



BOARD MINUTES
September 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, by Erik Linstead. In attendance were Vice President – Erik Linstead, Clerk – Amie Stewart, Member – Brad Carihfield and Alfonso Morales 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 – Erik Linstead, Amie Stewart, Brad Carihfield and Alfonso Morales were present along with CalAPS Interim CEO Arlene Whitney.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – NONE.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Arlene Whitney updated the board on the Golden State Pathway Program grant that was awarded in June. In mid-July CalAPS was notified by the California Department of Education that they would be reviewing all of the application received and were revoking all previously issued grants. Initially the award received was for 1.4 million and after the grant, revoking and review CalAPS received an amount of 660 thousand.

Additionally Arlene shared that unfortunately CalAPS was not awarded the Golden Bell Award for our Freight Farm program. Arlene plans to reevaluate the application and submit another application in the Spring of 2025.

A few events that occurred since the last Board Meeting were the Build a Tiny Home banquet, and the SELACO Shoe Meet Up. Both events were a great success where we had the Board Member participation and city officials.

During the Build a Tiny Home banquet students received a check and a certificate for participating and completing the tiny home for Mayfair High School. The students and families enjoyed a catered banquet from a local restaurant. The grant for this event was sponsored by Harbor Freight and covered all the materials needed in class, the banquet, teacher salaries and the scholarship for each student.

On July 10th, SELACO hosted the Shoe Meet Up at Shoe Kingdom in Bellflower for our students who took the EMT Summer course. All students had the opportunity to try on and take Industry Grade work boots for their EMT uniform. The students also received a complete uniform set, wristwatch and belts.

Arlene nominated the CalAPS program for a Vestaboard through its Community Program. She was happy to share that CalAPS was selected and were one of the winners for a Vestaboard. This “screen” will be going in the Aviation classroom where the instructor can post live flight information, real-time weather updates, flight pathways, aircraft specifications, historical aviation events, current events, quotes and even homework assignments for students to experience more interactive and visual learning.

This year, CalAPS participated in partner school events such as Back to School Night and club rush to encourage students to register for CalAPS. We attended Back to School Night for Bellflower, Mayfair, Lynwood, Firebaugh and Paramount High schools. Anai the CalAPS secretary also attended club rush at Firebaugh, Lynwood and Mayfair High School. We also plan to attend future Navigation Night, Fairs and Open House to advertise for the Spring Registration.

Arlene shared with the board a list of the course offering for the Fall Semester that are being offered at Bellflower, Mayfair, Lynwood, Firebaugh and Vista High School. The total enrollment for the fall semester is approximately 807 students. This number includes courses taught during the daytime instructors at these sites.

Board Clerk, Amie Stewart asked how enrollment was compared from last year. Arlene shared that the numbers are lower than the previous year and that we did have to close the Career in Education course due to low enrollment. Vice-President Erik wanted to know if enrollment at partnering districts was also low, member shared that they were seeing similar results in enrollment at their district sites. Brad asked how much lower CalAPS registration was, Arlene mentioned we had about 100 less students than previous years.

Amie asked if it was possible to create flyers or advertising for students in middle schools who are preparing for their 9th grade scheduling process. She also asked if any student attend a CalAPS course offered after-school from any of the partnering districts, Arlene replied yes, any High School student attending the districts could register.

Brad asked what was the criteria a CalAPS course needed to meet to be considered as a course. Arlene shared that we look at labor market needs and courses that students are interested in taking based on previous surveys completed by students. He asked if CalAPS thought about offering courses to adults in the future. Arlene shared, that CalAPS will not offer courses to adults at this time. Erik requested to consider adding an AI course as it is something that students will need in the near future. Arlene shared that she will include this topic in the upcoming grant application as part of the Dual Enrollment computer programing SWP grant.

Amie added, if there was any thought about adding a cosmetology class. Arlene shared that there was a cosmetology class offered years back at the district adult school and that as for CalAPS we would not offer this course at this time.

Brad ended with asking how CalAPS intended to deal with the cellphone band implementation if any. Arlene mentioned we would follow similar guidelines as our partnering districts.

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 July 8, 2024 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4(Stewart, Morales, Carihfield, Linstead)

No: 0

CONSENT AGENDA – Item 101 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4 (Morales, Stewart, Crihfield, Linstead)

No: 0

The motion carried

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Brad Crihfield requested to pull the item due to the October 9th date not working with his schedule. He requested the meeting to be moved to October 7th. The board confirmed quorum and accepted the new proposed date.

Withheld for Discussion and Action – 101 Calendar 2024 -2025

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4 (Crihfield, Stewart, Morales, Linstead)

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 6:12pm

The September 25, 2024 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:12 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:30pm.