

Central Unified School District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 25, 2018 - 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

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Minutes:

Mr. Granda called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ATTENDANCE

Minutes:

Mr. Granda noted that everyone, except Mr. Dawar, is in attendance.

C. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda with the move of K.8. to the beginning of Action items, 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

Absent Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

D. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:01 pm.

D.1. CERTIFICATED 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

Absent 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. 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

Absent Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

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

Minutes:

The Governing Board conducted an appeal of a complaint under Administration Regulations 4030 on September 11, 2018 and rejected the appeal as set forth in the written decision dated September 13, 2018 by the vote of 6 in favor of rejection, 0 opposed and 1 abstention from member Cox.

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

D.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

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

Minutes:

Open Session began at 7:00 p.m.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Mr. Kelejian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Minutes:

The Rio Vista Choir, directed by Matt Sanchez, sang the National Anthem.

H. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

H.1. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

H.1.a. CENTRAL UNIFIED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CUTA)

Minutes:

No comments

H.1.b. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA)

Minutes: No comments

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

- Jacob Bailey, choir teacher, spoke about the issues and concerns related to the choir department and the last 3-months. When the scheduling occurred to have a full-time choir teacher, he elected to have his class moved so everyone fit. Then he was told his classes needed to move. In the meantime, new and old very large band instruments (bass drum, timpani) are all being stored in the choir classroom. He's tried to resolve this, but to no avail. The priority should be students, not storage, since we have so little space at the school. He's hoping for some help. The choir students are important and a lot of them feel like they're not. If there's a way to store items that doesn't push out students; that would be the best solution. There are 36 students in concert choir.

- Vanessa Knight: We have started using the new curriculum for the new Special Ed classrooms we really like it. We've had the chance to learn the ins and outs of it. It's very engaging with the students and is technology-based. Secondly, I had an opportunity to attend the professional learning community summit and we did excellent work together as school site teams and we discussed different ideas on what we're doing. We appreciate these opportunities to do this work for our students.

- Angelica Torres is a parent of a child who loves to sing. She said, I know you all are passionate about what you're doing. For the teacher to ask for help when administration can't communicate or help a teacher solve a problem means it needs to be addressed. Some of the problems is that students don't have a safe environment for choir. There has to be a storage area, not where students aren't trying to sing.

- Daisy Olazala: I'm here to ask for your help. We have such a great teacher in the choir program. The choir room is filled with a lot of unused band instruments and the practice of using the choir room for storage is demoralizing. There has to be a solution to donate the instruments and free up the space for choir students. Put the instruments to good use instead of allowing them to gather dust.

- Erilynn Christiansen: I am a parent of a sophomore at the high school and a son at Steinbeck. I also work with students in the choirs at the elementary and middle school levels. It's been a joy to see the choir programs grow and expand their skills and knowledge. The students are learning skills and bring joy to those who listen to their musical performances. The choir culture has finally taken root in Central USD to the point where we're becoming more competitive against other school districts. We need your help with the storage situation with band instruments in the choir room get resolved. They should be treated well and praised for their contributions and helped when they need it, which is now.

- David Delgado: I'm speaking on behalf of my son and we moved from Texas. My son is very athletic and played a lot of sports, but he also loves choir. He has a passion for it. It's thrilling to

see. We're happy to be here and I'm impressed by the high school. I was disheartened to hear my son say, "They don't treat us the same." As a choir member, he doesn't feel the choir is treated well compared to the band and other activities. There could be a solution. The potential of the choir is strong. Music adds so much and I enjoy music. Please hear us.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

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
Absent 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 PIGGYBACK BID FROM HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MEASURE C EXTENSION SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF TWO DIESEL SCHOOL BUSES (K. Porterfield)

K. ACTION ITEMS

K.1. APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S PRIORITIES/EXPECTATIONS (A. Alvarado)

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending the Board Approve Superintendent's Priorities/Expectations. 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.2. ADOPT RESOLUTION #18/19-14 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 8-12, 2018 AS TEEN READ WEEK (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending the Board adopt Resolution #18/19-14, declaring October 8-12, 2018 as Teen Read Week. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Richard Solis.

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.3. ADOPT RESOLUTION #18/19-13 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2018 AS CHARACTER EDUCATION MONTH (K. Davis)

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending that the Board adopt Resolution #18/19-13 proclaiming October 2018 as Character Education Month in Central Unified School 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.4. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #18/19-11 REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR WILLIAMS' COMPLIANCE

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending holding a public hearing to adopt Resolution #18/19-11 regarding instructional materials for Williams' Compliance. 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
Absent Mr. Rama Dawar
Yes Mr. Cesar Granda
Yes Mr. Richard Solis

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending closing the hearing on the adoption of Resolution #18/19-11 regarding instructional materials for Williams' Compliance. 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

Motion Passed: The administration is recommending adoption of Resolution #18/19-11 declaring textbook sufficiency. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Atkins and a second by Mr. Richard Solis.

