recommended that the Board approve Personnel Action, presented in Reference V B.

C. Approve Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Financial Reports, presented as referenced.

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| 1. Cash Flow | Ref. V C 1 |
| 2. Revolving Cash | Ref. V C 2 |
| 3. Developer Fees | Ref. V C 3 |
| 4. ASB Financial | Not Available |

- D. Approve Purchase Orders Ref. V D
It is recommended that the Board approve purchase order numbers: 090949 through 091078, submitted as Ref. V D(1-5).
- E. Ratify Commercial Warrant Registers Available
It is recommended that the Board ratify commercial warrant register numbers: #28, #29, #30.
- F. Approve Menus Ref. V F
It is recommended that the Board approve the menus submitted as Ref. V F(1-3)

BUSINESS

244. General Obligation Bond Tax Rate Extension Abel Guillen, CFW
It is recommended that the Board hear information from Abel Guillen of Caldwell, Flores & Winters on a Tax Rate Extension for financing future school facility improvements.
Mr. Guillen presented the Board with information on the possibility of securing additional funding for capital improvements through general obligation bonds. The district has a current bonding capacity of \$5.4 million. With a waiver from the State, the district could raise up to \$7.0 million through voter approval.
- Option 1 assumes that new geothermal and alternative energy plants will triple the district's assessed value. Under Prop 39 regulations, with 55% voter approval, the tax rate on \$7.0 million would be \$19.20 per \$100,00 of assessed value. The Bond would be sold in one 25-year series.
- Option 2 generates \$7.0 million assuming no increase in the district's assessed value. By utilizing a 2/3rds election, the district may extend the current bond program by 9 years. The alternative would be to try for a new bond under Prop 39, with 55% voter approval. The tax rate would be approximately \$54.88 per \$100,00 of assessed value. The bond would be sold in one 25-year series.
245. **Public Hearing: SBX3 4 Flexibility Transfers**
The Board will review and hear comments from the public on the proposed use of categorical Tier III program funds transferred to other educational purposes as authorized by SBX3 4. Information guidelines are submitted as Ref. VI B(1).
Trustee Self opened the meeting to a Public Hearing. A motion to review the proposed transfers was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote. A total of \$204,393 was captured from categorical programs. Mrs. Wigg explained that the money would be transferred to the general fund to offset this year's state budget cuts. There were no comments from the public and the Public Hearing was closed.
246. Approve Flexibility Transfers Ref. VI C
It is recommended that the Board approve the transfers and proposed use of funds, submitted as Ref. VI C(1).
A motion to approve the Flexibility Transfers was made by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
247. Review Fiscal Impacts of CUTA Tentative Agreement Ref. VI D
The Board will review fiscal impacts of the Tentative Agreement between the Calipatria Unified School District and the Calipatria Unified Teacher's Association. Information submitted as Ref. VI D(1-7).
A motion to review the fiscal impacts of the CUTA Tentative Agreement was made by Trustee Widmann, seconded by Trustee Dockstader and passed with a unanimous vote.
248. Approve CUTA Tentative Agreement Ref. VI E
It is recommended that the Board approve the Tentative Agreement between the Calipatria

Unified School District and the Calipatria Unified Teacher's Association, submitted as Ref. VI E(1-3).

A motion to approve the CUTA Tentative Agreement was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a unanimous vote.

249. Approve Second Interim Financial Report Available
It is recommended that the Board approve the Second Interim Financial Report as submitted. The Report is available to the public for viewing at the Superintendent's Office, 501 W. Main St., Calipatria, CA during normal hours of business.
A motion to approve the Second Interim Financial Report was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote. Mrs. Wigg shared information with the Board through a Power Point presentation. The district will be deficit spending during these next three years, but should be able to meet its 3% reserve requirement through 2010-11.
250. Audit Proposals Ref. VI G
It is recommended that the Board review and select an accounting firm from among those submitting proposal for performing services for annual audits, bidders list submitted as Ref. VI G(1-2).
A motion to review was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Sampson and passed with a unanimous vote. After discussion, a motion to retain the services of Wilkinson, Hadley, King & Co. was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
251. Approve Memorandum of Agreement SDCOE VPSS Consortium Ref. VI H
It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Verification Process for Teachers in Special Settings (VPSS) Consortium, submitted as Ref. VI H(1-3).
A motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Verification Process for Teachers in Special Settings (VPSS) Consortium was made by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a unanimous vote.
252. Approve Fremont Primary School - Safe School Action Plans Ref. VI I
It is recommended that the Board approve the Fremont Primary School - Safe School Action Plan, submitted as Ref. VI I(1-8).
A motion to approve the Fremont Primary School - Safe School Action Plan was made by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote.
253. Approve Single Plan for Student Achievement at Fremont Primary School - Available
It is recommended that the Board approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement at Fremont Primary School. The Plan is available to the public for viewing at the Superintendent's Office, 501 W. Main St., Calipatria, CA during normal hours of business.
A motion to approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement at Fremont Primary was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote.
254. Accept Donation from William L. Love Ref. VI K
It is recommended that the Board accept the following as a donation from William L. Love valued at \$770.00 for use at Calipatria High School
1. 50 - 2' x 2' x 2" concrete stepping stones/pavers @ \$7.00 each
 2. 3 - 8' railroad ties @ \$10.00 each
 3. 8 - Agriculture reference books @ \$6.00 each
 4. 10 - Flint glass gas measuring tubes, 100 ml x 0.2 ml @ \$26.00 each
 5. 15 - Mathematics reference books @ \$6.00 each
- A motion to accept the donation, valued at \$770, from William Love was made by Trustee Dockstader, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a vote of 5 ayes and 2 nays. Trustees Fong and Self voted no.

255. Approve Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve Ref. VI L
The Calipatria Unified School District has been nominated for the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. It is recommended that the Board determine whether to sign and display the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve, submitted as Ref. VI L(1-2)
A motion to approve the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve was made by Trustee Carter, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a unanimous vote.

256. A motion to adjourn to a Closed Session was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Carter and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel, pursuant to Govt. Code 54957

1. Employee Performance Evaluation: Review Performance Evaluations for Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees
2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

B. Negotiations

Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6: with: Douglas Kline

1. CUTA: Elimination of Certificated Services
2. CSEA: Elimination of Classified Services
3. Management, Supervisory, Confidential: Elimination of Services

257. A motion to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. was made by Trustee Sadorra, seconded by Trustee Fong and passed with a unanimous vote.

The meeting reconvened to a Public Session at 10:43 p.m.

258. A motion to non-reelect two probation teachers, Tara Gragson and Christina Aceves was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Widmann and passed with a unanimous vote.

259. BOARD DISCUSSION

Trustee Sampson reported that alumni, Classes from the 1940's to the 1960's, who toured the campus with Mr. Kline on Saturday were very impressed with the school and the superintendent. Mr. Kline responded that they were a fun group and enjoyed giving them a tour of the facilities.

260. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sampson, seconded by Trustee Sadorra and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 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