

REGULAR MEETING
03/24/2025 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
Tod Tompkins, MARC Principal - Absent
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: Kathy Spate
Motion seconded by: Valori Gallaher
Voting:
James Cummings - Yes
Valori Gallaher - Yes
Darren Gilmore - Yes
Kathy Spate - Yes
Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 24, 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** – Parent Conferences/Activities – STEAM Night/Pi Day/Peach Blossom/Ag Day
2. **Marla Enmark** – SBAC Boot Camp/ELPAC Testing/High Speed Rail/Pi Day/Parent Conferences
3. **Barry Watts** – Spring Sports/GBB-State Champions/Art Week/Counselors-College/Upcoming Parade-April 4th
4. **Tod Tompkins** - ABSENT

7. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **STUDENTS - None**
2. **PUBLIC – None**
3. **STAFF – None**

8. BUSINESS

1. **Review/Approve - Resolution #2025-03 - Authorizing Opening of Associated Student Body Bank Account and Authorized Signers**

Motion to approve Resolution #2025-03 - Authorizing Opening of Associated Student Body Bank Account and Authorized Signers 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

2. **Public Hearing - Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified Teachers Association**
3. **Review/Approve - Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified Teachers Association**

Motion to approve the Initial Bargaining Proposal - Caruthers Unified Teachers Association 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 High School Grade Augmentation**

Review/Approve - Caruthers High School Grade Augmentation as presented.

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

5. Review/Approve - UBEO Contract - Five (5) Copiers Upon Expiration of Current Lease

Motion to approve UBEO Contract - Five (5) Copiers Upon Expiration of Current Lease as presented.

Motion made by: Valori Gallaher

Motion seconded by: Darren Gilmore

Voting:

James Cummings - Yes

Valori Gallaher - Yes

Darren Gilmore - Yes

Kathy Spate - Yes

Mario Alvarado Jr. - Yes

6. Review/Ratify - Caruthers Elementary Multi-Purpose Room Change Order Update

Motion to ratify Caruthers Elementary Multi-Purpose Room Changer Order Update 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

7. Review - Board Policy Updates - March 2025 - First Reading

8. Review/Approve - Financials

Motion to approve the Financials 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

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.3 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

- 1. Review/Approve - Warrants**
- 2. Review/Approve - Purchase Order Report**
- 3. Review/Approve - Inter-district Transfer Requests**

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – May Board Meeting 5/20/Foundation Meeting Update/County Safety Project Update/Monroe Front Office Remodel

11. CLOSED SESSION 6:05 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

- 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 7:19PM taking no action on any Closed Session Agenda items.

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

12. ITEMS FOR EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 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