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. 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.6. REVIEW AND RATIFY CONTRACTS (K. Porterfield)

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

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado asked about the difference between #1 and 2. In the AVID program at Glacier Point, there are 59 students. Mr. Coronado asked if students have to be failing to be in the program. Mrs. Davis said students can elect to be in it when they register, but it can be advantageous for at-risk students. Mrs. Davis said she can send more info to Mr. Coronado about the program.

K.7. ADOPT RESOLUTION #17/18-12 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION OF 2016, SERIES B, IN AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000,000 (K. Porterfield)

Motion Passed: Administration is recommending the Board Adopt Resolution #17/18-12 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series B, in Amount of not to Exceed \$42,000,000. Passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Solis 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

K.8. INFORMATION/ACTION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICE (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Mr. Cervantes asked about option 2 and requesting the Migrant funds for ridership. Is that possible or a reality? Mr. Porterfield said it's approximately over \$480 per year per student which is still less expensive than hiring another full-time bus driver and purchasing another bus for the route. Mr. Granda asked about the Green Acres students and Mr. Porterfield clarified that the students east of Valentine are riders and those west of Valentine are walkers. Mr. Granda made a comment that this park keeps coming up as a repetitive problem. Mr. Porterfield said this exists in 12 other areas--if we make an exception here then we have to do that in other areas. It's the Board's discretion to change board policy and it's administration's responsibility to present the Board with the limited resources and how the Board would like to spend that on the unlimited needs we have. Mr. Coronado said that when students crossed 4-lanes to get to the bus stop--does that cause other students not to have room on the bus? Mr. Porterfield that's why we had to do a check-in and check-out process because there were too many students. Mrs. Cox said we serve the entire district and if we make one exception, we have to make exceptions in all of the district and we go against our own board policy. I'm supportive of the passes but we would need conditions on the passes. Fresno Unified School District and Fresno City does a good job with the passes. If students don't use it every day and get other rides, then we're wasting a lot of money. Other districts are starting to scan ID cards, which may assist with the correct numbers. Mr. Porterfield said he can talk to Mr. Barfield about that.

- Daniela Ventura: She's talking for a 3rd time and talking about how the students in her neighborhood need to wake up between 4:30-5:30am in order to walk and make it to school. Research shows that students need 7-8 hours of sleep and many of them only get 5-6, which impairs their abilities to learn. Lack of sleep also can affect behavior, memories, and can increase teen use of alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, as well as anxiety. We want to do well in school and get good grades and go to college. We also can get free breakfast, but can't make it to school in time to eat it.

- Gabriela Secundino: Thank you to Mr. Granda, Mr. Solis and Mr. Dawar for coming out there and showing you care for our kids. We don't want our kids to be like us--we want them to get a good education. We work in the fields and wake up early before they do. We're concerned about our kids because they are very tired. Our students deserve an opportunity because they're trying their best. They're sometimes too tired to do their homework. They don't have the privilege of educated parents who can pick them up.

- Jennifer Ventra: Within the first few weeks of school, the temperatures have been between 80-100's. There are dangers of walking to school in the heat. We are exhausted and get home and need to do chores and homework.

- Minerva Gil: Many cars drive fast and there's a lot of traffic. There's not a lot of space to walk especially on the few sidewalks. There's also a lot of wild dogs and bad people. Some cars don't have their lights on and they can't see us and we can't see them. We don't feel we can get to and from school safely.

- Oralia Gil: Walking to school has been a huge issue for us having to wake up as early as 4:30 am. We get to school right on time with no time to eat breakfast. This is affecting our attendance. Please take these things into consideration.

- Roberto Hernandez: When the weather changes, there's fog and traffic. Since joining a sport, it's even more exhausting. It's so late by the time we arrive that we're too tired to do homework.

- Marcos Hernandez: We should have a bus especially as the weather gets worse with the rain.

- Angelica Torres: She questioned the safety of the FAX bus. She asked what the cost would be if something bad happens? What's the cost of a life?

