

SPECIAL WORKSHOP
SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 28, 2019

Location: Conference Room, Rosamond, CA
2601 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond, CA

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Board President Mario Gutierrez at 6:08 p.m.

II. Procedural Issues

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: R.T.A. President Jim Quellman

B. Roll Call - Members Present: Gutierrez, Sanchez, Bender, Brandts, Robinson

#182→C. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Sanchez to Approve Agenda unanimous

III. General-Board Workshop

A. Budget reduction information presentation to the Board of Trustees

Interim Superintendent Leanne Hargus presented the “Efficiency/Budget Committee” recommendations with C.B.O. Arik Avanesyans. The committee gathered information and recommendations from each school site team. The teams represented classified, certificated, and administration from their respective site.

The district’s financial goal is to return to a positive certification in the next 2 fiscal years, and end with \$1,200,000 to fund the “Reserve Account” which is 3% of the districts’ annual operating expenses. The 2019-20 school year will have to endure budget cuts. The 2020-21 school year will maintain the cuts and allow the reserve fund to grow.

Many recommendations were presented to the Board of Trustees such as: reducing some classified staff to work less months in the year, discontinue or relocate some programs to reduce overhead expenses and eliminate many classified and certificated positions. Mrs. Hargus and Mr. Avanesyans answered Board Member questions throughout the presentation. Some board questions were concerning the high number of classified and certificated staff to receive a layoff notice. They questioned the number of staff required in various offices, class sizes, job descriptions, educational programs, as well as ADA, projected growth, and retirement incentives.

The workshop was strictly informational for the Board of Trustees. No action was taken.

IV. Adjournment

#183→X. Motion by Brandts, second by Bender to adjourn meeting at 9:02 p.m., unanimous

Approved: _____
Leanne Hargus, Acting Superintendent

Approved: _____, Clerk

Linda Brandts