



BOARD MINUTES  
December 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION** – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, by Alfonso Morales. In attendance were President – Alfonso Morales, Vice President – Maria G. Lopez, Clerk – Erik Linstead, Members – Brad Crihfield and Dr. Sue ElHessen, CalAPS CEO - Lisa Azevedo and Executive Director, Arlene Whitney. The meeting was called to order in the Auditorium of Ramona Elementary School – 9351 Laurel St., Bellflower California 90706.

**REPLACEMENT PAGES** – NONE.

**ROLL CALL** – Alfonso Morales, Maria G Lopez, Erik Linstead, Brad Crihfield and Dr. Sue ElHessen were present along with CalAPS CEO, Lisa Azevedo and Executive Director, Arlene Whitney.

**CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS** – Dr. Sue ElHessen congratulated all of the students in attendance for obtaining a special recognition. She also acknowledged the parents by thanking them for having their students be part of the CalAPS program. She stated that she was honored to be at the meeting celebrating the students' accomplishments.

**CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS** – CalAPS CEO, Mrs. Azevedo, thanked all the students, staff and families for attending. She shared that the students will be receiving a special recognition towards the end of the Board Meeting. Mrs. Azevedo shared information about the recent Community Service Project- "Urban Farming" at Bellflower High School. This event took place on Monday November 27, 2023, at the BUSD Nutrition Center. The CalAPS program held this event to give an opportunity for students and families to see the new Freight Farm. Students were able to paint flowerpots, plant seeds, learn healthy eating habits, properly cut healthy snacks, try different healthy dips and learn about the hydroponic seeding process that will be done inside the Freight Farm. These activities were divided into different stations where CalAPS students facilitated each activity. Students in the early childhood course assisted guests with the flowerpot painting at Station 1. Guests then moved to the soil station where the fire class students filled up the pots. Law enforcement students had a selection of seeds for guests to pick from. Law Enforcement students were also in charge of directing guests to each station throughout the event. Culinary students assisted guests with a cooking lesson and demonstrated to the guests how to properly cut cucumbers, celery, apples and more. The makerspace students shared information about different types of health dips and combinations you can do when selecting a healthy snack. The final station an opportunity for the community to learn about the Freight Farm. Guests learned that with only 5 gallons of water per day, the Freight Farm would provide enough lettuce each week to serve the students a salad bar as a healthy food option for lunch.

**PUBLIC HEARING'S** – NONE.

**VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS** – NONE.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**STAFF CORRECTIONS** –Item 100 had Ms. Stewart’s first name misspelled. A replacement page that read the correct spelling, “Amie” was provided in each Board Book.

**RE-ORDER OF AGENDA** President, Alfonso Morales proposed that the agenda was re-ordered, in addition, he requested to pull Item 102, Board Members Term of Service, so that the outgoing Board Member would be recognized and the new Board Member would be welcomed.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 5 (Morales, Lopez, Linstead, Crihfield, Dr. ElHessen)

No: 0

The motion carried.

Alfonso Morales recognized Board Member, Dr. Sue ElHessen, for serving multiple terms and various roles within the CalAPS Board. He acknowledged the drive, passion, honor and the pleasure that it was to work with her. Admiring her work and role with the Board, Mr. Morales presented a special award of appreciation to Dr. ElHessen. Mrs. Azevedo also thanked Dr. ElHessen for always being an advocate for the CalAPS program within the BUSD Board. She appreciated Dr. ElHessen’s time and dedication. Brad added that he was also very thankful for her introducing him to the CalAPS program and he appreciated all that she had done to assist him as a new CalAPS Board Member. Maria added that she was thankful for Dr. ElHessen’s time and dedication for CalAPS program. Dr. Sue ElHessen then thanked the Board in return and shared that she was honored to have served the CalAPS program. She stated that she valued the relationships built with Lynwood, the support for the program, and reminded everyone that together they created one voice to advocate on behalf of career technical education.

Amie Stewart was introduced and welcomed to the CalAPS Board. She expressed that she was very excited to be part of the CalAPS program and could not wait to learn more.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023 Board Meeting.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 5 (Linstead, Lopez, Morales, Crihfield, Stewart)

No: 0

The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Items 101 and 102 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda.

Agenda - The Board approves the consent agenda.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 5 (Crihfield, Lopez, Morales, Linstead, Stewart).

No: 0

The motion carried.

Item 101 Meeting Calendar – Correction to cancel the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**WITHHELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION** – Approval of item 101

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 5(Linstead, López, Morales, Crihfield, Stewart)

No: 0

The motion carried.

#### Item 102 Election of CalAPS Board Officers

##### PRESIDENT

Alfonso Morales nominated Maria Lopez, Brad Carihfield second the nomination for President of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Morales, Carihfield, Linstead, Stewart)

No: 0 The motion carried.

##### VICE PRESIDENT

Brad Carihfield nominated Erik Linstead for Vice-President of the CalAPS Board. Maria Lopez second the nomination for Vice President of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Carihfield, Lopez, Morales, Stewart)

No: 0 The motion carried.

##### CLERK

Brad Carihfield nominated Amie Stewart, Maria Lopez second the nomination for Clerk of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Carihfield, Lopez, Morales, Linstead)

No: 0 The motion carried.

**NON-ACTION** – The CalAPS Executive Director, Arlene Whitney presented nineteen students with “Outstanding Student” awards for the fall 2023 semester. Students were recognized for demonstrating remarkable growth, determination, and a genuine passion for their subject area. Teachers chose students who embody the spirit of perseverance, curiosity, and a pursuit of learning. Each recipient excelled academically and exhibited commendable character, leadership, and a positive impact within the CalAPS community. The Board congratulated all the students being recognized and thanked the teachers for their commitment to their students and the CalAPS program. Each student was presented with a certificate, a backpack, a water bottle and a pair of CalAPS socks. Mrs. Azevedo shared an inspirational video. Recognitions concluded with the presentation of the Golden Bell Award to the staff.

**VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – NONE.

**CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:23pm. The Board, staff and community shared a holiday meal together.

**The December 12, 2023 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 7:23 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2023 at 5:30pm.**