

Central Unified School District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 22, 2017 - 6:00 PM
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL-EAST CAMPUS
WAYNE "HONDO" HODGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
3535 NORTH CORNELIA AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93722
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION: (Cesar Granda)
RESIDENCE INN SANTA CLARITA VALENCIA
25320 THE OLD ROAD - SANTA CLARITA, CA 91381
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. Richard Atkins
Mr. Phillip Cervantes
Mr. Ruben Coronado
Mr. Rama Dawar
Mr. Cesar Granda
Mr. Richard Solis
Mr. Mark Sutton

Absent:

Mrs. Terry Cox

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Terry Cox was updated to present at: 6:01 PM

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Minutes:

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

Due to the teleconference, all votes will be taken by Roll Call.

B. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

All in attendance with the exception of Mrs. Cox. Mr. Granda joined the meeting via teleconference. Mrs. Cox arrived at 6:01 pm.

C. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion Passed: 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

Absent Mrs. Terry Cox

Yes Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

D. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Closed Session was called at 6:01 pm.

D.1. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT - Government Code Section 54957

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

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

Motion Passed: 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

D.3. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/LITIGATION/COMPLAINTS - Government Code Section 54957

Minutes:

No action.

D.4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6

Minutes:

No action.

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

Minutes:

Open Session was reconvened at 7:00 pm. Mr. Coronado reported the actions taken in Closed Session.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mr. Paul Birrell led the Pledge of Allegiance

G. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Minutes:

Kamryn Ramer from CHS sang the National Anthem.

H. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

H.1. STUDENT RECOGNITION

H.1.a. RECOGNIZE CENTRAL UNIFIED PARTICIPANTS IN STATE AND NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Minutes:

Mrs. Ketti Davis introduced the History Day Participants and their coaches and listed their accomplishments. The students and coaches were greeted and congratulated by the Board and staff.

H.2. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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

Minutes:

Vice President Laurel Bolton said CUTA provided the new hires with dinner and information about the organization. The Site rep council said the buses are much better at Roosevelt. Two site reps from Biola-Pershing and Steinbeck reported how great it was to have all of the activities on the 1st day--it started the year on a very positive note for the community.

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

Minutes:

No comments

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

- Ani Phillips spoke about overflow issues. Her daughter, who was previously at a private school in the ClovisUSD boundaries, was told she's in overflow and her last day at River Bluff (their home school) is on Friday. They were initially told they could enroll at River Bluff, but due to their late registration, now have to go to Liddell, which is difficult for the family to take kids to two different schools. Ms. Phillips asked the Board and Administration to reconsider.

- Bernice Bailey, parent and kinder teacher at McKinley, said she solicited feedback from kinder teachers about having the first 8 days of kindergarten be a half day. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the teachers who responded, saying the students were able to be assessed, had time to transition to the full day after the 8 days, and allowed teachers to get to know them and their parents better before the start of the full day.

- Laura Bolton said the parents need better communication regarding the kinder half day and would like staff to consider the possibility of having Campus Connection available. Many community members have said they want more availability with the board meetings. Maybe we could live stream or post the video online. The poll said 112 would like to see a video or live stream of the meetings.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Rama Dawar 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

J.1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

J.2. ADOPT REVISED BOARD POLICIES (K. Davis)

J.3. APPROVE CALIFORNIA TEACHING FELLOWS FOUNDATION CONTRACTS (K. Davis)

J.4. APPROVE THE ENGLISH LEARNER GROUP AGREEMENT (K. Davis)

J.5. APPROVE THERAPY SERVICES THROUGH GOODFELLOW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (K. Davis)

J.6. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-05 INTERFUND TRANSFER TO SELF-INSURANCE FUND (K. Porterfield)

K. ACTION ITEMS

K.1. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-04 INTERFUND TRANSFER TO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is requesting the Board Adopt Resolution #17/18-04 Interfund Transfer to Deferred Maintenance Fund. 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.2. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-07, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10-16, 2017 AS NATIONAL ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending adoption of Resolution #17/18-09 proclaiming September 10-16, 2017 as National Arts in Education Week. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Solis 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 #17/18-10 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2017 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending adoption of Resolution #17/18-10 proclaiming September 10-15, 2017 as Suicide Prevention Week. Passed with a motion by Mr. Rama Dawar 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

Minutes:

Mr. Dawar thanked the administration for being involved in this initiative and doing everything possible to save the lives of our kids.

