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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – December 13, 2023
Closed Session – 4 P.M.
Open Session – 6 P.M.
Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room, Education Service and Support Center
Streamed Online

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order

President Ugarte called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Vice President
Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Clerk
Ms. Kate Bishop, Member
Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent
Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Sharon Casey, Asst. Supt. Student Services
Ms. Jessica Morales, Area Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Ms. Lisa Riggs, Area Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
Ms. Rochelle Carroll, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Services and Support
Ms. Lidya Depietri-Marquez, Communications Specialist
Ms. Araceli Guzman, Supt. and Board of Education Administrative Manager
Ms. Paloma Romo, Secretary II

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action) *Approve Agenda*

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ,
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

A. Conduct Annual Organizational Business of the Chula Vista Elementary School District Board of Education to:

(1) Elect Officers;

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes stated that because Trustees Ugarte and Bishop are running for reelection and Trustee Fernandez is running for Chula Vista City Council, they should not serve as President or Vice President. Her concern was that a President controls the agenda and for transparency purposes and perspectives any Trustee running for an election should not sit as President. She motioned to nominate Trustee Tamayo serve as President, Trustee Ugarte as Vice President, and Trustee Fernandez as Clerk.

Trustee Fernandez responded to Trustee Dominguez Cervantes. While he doesn't mind that slate, the impetus for why she proposed it is concerning. He has never have brought up his politics on the dais, nor does he intend to. He told her that she was the one to bring up the fact that he was running. He would never intend to because it is a conflict of interest and added that while her concern is valid, he just doesn't agree with it. Trustees Ugarte and Bishop echoed Trustee Fernandez' response.

Trustee Tamayo appreciated the gesture of being nominated for President, but he declined.

Trustees Dominguez Cervantes' slate proposal did not pass.

Trustee Fernandez proposed to nominate Trustee Ugarte as President, Trustee Fernandez as Vice President, and Trustee Tamayo as Clerk. Trustee Tamayo called the question.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES
Abstain: NONE

(2) Appoint Superintendent as Secretary;

Motion: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES Second: BISHOP,
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

(3) Adopt Dates, Time, and Place for Regular Board Meetings in 2024; and

Board Member Bishop requested the Board to consider adopting February 21 and June 12 instead of February 14 and June 20.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES,
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

(4) Appoint Board Members to Policy Review Committee

President Ugarte motioned to nominate Vice President Fernandez and Clerk Tamayo to the Policy Review Committee.

Discussion included Board Members Dominguez Cervantes and Bishop requesting to serve on the Policy Review Committee.

The motion on the floor stands to appoint Vice President Fernandez and Clerk Tamayo to the Policy Review Committee.

Motion: UGARTE, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES
Abstain: NONE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Oral Communications on Closed Session Items

The Oral Communications section provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on closed session items only. Persons wishing to be heard may attend in person and should complete a "Request to Be Heard" card and submit it to the Recording Secretary before the start of the meeting or call 619-679-9001 prior to the start of the meeting. Telephone line opens one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to three minutes and speak in a respectful and professional manner. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each topic to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comments depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

There were five speakers:

- Maria Mickelson spoke about her employment concerns.
- Courtney Princell spoke on behalf of Maria Mickelson.
- Giovanna Sandoval spoke on behalf of Maria Mickelson.
- Rosaria Murdoch spoke on behalf of Maria Mickelson.
- Zane Aguilera spoke on behalf of Maria Mickelson.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

President Ugarte adjourned to closed session at 4:36 p.m. in accordance with the following:

Government Code Sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6: Collective Bargaining/Employee Negotiations; Agency Negotiators: Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP and Adams Silva & McNally LLP; Employee

Organizations: Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization (CVCEO); Chula Vista Educators (CVE); Nonrepresented Employees; Administrators Association of Chula Vista (AACV)

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

- Employee ID No. 2010223395
- Employee ID No. 2011023315

Government Code Section 911.6: Petition for Late Claim of Minor B.G.

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Possible Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/ Employment:

Title:

- Principal (1)

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Reconvene to Open Session

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:06 P.M.

Clerk Tamayo announced that in closed session, the Board:

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/ Employment:

Appointed John Greenwell as Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Principal

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

- Employee ID No. 2010223395

Acceptance of the last Settlement Agreement.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, Abstain: NONE

- Employee ID No. 2011023315

Adoption of the last Settlement Agreement Offer.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

Government Code Section 911.6: Petition for Late Claim of Minor B.G.

