

Central Unified School District

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 14, 2017 - 6:00 PM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL-EAST CAMPUS

WAYNE "HONDO" HODGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

3535 NORTH CORNELIA AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93722

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION IN THE BOARD ROOM

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION IN THE PAC

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Mr. Ruben Coronado

Mrs. Terry Cox

Mr. Rama Dawar

Mr. Richard Solis

Mr. Mark Sutton

Absent:

Mr. Richard Atkins

Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Mr. Cesar Granda

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Cesar Granda was updated to present at: 6:03 PM

Mr. Phillip Cervantes was updated to present at: 6:04 PM

Mr. Richard Atkins was updated to present at: 6:04 PM

Mrs. Terry Cox was updated to absent at: 7:39 PM

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Coronado at 6:00 pm.

B. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado, Mr. Dawar, Mr. Solis and Mrs. Cox were present. Mr. Granda, Mr. Cervantes and Mr. Atkins called to say they would be a little late.

C. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Rama Dawar and a second by Mr. Richard Solis.

Absent Mr. Richard Atkins

Absent Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Absent Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

D. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Closed Session was called at 6:01 pm.

D.1. STUDENT DISCIPLINE - Education Code Section 48900 et. seq.

D.2. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT - Government Code Section 54957

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Rama Dawar.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

D.3. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REPORT - Government Code Section 54957

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Ruben Coronado and a second by Mr. Richard Atkins.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

D.4. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/LITIGATION/COMPLAINTS - Government Code Section 54957

Minutes:

No action.

D.5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

Minutes:

No action.

D.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(b)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board deny Claim against District. Motion to deny the claim Passed with a motion by Mr. Cesar Granda and a second by Mr. Richard Atkins.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

E. 7:00 P.M. - RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND REPORT FINAL ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

Minutes:

Mr. Granda joined the meeting at 6:03 pm, Mr. Cervantes and Mr. Atkins joined the meeting at 6:04 pm. All in Closed Session. Open Session was reconvened at 7:00 pm. Mr. Granda reported out on actions taken in Closed Session.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mrs. Davis led the flag salute.

G. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Minutes:

Alyssa Pasillas from El Capitan Middle School sang the Star Spangled Banner.

H. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

H.1. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PRESENTATIONS

Minutes:

Nathan Casares from CHS-East Campus reported that the football team is going to play Bullard this Friday and the girls volleyball are the valley champions. They'll be playing against Marymount in Bel Air. Holiday Joy is coming up and students will be collecting and organizing food items for this annual food drive.

H.2. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

H.2.a. CENTRAL UNIFIED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CUTA)

Minutes:

Laura Bolton talked about how the teachers at H-K appreciated the efforts of Tina Johnson to be there for them after Julie Smith's death. Vanessa Knight, SPED teacher at Herndon-Barstow, represented CUTA at the emerging leader conference in Nevada and shared the highlights. She learned about how important it is for the unions to work with the District as a partnership, especially when difficult times come. The conference also recommended more community engagement.

H.2.b. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA)

Minutes:

No report at this time.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

- Jamie Rotella talked about violence issues at CHS-E and at Glacier Point. She's concerned about the lack of additional supports on campus and how the liaisons turn into plants. There's also violence on bus routes, such as Shields & Valentine route also has violence with parents wielding knives.

- Valerie Cuen, a parent of children at Polk and Glacier Point said the violence at Glacier Point is growing

and the liaisons aren't helping. Her daughter is afraid to go to her sports after school. What is CentralUSD doing to protect students and their safety?

- Laura Bolton makes a 6th request for a video recording of the meetings. Hearing the parents tonight is very concerning and others need to hear these concerns about the safety of our students and staff.

- Judee Martinez commended the parents for speaking up about safety issues. For the record, she has continually and consistently addressed the issue of safety at all campuses and what's being done is not enough. She stated we don't have enough social-emotional counselors helping the kids and something needs to be done now. She said she brings up the issues with PBIS and comprehensive safety plans every year.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Ruben Coronado and a second by Mr. Rama Dawar.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

J.1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

J.2. APPROVE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS AND DAY TRIPS OVER 150 MILES (K. Davis)

J.3. APPROVE CTE INCENTIVE GRANT CAPITAL OUTLAY (K. Davis)

J.4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF NINE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL BUSES (K. Porterfield)

J.5. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1617-117 CENTRAL WEST HIGH STUDENT PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION (K. Porterfield)

J.6. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CENTRAL WEST HIGH STUDENT PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT #1617-117 (K. Porterfield)

