

**Central Unified School District**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 08, 2018 - 6:00 PM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL-EAST CAMPUS  
WAYNE "HONDO" HODGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
3535 NORTH CORNELIA AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93722  
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION: (Rama Dawar)  
Panipat Media Center, GT Road, Panipat, Haryana, India  
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. Ruben Coronado  
Mrs. Terry Cox  
Mr. Cesar Granda  
Mr. Richard Solis

Absent:

Mr. Phillip Cervantes  
Mr. Rama Dawar

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Phillip Cervantes was updated to present at: 6:01 PM  
Mr. Rama Dawar was updated to present at: 6:05 PM  
Mr. Rama Dawar was updated to absent at: 6:10 PM  
Mr. Rama Dawar was updated to present at: 7:36 PM  
Mr. Rama Dawar was updated to absent at: 8:00 PM

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President Granda at 6:00 pm.

**B. ATTENDANCE**

Minutes:

Board members in attendance: Atkins, Coronado, Cox, Granda, Solis. Mr. Dawar will call during Closed Session. Mr. Cervantes arrived at 6:01 pm and joined the Board as they proceeded into Closed Session. Mr. Dawar attempted to join the meeting at 6:05 pm via teleconference during Closed Session, however his calls were dropped several times, and he was unable to participate in the meeting.

Mr. Dawar called again at 7:36 pm during Open Session. Mr. Dawar's call was dropped again at 8:00 pm during Item K.2 and he was unable to participate for the balance of the meeting.

### **C. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

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

### **D. CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Closed Session was called at 6:01 pm.

Mr. Dawar called in during Closed Session, however the calls were dropped, so he was unable to participate via teleconference.

#### **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. Ruben Coronado.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins  
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes  
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado  
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox  
Absent 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. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Cesar Granda.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins  
Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes  
Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado  
Yes Mrs. Terry Cox  
Absent 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**

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 7:33 pm. Mr. Dawar rejoined the meeting via teleconference at 7:36 pm. Mr. Granda reported on actions taken in Closed Session.

**F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

Ketti Davis led the flag salute.

**G. NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Minutes:

The Liddell/McKinley Band, led by Bill McKee, played an instrumental version of the Star Spangled Banner while the Board was in Closed Session.

**H. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

**H.1. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PRESENTATIONS**

Minutes:

Nathan Casares said this week is Teacher Appreciation Week and students are providing Starbucks and Hungry Bear cookies; they're also washing teachers' cars. Prom is at Holland Park West this Saturday. Thursday, May 31st is the Senior Farewell Rally with Grad Night later that night. Seniors have 17 days left. Open House is May 23rd. College signing day is on May 30th.

**H.2. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS**

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

Minutes:

Laura Bolton said staff is very positive about Comprehensive Youth Services. Roosevelt is interesting in receiving their services as well. We had a lot of students who went to the Young Authors' Faire, winning many awards.

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

Minutes:

No comments

#### **I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

No comments

#### **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

Minutes:

Roll call vote

#### **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 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STATE CENTER ADULT EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (K. Davis)**

#### **J.4. APPROVE CURRICULUM ADOPTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE - GRADES 7-12 (K. Davis)**

#### **J.5. APPROVE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR GOODFELLOW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (K. Davis)**

#### **K. ACTION ITEMS**

### **K.1. STUDENT DISCIPLINE CASES**

**Motion Passed:** 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

Minutes:

Roll Call vote

### **K.2. APPROVE/DENY THE AUGUSTUS ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CHARTER PETITION AND, IF DENIED, ADOPT BOARD RESOLUTION #17/18-43 DENYING THE CHARTER PETITION (K. Davis)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration recommends adopting Resolution # 17/18-43 denying the Augustus Academy for Creative Arts and Technology charter school petition and adopting the Staff Report and Proposed Findings of Fact as the findings of the Board. Motion to adopt Res. # 17/18-43 denying petition Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Solis and a second by Mr. Richard Atkins.

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

Minutes:

- Kelly English shared that they have their financial person here to address any budget concerns. Regarding the issue of SPED and English Learners, she felt the responses were very subjective and the whole Augustus Team has been available to talk anytime for the last 60 days during which everyone had the petition. Regarding the feminine hygiene issue, on p. 7 of the petition covers the topic as the Academy would provide Ice packs, feminine hygiene products and boo boo strips as part of following Ed Code. Many CentralUSD teachers were unaware or didn't have a chance to review this petition. Since Augustus doesn't have a school yet, they don't have a MOU just yet either.

- Paige Barnhart deferred her time to Kelly English.

- Nick Driver from CSMC has been working with charter schools for 14 years and his organization has worked with charters all over the state. They understand budgets very

well and it was surprising to read some of the staff assumptions. All of the assumptions listed are items that he and his firm can address and he is willing to sit down with any board members at any time. He also addressed insurance issues. (Michelle Murphy deferred her time to Mr. Driver). 6% of all expenditures are set aside for a reserve and the school will clearly be able to make it and even thrive with each year. He clarified that the Academy can afford the facility as it will be leasing from another entity--it's not a purchase.

- Jerry English, as an old-school principal, appreciated the school band that performed before the meeting. The concerns and misinformation have been addressed this evening. Will the CentralUSD students have another learning opportunity available to them? This opportunity doesn't cost the district any staff or finances. This is a win-win-win situation. The Board wins, the educational community win and the students in CentralUSD win. Is there a majority of board members who will have the courage to approve a charter for students? Let's move forward...what do you have to lose?

- Cindy Ellsworth: The co-petitioner of the Augustus Academy. She felt it was important to voice her concerns. Working with Kelly English on this project and petition; we have seen the results of the educational program of Augustus. Her own daughter, who struggled with learning, has benefited and is graduating early. She asks the Board to think of every student, every classroom, every day.

- Barbara Morales: 12 years as a credentialed teacher and a parent. There's a huge need in the Valley who need a different model who aren't surviving or thriving in the current model of learning. I've seen this work and my own daughter thrive in this model.

- Mr. Granda noted that Mr. Dawar's phone connection was lost. They'll try to reconnect with him.

- Ken Boyd: Here to support Augustus Academy. He has served Rotary International for many years. Children don't all learn the same way, but differently. This school allows students to learn differently.

- Brian Ellsworth said there are two approaches to something: find a way to squash it or make something work. He asked current and future Augustus Academy Students to stand. He said these students are thriving and finally have confidence.

Mrs. Davis said, after reviewing this petition as submitted and putting the experts in the different areas, in the review, each of the findings in the petition was unsound. In the review, unlikely to be implemented successfully over time. Based on those findings, she recommended the resolution to deny the charter resolution. Mr. Granda said it's a very difficult decision to make.

### **K.3. ADOPT REVISED BOARD POLICIES (K. Davis / J. Kelejian)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is recommending adoption of the revised Board Policies. BP 6171 will be pulled for future discussion. Motion to approve BP1312.3, BP5022, BP6162.5 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

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Absent Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado asked about BP6171. He said the Gamut notes address economically disadvantaged students. As a Board member, he believes it should be part of the board policy. The other phrase that should go in is in regards to the engagement policy in the Gamut: Developed jointly and agreed upon by parents and guardians of participating students. That phrase is in the narrative in the Gamut but not in the Board policy. On p.2, they deleted the words "the board" and replaced it with "the district". I thought the Board was supposed to approve? The district as a whole is too big to be approving. On p. 4 under program evaluation, it states that during the federal program monitoring process, the CDE will review the effectiveness of the district plans to help low-achieving students. When does this happen? His question to Mrs. Davis is if he could get an audit since he doesn't agree with it and doesn't understand how only 35% read at grade level. We're not complying with BP6142.91 and 6142.92; in ELA, we're at 40% and math is 28%. The lower income students are even lower. Mrs. Davis said she could provide it and clarified that the Federal program monitoring audit is a document review. They identify what we select and upload and identify a week in the middle of winter for the district to respond to their questions and they later address their findings or ask for any corrections. The other info that Mr. Coronado brought up: Mrs. Davis said we didn't make any change but a merge with what Gamut provided. It's at the Board's discretion to change the wording. It's also extensively covered in 6020-Parent involvement. Mr. Coronado asked if any of the school plans were met, especially Steinbeck, which wanted to go from 19% to 39% in ELA. He pointed out that site administrators don't have the staff or resources to make that jump. We need to put more support at the school site. He wants to review the report. Mr. Solis asked for clarification from Mr. Coronado about the Board's next steps. Mr. Porterfield apologized to the Board as he said Mr. Coronado had questions that went back and forth with answers from Mrs. Davis. The questions and answers should've been provided to the Board. Mr. Coronado said, for the record, the questions were provided before the last meeting. Cesar asked if BP6171 can be pulled and brought back with proposed changes per what Mrs. Cox requested.

Mrs. Martinez and Ms. Bolton both had a question about 6162.5 regarding Instruction/Student Assessment starting with the 2nd paragraph. The language being proposed to be added: student achievement could be used when appropriate for staff performance but seems contradictory with other language. They want to eliminate the wording in the 2nd paragraph as they're unhappy with it. Mrs. Davis gave clarification that the new language was about formative assessments. Mrs. Martinez said the Board policy was approved without public comment. Mr. Porterfield said administration can meet with CUTA and discuss with the Board. If it's an item that's part of the collective bargaining agreement, then they have a duty to negotiate and sit down with CUTA. Mr. Granda and Mr. Porterfield said we can circle back, but it would take a new item and new motion for the Board to bring this item back. Mr. Coronado said we need to have administration give us direction on this. If they feel it needs to be revised, it can be put on the agenda and then they'll deal with it then.