Mrs. Cox made the comment that she has deep empathy for these students but is concerned that we have several hundred other students who are also walking approx. 2 miles in inclement weather and getting to school on time. She said we should look into passes, but that means the Board should consider this for anyone who comes forward since it's not right to make the passes exclusive for one group and not available for others. Mr. Solis moved to approve the start-up of the monthly FAX bus passes for the children who reside at the Mid-State and Green Acres mobile home parks, leave it to Administration to decide if that's utilizing the standard bus pass and school ID's so they're only charged for the rides they take. It should be open even if the kids are in extracurricular activities after school, they're able to use the same mechanism to get home, and also it should be cost-free to the student. Mr. Porterfield asked for clarification on the motion: Are you saying for any of the children within those geographic areas, Mid-State and the mobile home park north of it, socio-economic does

not come into it? Mr. Solis said that's fine and I'm leaving it up to you to draw up something. Mr. Porterfield said he will set up criteria and bring it back to the Board. Mr. Solis said his concern is this is the 3rd time these parents have come and he's not willing to wait much longer. Mr. Granda asked what's the reality on turnaround. Mr. Porterfield said he has to talk to Greg Barfield and see if there's a way to negotiate the price and see if we can use the supplemental concentration grant funding. He will work with Mr. Alvarado how to communicate that to the Board prior to the next Board meeting--we'll get on it right away. We'll identify all the households within those areas and send them information on what the process will be.

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 CHANGE ORDER FOR BID #1617-109 TEAGUE ELEMENTARY FIRE ALARM AND PA REPLACEMENT (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.3. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO FILE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #1617-109 TEAGUE ELEMENTARY FIRE ALARM AND PA REPLACEMENT (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.4. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR HANH PHAN TILLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT B069 (FORMALLY VALENTINE/WELDON)(K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.5. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOLUTION #18/19-16 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Moved to consent

L.6. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING 5-YEAR ALLOCATION (K. Porterfield)

Minutes:

Mr. Coronado asked about the figures in the report. Can administrators purchase smart boards or the money be used for 6th grade camp? Mr. Coronado said he keeps hearing that teachers use their own money to buy supplies. The Title I money still has \$.5 million leftover. Do the School Site Councils know there's money leftover and rolls over from

the previous year? CSBA conference, we were told that the budget for this year is supposed to be for the students for this year. The Title I money is supposed to supplement what we offer the students. In a prior agenda item about Transportation, there's half a million in Title I money that could be used for transportation. Mr. Porterfield clarified that Title I money can't be used for transportation. However, migrant money and other general funds can be used. Title I has limits on how it can be spent. Mr. Coronado said the Board should know when there's fund leftover and the teachers can get more resources needed to help students. Mr. Porterfield said if teachers feel they don't have enough supplies, they should be communicating to their site administrators about their supply needs and requests. Mrs. Cox asked if sites are able to roll over the money or is it swept? Mr. Porterfield said it's swept. Title I is not rolled over; it's used for summer school programs and additional intervention. Mr. Alvarado said staff is having conversations along those lines about understanding budgets and how to effectively use the funds to best benefit our students. He commended the staff for the report as it'll be helpful for the site administrators; it clearly breaks it out by resources. Mr. Atkins asked about things like copying and paper supplies and access. He said he started to hear that people were not having enough and Mr. Porterfield said everyone should go to their site administrators. Information only.

M. ADVANCE PLANNING

N. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes:

Superintendent Alvarado reminded the Board about the Fresno Fair and their tickets. He thanked Mr. Coronado and Mrs. Cox for attending the Rio Vista Town Hall Meeting. We had the first STAT meeting with the teacher group. There were a lot of good questions. Attended the African-American Convening and wanted to commend Cedric Coward who wants to be the 1st male African-American valedictorian. He's impressed with him and knows he'll achieve his goal. Mr. Cervantes said the girls volleyball team just won the game. Mr. Coronado distributed the fliers for the meeting regarding the animal shelter that is proposed near Dante Club and people are concerned about the traffic there. Is anyone from the district going to attend the meeting? Mr. Alvarado said he hasn't received any information on the meeting and Mr. Porterfield said he's aware of it. Mr. Coronado wanted the Board and administration to know that the parents at Herndon-Barstow are very concerned about a lot of issues with that, including the impact of traffic.

O. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CLOSING COMMENTS

P. NEXT MEETING

Q. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION The Board may adjourn back into a conference room for closed session, if necessary

R. RECONVENE and report action taken during Closed Session

S. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Adjourn at 8:42 pm. 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

Absent Mr. Rama Dawar

Yes Mr. Cesar Granda

Yes Mr. Richard Solis

President, Board of Trustees

Clerk, Board of Trustees