J.7. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1617-112 BIOLA-PERSHING PLAYCOURT RECONSTRUCTION (K. Porterfield)

J.8. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BIOLA-PERSHING ELEMENTARY PLAYCOURT RECONSTRUCTION #1617-112 (K. Porterfield)

K. ACTION ITEMS

K.1. STUDENT DISCIPLINE CASES

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Phillip Cervantes and a second by Mr. Richard Atkins.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.2. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-20 DESIGNATING DECEMBER 12, 2017 AS THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (M. Sutton)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending adoption of Resolution #17/18-20 designating December 12, 2017 as the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cesar Granda and a second by Mr. Richard Atkins.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.3. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-21, DECLARING NOVEMBER 2017 AS CALIFORNIA SIKH AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Adopt Resolution # 17/18-21 declaring November 2017 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Terry Cox and a second by Mr. Ruben Coronado.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.4. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-22 DECLARING DECEMBER 4-8, 2017 AS COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Adopt Resolution #17/18-22, declaring December 4-8, 2017 as Computer Science Education Week. Passed with a motion by Mr. Phillip Cervantes and a second by Mr. Cesar Granda.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.5. APPROVE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COURSES (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is requesting approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Rama

Dawar and a second by Mr. Cesar Granda.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.6. APPROVE 2017-2018 SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (SPSA) (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending approval of the 2017-18 Single Plans for Student Achievement. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ruben Coronado and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado said according to the School Site Council Minutes, the Single Plans of for Student Achievement are approved at the first School Site Council meeting. Since the budget was submitted with the Single Plan for student achievement, who composed the budget? Mrs. Davis said we get an estimate from the state on what our allocations will be and set the budget up with the Business office. About mid-year, we get the true figures for the budget. Mr. Coronado asks who determines the different categories and amounts? Mrs. Davis said the allocation is per student. The per-student amount is based on unduplicated student counts. We know how many students fit criteria and we look at low income numbers. Schools with higher poverty rates receive more money for support. Mr. Birrell and Mrs. Boatright are the site supervisors of schools and Annette Grigsby oversees state and federal programs; they all do a review. Mr. Coronado asked if there's a board policy for the Board to make additional allocations to those plans and budgets? Mr. Coronado shared comments to the Board: According to the CA assessment of student progress, 60% of our students do not meet or exceed the ELA standards; 72% don't meet or exceed standards in math. This board is responsible for approving plans that work for students. The budget for these plans don't provide enough resources to site administrators and staff to do the job. According to articles in the Fresno Bee, 18 million live in poverty and over 10,000 of our Central students are considered low income. Our unemployment rate is 9.84%, double the national average. In the \$168 million budget, \$24 million from the state and \$5 million from Federal to help these students. According to BP 0520.2 the Board and superintendent shall review and can revise plans and budgets. Mr. Coronado made a motion that the Board president at the next board meeting appoint a 3-board member committee to deal with the achievement gap and to work with staff on how we can help. Mrs. Cox said this should come back as an agenda item so the Board can discuss what they're doing and how the committee will work with staff. Judee Martinez said she would love to help with this and community members and CUTA could assist. There's not enough time at the meetings to identify the purpose of the school site council on what to look for in a school site plan. She said CUTA can

provide the same training again for Board members, administrators and stakeholders.

K.7. TERMINATE/RENEW/REVISE LOZANO SMITH LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion Passed: Motion to terminate Lozano Smith, effective December 31st, and do an RFP for legal services Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Solis and a second by Mr. Ruben Coronado.

No Mr. Richard Atkins
No Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
No Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

There were requests for clarification of the motion. Mrs. Cox said she never received clarification on why the Board wants to terminate after approving this firm a year ago when there haven't been any legal or billing issues. No one responded. A roll call vote was taken for terminating Lozano Smith and generating an RFP for legal services.

K.8. ACCEPT GIFTS TO DISTRICT (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board approve Gifts to the District. Passed with a motion by Mr. Rama Dawar and a second by Mr. Richard Solis.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.9. APPROVE LIDDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXTERIOR PAINTING BID #1617-123 (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Approve Liddell Elementary School Exterior Painting Bid #1617-123. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cesar Granda and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.10. APPROVE STEINBECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXTERIOR PAINTING BID 1617-124 (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Approve Steinbeck Elementary School Exterior Painting Bid 1617-124. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cesar Granda and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.11. APPROVE SAROYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXTERIOR PAINTING BID #1718-101 (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Approve Saroyan Elementary School Exterior Painting Bid #1718-101. Passed with a motion by Mr. Cesar Granda and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.12. RATIFY WARRANT LIST FOR OCTOBER 2017 (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Ratify the Warrant List for October 2017. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

K.13. REVIEW/RATIFY CONTRACTS (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is requesting the Board ratify contracts for the school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Solis and a second by Mr. Phillip Cervantes.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox
Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

Minutes:

Mrs. Cox left the meeting at 7:39 pm at the beginning of the Information items.