#### **K.4. APPROVE MATERIALS FOR SECONDARY AP CLASSES IN MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND FRENCH I (K. Davis)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is recommending approval. 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  
Absent Mr. Rama Dawar  
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda  
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

#### **K.5. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS (K. Porterfield)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is recommending the Board Approve Contract with Johnson Controls. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Cesar Granda.

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

#### **K.6. ACCEPT GIFTS TO DISTRICT (K. Porterfield)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is recommending the Board accept Gifts to the District. 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  
Absent Mr. Rama Dawar  
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda  
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

#### **K.7. REVIEW AND RATIFY CONTRACTS (K. Porterfield)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is requesting the Board Review and Ratify Contracts. 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  
Absent Mr. Rama Dawar  
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda  
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

Mr. Atkins asked if FresnoPD will be here for CLASS graduation as well as Pathway? Mrs. Davis said we'll get clarification. Mrs. Cox asked for clarification on the Fresno PD contracts. Mr. Kelejian said anything outside of a school day, we have to have a separate contract for after-hour events. Mrs. Cox asked, What is the status of the Fresno PD and Sheriff contracts coming up for renewal? Mr. Kelejian said it'll be sometime this summer. Mr. Coronado asked if law enforcement is to patrol the campus or be at the office to handle problems. Does it include walking around campus as a deterrent? Mr. Kelejian said he doesn't know if the contract has such specific language about those actions, but they are assigned supervision spots. The high school and continuation schools are very strategic.

#### **K.8. RATIFY WARRANT LIST FOR APRIL 2018 (K. Porterfield)**

**Motion Passed:** Administration is recommending the Board Ratify the Warrant List for April 2018. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mrs. Terry Cox.

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

### **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 COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR COUNSELING SERVICES FOR 2018-  
2019. (K. Davis)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.3. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY  
QUALIFIED TEACHERS 2018-2019 (J. Kelejian)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.4. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE NEGOTIATION  
CONTRACT OPENERS FROM CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CALIFORNIA  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA), CHAPTER #474 (J. Kelejian)**

Minutes:

This item will be placed on the next Board Agenda for a public hearing and Action.

**L.5. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE NEGOTIATION  
CONTRACT OPENERS FROM CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA),  
CHAPTER #474 TO CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (J. Kelejian)**

Minutes:

This item will be placed on the next agenda for a Public Hearing and Action.

**L.6. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1617-123 LIDDELL  
ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.7. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF  
COMPLETION FOR BID #1617-123 LIDDELL ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT  
(K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.8. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1617-124  
STEINBECK ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.9. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF  
COMPLETION FOR BID #1617-124 STEINBECK ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING  
PROJECT (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.10. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1718-101 SAROYAN ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.11. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #1718-101 SAROYAN ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.12. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING BID #1415-105C WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT W. MCKINLEY AVENUE (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.13. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING REBID ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY MODERNIZATION PROJECT #1718-105 (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to action

**L.14. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PIGGYBACK BIDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AUDIO/VISUAL SOLUTION HARDWARE - SYNEX CORPORATION (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to Consent

**L.15. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PIGGYBACK BID #01/07 "SCHOOL BUSES" WATERFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PURCHASE OF ONE DIESEL SCHOOL BUS (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Moved to consent

**L.16. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARY SURVEY (K. Porterfield)**

Minutes:

Information only

**M. ADVANCE PLANNING**

Minutes:

A special board workshop meeting needs to be planned. Specific dates were proposed and

discussed. More dates and times will be proposed next week.

#### **N. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Minutes:

Mr. Porterfield reminded everyone of the Ag Dinner on Saturday. This week is Teacher and Staff appreciation. The Community Input Meetings regarding the Superintendent search take place on 5/14 at 9am and 5/15 at 6pm.

Mr. Granda said Fresno County Superintendent of Schools gave CentralUSD a positive certification for the 2nd Interim.

#### **O. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLOSING COMMENTS**

#### **P. NEXT MEETING**

#### **Q. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Mr. Phillip Cervantes and a second by Mr. Ruben Coronado.

Yes Mr. Richard Atkins

Yes Mr. Phillip Cervantes

Yes Mr. Ruben Coronado

Yes Mrs. Terry Cox

Absent Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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President, Board of Trustees

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Clerk, Board of Trustees