



BOARD MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, July 09, 2024, by Maria G. Lopez. In attendance were President – Maria G. Lopez, Clerk – Amie Stewart, Member – Brad Crihfield and CalAPS Interim CEO - Arlene Whitney. The meeting was called to order in Bellflower Unified School District Building A – 16703 S Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

FLAG SALUTE – NONE.

ROLL CALL – Maria G. Lopez, Amie Stewart, Brad Crihfield were present along with CalAPS Interim CEO Arlene Whitney.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – NONE.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Interim CEO Mrs. Whitney communicated with the board about CalAPS summer school. Most of the CalAPS summer school classes are on the final week of lecture. The Build a Tiny Home is also in its final week and will be having a banquet for the students who complete the Build a Tiny Home Program. The summer EMT course began on July 8th. These students will be preparing to complete their EMT certification.

SELACO who is partnering with CalAPS for this summer course will be providing financial incentives to the students who are taking the EMT summer course. These students have the opportunity to earn \$150 for earning their high school diploma, \$125 for completing the EMT training and \$400 for attending the EMT summer class daily. SELACO has also committed to providing our students with one additional uniform, including industry grade shoes. They will be hosting a “Boots Met Up” at the local Shoe Kingdom Store in Bellflower, CA to have the students pick their work books of up to \$250. The date is on Thursday July 11, at 5:30pm.

The application for the CSBA Golden Bell Award was submitted. This year the CalAPS program will be highlighting the work being done in the Freight Farm and our partnership with Jamie Oliver’s Ministry of Food and the introduction to Urban Farming Sciences.

As we begin our partnership with ABC Unified School District, approved as of their June 18th Board meeting. The director of secondary education and the director of CTE received a tour around of our classrooms. They visited all the sites where the CalAPS courses are located and looked at all the materials and equipment that CalAPS has to offer the students.

Lastly, Mrs. Whitney shared a slideshow of photos from the SkillsUSA Nationals – Atlanta, Georgia competition. Bilingual Secretary, Anai Velazquez was acknowledged for the research and planning of the Atlanta itinerary and activities. Both students, advisors and staff had a memorable experience visiting sites and realized the magnitude of SkillsUSA Nationals.

A few questions that were asked from the board were to explain the benefit CalAPS would have by partnering with ABC. Arlene explained that it will help us avoid closing courses as well as expand our program to more students in the community. Amie asked if these students will have the opportunity to

enroll to any of the CalAPS classes. Arlene clarified that the students will have the opportunity to enroll for any of the available courses. Brad asked if we were adding courses at ABC, Arlene said we are not at the moment, but it will be something we will look into for the future. Amie asked if they had different pathways than CalAPS had to offer. Arlene mentioned they did not. CalAPS counts with high quality pathways such as Aviation, Culinary Arts, Fire Occupations to name a few that require a high expense budget and not all districts are able to offer these type of pathways at their sites due to the high cost. Maria added that with the CalAPS program, students define their careers. In regards to transportation she asked if CalAPS was going to provide transportation. Arlene mentioned that they were going to provide their own transportation for the fall semester. CalAPS will have a plan in place in case we are asked to provide the transportation for the spring. Parents will be picking up and dropping off students for the fall. Arlene had the chance to meet with ABC and answer any questions they had regarding CalAPS. Maria asked how many Dual Enrollment and Articulated courses CalAPS offers. Arlene mentioned that in the summer we offered 3 Cerritos College Dual Enrollment courses and during the fall we offer about 3 articulated courses with LBCC and Cerritos College. Maria concluded with how glad she was that the students and staff had a unique experience at SkillsUSA. Brad was also glad of the fact that we loved the experience in Georgia.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2024 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Stewart, Carihfield, Lopez)

No: 0

CONSENT AGENDA – Item 101 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Stewart, Carihfield, Lopez)

No: 0

The motion carried

Item 101 Calendar 2024 – 2025

Mr. Linstead requested a calendar date change for the fall semester due to a conflict with his work schedule. He was asked to teach a course on Tuesday's and Thursday's at Chapman University therefore he has proposed if the dates for the fall semester can be moved to the second Wednesday of the month. Arlene has proposed the new calendar dates. Brad asked to check the board bylaws to make sure that there is a rational date selection. The board members present agreed on moving forward with the dates proposed to be on Wednesdays. Maria asked to send an email to the absent members to notify them of the change. Brad asked if we can standardize the dates moving forward, for example having the meetings every second Wednesday of the month. Amie, Brad and Maria agreed that it may be best for them to have the meeting on the second Wednesday of every month. Arlene will review the Board ByLaws and notify the board of any calendar modification needed.

Withheld for Discussion and Action – 101 Calendar 2024 -2025

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Stewart, Carihfield, Lopez)

No: 0

The motion carried

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:18pm

The July 9, 2024 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:18 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30pm.