Approved.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE, Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

A. Call to Order

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 6:08 P.M. with all Board Members present.

B. Roll Call

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Vice President
Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Clerk
Ms. Kate Bishop, Member
Ms. Delia Dominguez Cervantes, Member

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent
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C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ugarte asked Mr. Esquivel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVE AGENDA (Action) *Approve Agenda*

There was a motion to approve the agenda with flexibility. Moved Agenda Item 10.B. Capitol Advisors Group, LLC, Legislative and Budget Updates, and Agenda Item 9.A. Oral Communications to be presented after Agenda Item 7.C.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Vote: UNANIMOUS

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Special Recognition/ Awards, Honors

A. Presentation of District Winners of the Holiday Greeting Card Competition

Dr. Reyes shared that we had our annual holiday card competition. There were many submissions from many different students. Ms. Rochelle Carroll announced the winners of the competition. They won cash prizes of $100 for First Place, $75 for Second Place, and $50 for Third Place sponsored by California Coast Credit Union.

- First Place: Harper Murdoch, Grade 5, Veterans
- Second Place: Mei Sosa, Grade 5, Olympic View
- Third Place: Arianna Tantre, Grade 5, Hedenkamp

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition and cash prizes to the winners and had the opportunity to congratulate them.

B. Recognition of 2023 San Diego Academia Award Recipients

Ms. Rochelle Carroll proudly announced the winners of the Third Annual IQ Podcasts San Diego Academia Awards. Founded by Brett Davis and Sarah Morga, IQ Podcasts is San Diego's largest independent multimedia company which brings community stories and events to the public eye.

- Patricia Montoy, Secretary of the Year, Harborside Elementary
- Oscar Carrillo, Custodian of the Year, Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary
- Arcelia Luecke, Irma Nieto, and Christina Salazar, Cafeteria Team of the Year, Otay Elementary
- Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent of the Year

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition and had the opportunity to congratulate them.

C. Recognition of Aspiring Administrators Academy Participants

Mr. Jason Romero proudly announced the participants for the 2023-24 inaugural year of the Aspiring Administrators Academy. This cohort of future administrators is offered the opportunity to learn topics such as leadership, diversity equity and inclusion, school culture, communication, finance, and other critical topics for administrators. There were 23 participants and graduates of the program.

Board Members presented Certificates of Recognition and had the opportunity to congratulate them.

Mr. Romero took the opportunity to announce the new administrative appointments: Acting Principal Anthony Morales at Cook Elementary, Acting Associate Principal Lilia Rodriguez at Salt Creek Elementary, and Interim Principal Marilyn Prall at Olympic View Elementary. He

introduced Mr. John Greenwell, appointed as Principal at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary.

8. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Communications to the Board

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

President Angela Reed reiterated the numerous times she has spoken on behalf of classified employees regarding working conditions, safety, compensation, and professional development. Unfortunately, conditions have not improved.

Staff injury is intolerably high for paraprofessionals. Being the lowest paid employees in class, paraprofessionals should be the last to step in when support is needed. CVCEO has requested a pay increase but was denied.

Paraprofessionals should be given the opportunity for professional development commensurate with what is provided to certificated staff.

B. Chula Vista Educators

President Rosi Martinez stated that bargaining continues to be the topic of interest. While there is progress, items still being negotiated are hours, safety, and community schools. Safety concerns that have been repeatedly expressed include student behaviors, appropriate staffing, and safe campuses. In the hours article, still in discussion is committee work, professional development, and toileting. The District, as well as this board have embraced the four pillars of community schools but refused to commit any language that allows for this work to be sustainable.

Still unable to come to an agreement on encompasses class size for Special Education. These are classrooms with the most vulnerable students.

Another concern is the health cap. Insurance rates have gone up so much that it is impossible for families to keep up with the increased cost.

She thanked Board Members, Dr. Reyes, and District leadership for being open to hearing all concerns.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications

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on each topic to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comments depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

There were 14 speakers. Students were given an opportunity to speak first.

