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BOARD OF TRUSTEE
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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
BRYAN EASTER

Board Minutes

April 11, 2024
Thursday, 4:30 P.M.
STEM Lab

Regular Board Meeting

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Joel Akerknecht.

Members Present: Joel Ackerknecht, Tyler Rogers, Randy Bloemhof
Others present: **Bryan Easter, Superintendent**
Angelica Fernandez, Administrative Assistant
Christy Nelson - Principal
John Campbell - MOT Director

B. The flag was saluted - **Led by David Espinoza**

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Student Presentation - Ms. Nelson presents the board with a slide presentation of Camp Keep along with students sharing their experiences of camp keep. Joel Ackerknecht shared the importance of campkeep and what our students experience, like seeing the ocean for the first time. It's valuable.
- b. LCAP Survey Updates for the Board - Mr. Easter shared a comparison from last year to the board—A shift we have is with adequate supervision of students and nutrition meals. There has been a decline in meals since last year, and our Cafeteria staff has expressed this. We will have Maple Taste Night from 3 different vendors, and we hope this will help increase participation in our lunch meals. Randy commented that the LCAP survey has been consistent with 150 responses vs 90. Mr. Easter said that our LCAP survey is still not over and we hope to get to 140 responses. Mr. Easter said he would provide video feedback and share it with our families and staff.
- c. Brown Act Workshop April 22nd - Tyler has agreed to participate.

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT - N/A

Student names from the Maple School District of Choice applications were drawn and placed on the list accordingly

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD - Mr. Ackerknecht is requesting an early board meeting on May 9, 2024, if possible.

F. REPORTS

- a. John Campbell - MOT - Temporary fencing will arrive tomorrow but will not be put up yet. We got fertilized on the grass, and our sprinklers are suitable. We have a gopher issue, so that I will take care of that. I go in for my 5year drive test next week and hope it all goes well. Our bus is still with Thorp, and we have reached out to the A-Z side to see if what they have done is convenient, but there are some concerns about the job they did.
- b. Christy Nelson - Principal - Ms. Nelson reports that no disciplinary issues are currently occurring.
 - Summer School - We are running academic intervention and 95% in our summer school program, and all the fun things. Joel is asking if we are running for 3 weeks. Mr. Easter said that is correct, but summer school hours will be longer.
- c. Bryan Easter - Superintendent
 - Attendance Enrollment: 288 We are making phone calls. Our new DOC policies and procedures will begin in June.
 - CA State Budget Update - The national economy looks better, but I disagree. The unemployment rate is bad. The advocacy for the district of choice is going well; we hope that will pass. The budget did not get worse or better since March. It is still the same projection, and no one anticipates it will improve. In fact, they anticipate it will be worse for schools next year. Today, there was talk about the community grant possibly being cut, which is not something we had hoped for.
 - Facility Update - Concrete pours on Monday. Randy asked what kind of impact it would have on the classroom and how they operate. Mr. Easter said Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Cummings will co-teach in the same classroom. The class size is pretty small, so that is their plan. Christy thinks it will be great for them to work together, and they will pick up some nuggets from each other. Mr. Easter continues to report that some good news is that we can use ELOP funding for some of the modules, so I'm pretty pumped about that. We are doing a walk-through with UPK on campus tomorrow, and that needs to be done. The library mod feedback came back and looks great. Facility projects and progress are going great.
 - Tradition of Excellence Foundation Update - We currently have 82 seats left. It's going to be a great night.
 - Position Control Staffing Update - 1 Tk Aide
 - Shafter Rotary Event at Maple - We try to do this once a year.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider approval of the MARCH MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$230,203.07
 Motion Bloemhof Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves Abstain
- 2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batch #21 & 22 for the 2023-24 school year totaling \$39,342.28
 Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves Abstain
- 3. Quarterly Williams Uniform Complaint (info only)
- 4. Consider approval of the Certificated Retirement Incentive Program
 Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves Abstain
- 5. Consider approval of the updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (Second Reading)
 -BP 5116.2 - Involuntary Student Transfer

-BP/AR 5131.2 - Bullying
-AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health

Motion Bloemhof Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays Abstain

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Ackerknecht Second Rogers Ayes 3 Nays Abstain

1. Consider approval of Kern County Plan for Expelled Students
2. Consider approval of the EdFiles Contract Renewal
3. Consider approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays Abstain

J. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 5:11 pm

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays Abstain

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