



BOARD MINUTES
September 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, by Erik Linstead. In attendance were Vice President – Erik Linstead, 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 – Erik Linstead, Amie Stewart and Brad Crihfield were present along with CalAPS Interim CEO Arlene Whitney.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – NONE.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Arlene Whitney shared with the board that the Golden State Pathways Program grant results were revoked for a second time. The CDE sent out another email stating that they removed the grant results from the CDE website and they would be reviewing its calculation of grant qualification results. The email notification was shared with the board for their review.

The CalAPS WASC visit has been postponed until the 25-26 school year. The visit was originally scheduled for February 2025. Arlene decided to submit this request due to the change of leadership and allowing her additional time learn more about the program, its goals and objectives, and continue to make progress within the program.

CalAPS is preparing to open Spring 2025 registration on November 1st. Posters will be printed and delivered to each school site as one method of advertising. CalAPS staff also plans to visit campuses during lunchtime with students and send out notices electronically.

Lastly, Arlene Whitney shared that we are preparing for SkillsUSA. Regional competitions will be held on Saturdays beginning mid-January and ending mid-February. Regional competitions will determine which of our students will qualify to move on state completion in April.

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 September 25, 2024 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Crihfield, Stewart, Linstead)

No: 0

CONSENT AGENDA – Item 300 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Stewart, Crihfield, Linstead)

No: 0

The motion carried

Item 300 – Purchase Order September 2024

Brad Crihfield asked if the amount on the purchase order for Strobbe Media was the final invoice. Arlene clarified that this amount was the last invoice for what was done in the spring where they recorded about three more classes and final edits. He also asked if we confirmed that students were not wearing a facemask due to having a “time-stamp” on the videos. Arlene said she will look into the videos we have on the Vimeo account and contact Laurens regarding video editing to make sure those scenes can be edited, if any.

Withheld for Discussion and Action – 300 – Purchase Order September 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3 (Crihfield, Stewart, Linstead)

No: 0

The motion carried

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – Mrs. Whitney introduced our firefighting instructor Capt. Brent Burton and student Matthew Barrera who were there to demonstrate what they have learned about so far in the fire occupation class. Capt. Burton shared with the board that this student is one of four students who has mastered the skill, putting on the turnout equipment under 60 seconds. This student is also one of the participants to attend SkillsUSA this year. Matthew was able to put on his gear in 41 seconds. Brent shared that there is an AA degree opportunity with LBCC and that during this course; the students are prepared to be able to begin the Fire Tech pathway with this college. They complete a credit by exam test with LBCC at the end of the year for the possibility of college credit. He also shared that the CalAPS program has a fire engine named Opportunity 1 housed at Bellflower High that is used for training purposes. Amie asked the student what grade he was in; he answered he was in 12th grade she added what about the fire occupations class called his attention. He said he enjoys the community the class creates, found inspiration from other firefighters and the instructors as well. She also asked Captain Brent what the weight of the gear was he shared that the full gear is about 60 pounds, without any tools and additional equipment it may be about 15lbs less. Brad asked what did the SkillsUSA test consist of, Brent shared that

there is a written exam, oral interview, physical test known as the CPAT test and skills test. Brad asked Capt. Brent what was the best record time he has seen a student put on the equipment. Brent shared that they currently have a student who can put on the gear within 25 seconds. He asked if there were any heat simulators that they train with, he added that not at the moment; Arlene added that we are actually looking into purchasing one that we gathered information on at the SkillsUSA Atlanta conference. Brad asked if the CPAT test was similar to a military physical exam. Brent clarified that it is not; it is only related to fire and consists of obstacles and activities such as climbing, using the sledgehammer and how to properly drag a hose.

All of the board members thanked Instructor Captain Brent Burton and the student Matthew Barrera.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:49pm

The October 7, 2024 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 5:49 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 13, 2024 at 5:30pm.