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

L.1. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS AND DAY TRIPS OVER 150 MILES (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.2. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING OBSOLETE TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Mr. Solis asked for a list of consumables not in receipt by the schools that have requested them. Moved to consent

L.3. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CAASPP STATE TESTING AND REPORTING SYSTEM (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Mr. Solis asked if classroom size is monitored? Mrs. Davis said classroom sizes are closely monitored and they're making sure itinerant schedules aren't pulling students out of designated time that's required. He also asked about waiting lists for after school programs. Mrs. Davis said the monitoring is done for tutoring before or after school, but can also be done for after school programs as well. Mrs. Cox asked about the teacher training. Mrs. Davis said the training is for all the teachers--they start the year with a level of training from the publishers but the next level of training is to dig deeper. Mrs. Cox asked if this is a level of training that's increased from last year? Mrs. Davis said this is both the same amount of training as well as additional days for the support they need. Mrs. Cox asked if we'll have a budget for intervention support--has that line item been increased? Mrs. Davis said there hasn't been a decrease as the sites have a minimum amount they're supposed to spend, but if more is needed, the sites can request it. Mr. Atkins asked why the numbers dipped...was it because of the new curriculum? Mrs. Davis said there was a new curriculum and there are some other areas that we're exploring to understand why some numbers declined. Some campuses are getting additional dollars for tutoring. Math is problematic statewide and in the region, but is not an excuse. Mr. Cervantes asked if we set district-wide goals for an increase in growth? Mrs. Davis said the accountability dashboard will help us with that. The state sets the parameters. Our schools are looking to make big gains and sets their sights on goals, as we'll have principal roundtables that will take place in September and October. Mr. Coronado asked if the LCAP expectation was to increase 2%? Mrs. Davis said it was.

L.4. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING 2017-2018 DISTRICT TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY (K. Davis)

Minutes:

Mr. Granda asked about part II of the attachment, and the 7th bullet point regarding transportation for parents. Mrs. Davis said this is about providing transportation when feasible, for parents' involvement or for a college night. Mr. Coronado asked if the parent site councils have the ability and opportunity to determine how some of the Title I money is spent? Mrs. Davis said the administration does consider the parent feedback on how money is spent. She did say that they need to look at the time frame between when site councils see the budgets and when they go to the Board needs to be examined. Moved to action

L.5. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOLUTION #17/18-06 GANN LIMIT FOR 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Mr. Dawar mentioned a clerical error on the resolution which will be corrected before submitting for action. Moved to consent

L.6. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING UNAUDITED ACTUALS REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO FRESNO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

The Unaudited Actuals report will be presented at the next board meeting as it was not available in time for this meeting. Mr. Porterfield said they will send a hard copy for the Board to peruse as soon as possible. Mrs. Cox asked if this item can come back as info

and discussion before being voted on? Mr. Porterfield said the timing doesn't allow for this as the report is being compiled now, and must be voted on by September 15th.

Moved to action

M. ADVANCE PLANNING

Minutes:

No changes

N. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes:

Mr. Sutton said the Back to School nights have taken place at most elementary schools and middle schools. The high school's first football game (against Bullard) takes place this Friday with a 6:30pm unveiling of the Justin Garza memorial. The Elementary football carnival will be the next evening.

Mrs. Cox said the City of Fresno and District One Council is offering \$50K for the community, schools, etc. to submit projects they'd like to have funded. These will be awarded in November. The next meeting is Sept 7 at Heaton Elementary. The following week, the meeting will be at Steinbeck.

O. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLOSING COMMENTS

P. NEXT MEETING

Q. ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

R. MISCELLANEOUS

R.1. THANK YOU LETTERS

President, Board of Trustees

Clerk, Board of Trustees