

REGULAR MEETING
02/24/2025 05:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CARUTHERS HIGH MEDIA CENTER

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Board Members

James Cummings, Board President
Valori Gallaher, Board Clerk
Darren Gilmore, Board Member
Kathy Spate, Board Member
Mario Alvarado Jr., Board Member

Administration

Orin Hirschhorn, Superintendent
Susan McCoy, Director of Admin Services
Marla Enmark, Assistant Superintendent
Debra Haney, Chief Business Official
Alisha Cogburn, CES Principal
Barry Watts, CHS Principal

- 1. CALL TO ORDER by President James Cummings at 5:31 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 27, 2025**

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Alisha Cogburn** – ELPAC Testing/PFT/PIQE/JDA Updates/8th Grade – CHS Visit
2. **Marla Enmark** – Testing/Evaluations/ELAC and SSC/8th Grade – CHS Visit/DA Interviews/Perfect Attendance
3. **Barry Watts** – Dual Enrollment/ROP/Sports Updates
4. **Tod Tompkins** - Absent

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS - None**
2. **PUBLIC** – Nicole Warren, Carol Tovar and Lucia Juarez made inquires regarding the current status of Administration at Monroe Elementary. Several community members/parents were also in attendance.
3. **STAFF** – Richard Hembree and Dmitri Rodriguez presented a Drumline Costume/Uniform for the Board’s approval. This will be used for upcoming competitions.

8. BUSINESS

1. **Review -2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan - Mid -Year Monitoring Report** Marla Enmark went over the goals and mid-year progress of the plan. Parent LCAP meeting is currently scheduled for March 17th.

2. **Review/Approve - 2024/2025 Second Interim**

Debra Haney went over the current status of the 2024/2025 district budget.

Motion to approve 2024/2025 Second Interim as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

3. **Review/Approve - GASB 75 Disclosure Information - Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants - Reporting Period 7/1/2023-6/30/2024**

Motion to approve GASB 75 Disclosure Information - Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants - Reporting Period 7/1/2023-6/30/2024 as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. – Yes

4. Review/Approve - Caruthers Unified 2023/2024 Audit Corrective Action Packet

Motion to approve the Caruthers Unified 2023/2024 Audit Corrective Action Packet as presented.

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

5. Review/Approve - Monroe Elementary 2023/2024 Audit Corrective Action Packet

Motion to approve the Monroe Elementary 2023/2024 Audit Corrective Action Packet as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

6. Review/Approve - Work Place Violence Prevention Plan

Motion to approve the Work Place Violence Prevention Plan as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

7. Public Hearing - Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified School District and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association

8. Public Hearing - Initial Bargaining Proposals - California School Employees Association Chapter #792 and Caruthers Unified School District

9. Review/Approve - Initial Bargaining Proposal- Caruthers Unified School District and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association

Motion to approve Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified School District and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association as presented. Motion to approve Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified School District and Caruthers Unified Teachers Association as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

10. Review/Approve - Initial Bargaining Proposals - California School Employees Association Chapter #792 and Caruthers Unified School District

Motion to approve Initial Bargaining Proposals - California School Employees Association Chapter #792 and Caruthers Unified School District as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

11. Review/Vote - California School Board Association - Delegate Assembly Candidates

Motion to vote for all four (4) proposed California School Board Association Delegate Assembly candidates as presented.

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

12. Review/Approve - Board Policy Updates - December 2024- Second Reading

Motion to approve Board Policy Updates as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

13. Review/Approve - Lease-Leaseback Contract - Harris Construction - Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center

Motion to approve Lease-Leaseback Contract - Harris Construction - Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

14. Review/Ratify - Blair, Church and Flynn Contract - Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center

Motion to ratify Blair, Church and Flynn Contract - Caruthers Education and Community Activity Center as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate
Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

15. Review/Ratify - Caruthers Elementary Multipurpose Room Change Order Update

Motion to ratify Caruthers Elementary Multipurpose Room Change Order Update as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore
Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

16. Review/Ratify - 2024/2025 Change of Responsibility Agreement - VAST - Point to Point Service - Monroe Elementary to Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Motion to ratify 2024/2025 Change of Responsibility Agreement - VAST - Point to Point Service - Monroe Elementary to Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore
Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

17. Review/Approve - 2025/2026 E-Rate Contract - VAST - Monroe Elementary Wide Area Network

Motion to approve 2025/2026 E-Rate Contract - VAST - Monroe Wide Area Network as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate
Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.
Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

18. Review/Approve - 2025/2026 E-Rate Contract - AMS.Net - Category 2 Project

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 E-Rate Contract - AMS.Net - Category 2 Project as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate
Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher
Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

19. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve Financials as presented.

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore
Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher
Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

9. CONSENT AGENDA (may be done with one motion)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4 as presented.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate
Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.
Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

- 1. Review/Approve - Warrants**
- 2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report**
- 3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests**
- 4. Review/Approve - Overnight Field Trip Request - Caruthers High Track Team - Pirate Relays**

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chamber Awards/Budget Updates/Enrollment Updates/Forensic Audit/Facilities Updates

11. CLOSED SESSION 6:41 PM

Motion made by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Motion seconded by: Kathy Spate

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

1. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS SECTION 54957** Public Employee Appointment/Employment Title: Administration/Certificated/Classified Formal Compliant – citing Board Policy 1312.3 **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Title: Administration/Certified/Classified **SECTION 54957** Public Employee Evaluation Title: Superintendent – Orin Hirschhorn **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Employee Organization: CUTA, CSEA **SECTION 54957.6** Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Negotiator: Orin Hirschhorn Unrepresented Employee(s) Classified Confidential/Site Administrators/Superintendent

2. OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened at 8:29 PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda items.

Motion made by: Kathy Spate

Motion seconded by: Mario Alvarado Jr.

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

12. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

Motion made by: Darren Gilmore

Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes