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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
BRYAN EASTER

Board Minutes

August 8, 2024
Thursday, 4:30 P.M.
Old Maple Library

Regular Board Meeting

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

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

B. FLAG SALUTE - Led by Joel Akerknecht

C. CORRESPONDENCE, HEARINGS, DELEGATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS
N/A

D. COMMUNITY COMMENT
N/A

E. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
N/A

F. REPORTS

1. MOT Director, John Campbell

a. Transportation Update - Mr. Campbell shares his vacation experience with the board and it is grateful for that time with family. Mr. Campbell also reports that he spoke to Thorp, and they tested the bus, and things looked good. We have had great luck with our buses.

b. Grounds Update -The floors will be done in Kinder, and they should be able to move in soom. We had gopher issues this morning, and it's the first time we have had one. For the most part, everything looks good.

2. Principal, Christy Nelson

a. School Theme this Year—Mrs. Hersdad reported that Maples theme this year is, “Level Up.” I think this pertains to academics and life in general. The school is split into two groups to make it a fun competition.

b. Goal Building Capacity—Today’s professional development is about building capacity. Their beliefs in themselves are to reach the lows and the highs. We learned about that together, and it will be deepened as we head in that direction. Today was just a great day.

c. Back-2-School Night - Our back-2-school night will be on August 22nd.

3. Superintendent, Bryan Easter
 - a. Enrollment: 289—Mr. Easter reported that we currently have 289. We are holding Inter Districts until after the first day of school just in case we have boundary students.
 - b. Facility Update—Mr. Easter gave an update on all of the summer facility projects and thanked the MOT team for their hard work throughout the summer
 - c. Board Policy & Administrative Regulation Update—Policy updates are on a regular cycle and all policies should be digitized by the summer.
 - d. Foundation Update: The Tradition of Excellence committee has agreed to host a Golf Tournament and a Maple night event—more details to come. Mr. Easter also shared about the upcoming SSDA conference.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of the July MIDA & EOM payrolls totaling \$89,539.49

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

2. Consider approval of commercial warrant batches 1,2 & 3 for the 2024-25 school year totaling \$184,762.42

Motion Bloemhof Second Rogers Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

3. Consider approval of the Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

4. Consider approval of new classified employee Elvia Morales for an instructional aide position

Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

5. Consider approval of updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (Second Reading)

- a. AR/BP 5121 - Student Grades
- b. Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest

Motion Bloemhof Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

6. Consider approval of interdistrict transfer applications for 2 Kindergarten students.

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Naves _____ Abstain _____

7. Consider approval of Amendment to Employment Contract

Job Title: Superintendent

- The Board President/Negotiator announced consideration of a proposed contract amendment for Superintendent Easter. He explained that the amendment increases Superintendent's base annual salary by four percent, effective July 1, 2024, and provides for a one-time "off-schedule" payment equal to one percent of his base annual salary. The salary increase and off-schedule payment percentages are commensurate with the percentage increases earnable as compared to certificated personnel who are CalSTRS members in the District.
- The proposed amendment extends the term of the contract through June 30, 2027.
- The proposed amendment also provides that Superintendent shall work 222 days during each fiscal year, excluding district holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

On motion by Trustee Bloemhof, seconded by Trustee Rogers, the Board approved the contract amendment for Superintendent Easter as circulated to the Board by the following vote or abstention of those members present:

AYES: 3

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Rogers Second Bloemhof Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

1. Consider approval of Contract with Kern County Superintendent of Schools for District: County Level Education Services (KCSOS AGT #25-141179)
2. Consider approval of contract with Renaissance Star Reading - Renewal for the 2024-25 school year
3. Consider resignation of employee #334 effective July 31, 2024
4. Consider approval of the MOU between the Maple School District and Elk Hills School District for School Psychologist Services
5. Consider approval of the MOU between the Maple School District, Semitropic School District and Lost Hills School District for consortium math coach services
6. Consider accepting donations from:
 - a. Tradition of Excellence Foundation: \$2000 (Tables and benches for new playground)
 - b. Shafter Rotary: \$2000 (PLTW Computer Science Launch)

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

J. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Time: 5:09 PM

Motion Rogers Second Ackerknecht Ayes 3 Nays _____ Abstain _____

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