L.1. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING BOARD POLICY REVISIONS (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado said on BP 6164.2, it mentions parents and guardians receiving general notices about counseling in middle school--when were the notices mailed? Mrs. Davis said she'll find out and get the information to the Board. On p.2, item 11 regarding educational counseling, he asked if we involve the parents in this process. Mrs. Davis said she'll bring that information as well. On item 4, it talks about academic planning and advising--are we doing that? In the first full paragraph of the board policy, Mr. Coronado said it's an excellent policy, but we're asking for the impossible if we only have 4 academic counselors at the high school. He said we need more money and the Board and Administrator should hire counselors to do what the Board policy is requiring--the job is too big. Mrs. Davis clarified that we have 6 academic counselors at the secondary level, 6 GIA's and a GLD, 3 at the middle schools, plus 10 intervention counselors. Mr. Coronado said BP 0520.2 and 0520.3 both deal with Title 1 and monitoring student achievement--what is found in these two board policies, but can this be found anywhere else? Mrs. Davis said she'll bring the updates to LCAP, comprehensive plans and accountability, 3 board policies which have been updated in Gamut. Bernice Bailey, kindergarten teacher at McKinley, is speaking on the BP 5141.33 head lice policy, which she believes is disappointing. Head lice is costly and time consuming and to remove the word "nits" from the policy is not wise. Students should be not just lice-free, but nit-free. Parents need a heads up and should be notified. Moved to action.

L.2. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS AND DAY TRIPS OVER 150 MILES (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.3. RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE FRESNO COUNTY SELPA LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.4. RECEIVE INFORMATION ON VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COURSES (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.5. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.6. RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ORCHID INTERPRETING SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR 2017-2018 (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.7. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYEE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.8. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING FRESNO COUNTY PLAN FOR PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO EXPELLED YOUTH (J. Kelejian)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.9. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2017-2018 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. (J. Kelejian)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.10. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING DISPOSAL OF WAREHOUSE SURPLUS ITEMS (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to action

L.11. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSAL FROM INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (IES) FOR ENERGY MANAGER AND TRAINING SERVICES (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.12. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING TK 2ND GRADE NEXT GENERATION DEVICE (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado pointed out a cost increase, but Mr. Porterfield brought up the issue that the amortization over 3 years brings the cost down. Moved to action.

L.13. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2017-2018 FIRST INTERIM BUDGET REPORT (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

This is a placeholder for the next meeting. The report will be provided to the Board in the near future to allow ample time for review and action at the next Board meeting.

L.14. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOLUTION #17/18-23 DECLARING THE INTENT TO EXCHANGE AND DEDICATE AND CONVEY REAL PROPERTY: APN: 442-280-14 AND APN 442-280-15 (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.15. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING MASTER ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DARDEN ARCHITECTS, GONZALEZ ARCHITECTS, INC. AND SIM-PBK (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado asked if this was a contract. Mr. Porterfield said it's a master contract that governs what we agree to regarding compensation and the general terms. There will be a new contract that will come to the Board for the new elementary school on Shields. Moved to consent

M. ADVANCE PLANNING

N. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes:

Mr. Sutton said we had a French delegation visit Fresno and specifically Central High School with a Q&A period with Mayor Averous, his Deputy Mayor, and Director Secretary. We're excited about the partnership with Chateauroux and the opportunities for students to visit in a foreign exchange program. He thanked Scott Donaghe for that event and the French Polynesian Luau with Miss Tahiti here at the PAC. The next home football game is this Friday at 7pm. Our women's volleyball team won valley championships which is the 1st ever in our history. They're traveling to Beverly Hills this Thursday to play in an open division which is one of the most competitive.

Mr. Coronado has a couple of questions. What's the status of recording the meetings? Mr. Granda said he remembered that the consensus of the board was being fine with the audio.

Mr. Cervantes said he wanted the parent to know that safety is a concern for the Board and appreciates her speaking up.

O. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLOSING COMMENTS

P. NEXT MEETING

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Ruben Coronado and a second by Mr. Cesar Granda.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Absent Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

President, Board of Trustees

Clerk, Board of Trustees