- Student Lauren U. requested Ms. Mickelson be allowed to return to Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary.
- Student Ariella Ramos spoke to support Ms. Mickelson's return to Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary.
- Parent Carlo requested Ms. Mickelson be allowed to return to Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary.
- Call-In Parent expressed concerns regarding Trustee Fernandez and requested that the District run background checks for Board Members.
- Community Member Fuji Shiura running for Congress expressed support for teacher pay raise.
- Community Member Martin Veprauskas running for US Senator expressed support for teachers.
- Community Member Anna Renwick expressed concerns regarding Trustee Bishop.
- Call-In Mckayla Williams spoke in support of Ms. Mickelson returning to Fahari L. Jeffers Elementary.
- Parents Natalia Lizarraga, and Maria Rocha from Palomar Elementary requesting permanent teacher for kindergarten class.
- Teacher Melinda White expressing support for teachers.
- Employee No. 11436 expressed concerns regarding Human Resources protocols for employees on leave.
- Parent Delfina Gonzalez spoke in support for teachers.
- Rosi Martinez acknowledged and thanked parents and community members for speaking on behalf of teachers.
- Candidate for seat on CVESD School Board, Dr. Alexis Avina spoke in support of educators and staff.

10. ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Oral Presentations/ Written Reports

A. District Safety/Health Update

Mr. Jason Romero provided an update on safety.

The following were concerns addressed by the District Safety Committee.

- Concern 1: Staff visiting or working on campus after hours. Recommendation: Staff should be allowed to come on campus when custodial staff are present.
- Concern 2: School staff assigned to a classroom do not have classroom keys.

Recommendation: Staff assigned to a classroom a key with access a key to access classrooms for safety and security.

He shared that the final Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP) will be presented to the Board for approval in January.

Upcoming security training will include active shooter and emergency response. This will be a part of the staff orientation training.

Future projects include monthly safety videos, potential date for School Safety Forum is February 6, revision of emergency plan operation, trainings, and Tabletop (TTX).

There was one speaker:

- Tanya Williams commended CVESD for its safety program.

Board Members had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

B. Capitol Advisors Group, LLC, Legislative and Budget Update

President and Partner of Capitol Advisors Group, LLC Mr. Kevin Gordon provided a legislative and budget update on conditions that could impact Chula Vista Elementary School District.

He shared that when the legislature adopted a budget last summer and did all their estimates on what to do with revenue, they did not have any tax information due to the delayed the tax filing deadline from April 15 all the way to November 15. A report came out last week where they say education was given $21 billion more than we should have. We may have a $68 billion deficit and education is 40% of the budget.

Public schools funding is tied to a constitutional requirement in California called Prop 98. And there's a minimum guarantee that we're supposed to get, but it's just a minimum. This extra funding is to be saved for a "rainy day". We must fight to prevent them from using their formula of minimum guarantee which would enact the biggest cuts in the history of the state of California on public schools. Otherwise, the commitment this district has made to programs like ELOP, Universal TK, Community Schools, and COLA would be threatened. (Governor did not cut ELOP last year.)

Other concerns are school bonds on the ballot, and the learning recovery block grant. They create debt obligation. As we're diving into a difficult budget forecast, we were already facing challenges such as declining enrollment, increased costs, STRS/PERS obligations. Laying on potential cuts makes the situation worse.

An advantage is that next year is an election year, and cutting funds to schools would look bad for the constituents.

The governor's proposal will be unveiled January 10th.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment.

11. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR (Action) *Consent Calendar*

The following items listed under Consent Calendar are considered by the Board in one action. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

Item 11.I. was pulled by Clerk Tamayo, and 11.L. and 11.N. were pulled by Vice President Fernandez.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 15, 2023

B. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through K **2023-24.045**

C. Approve Stipend to Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grade Teachers for Reviewing and Preparing New Lessons for the Adolescent Growth Education (AGE)

D. Approve Year-Round Calendars for the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 School Years

E. Adopt Resolution for Purchase of AEGIX AIM Platform Software from AEGIX Global, LLC **2023-24.046**

F. Approve School Plans for Student Achievement for the 2023-24 School Year

G. Ratify Memorandum of Agreement with the YMCA of San Diego County for Before-, After-School, and Intersession Services for the Period of July 1, 2023, Through June 30, 2024

H. (1) Approve Rejection of Request For Proposal No. 23/24-1 for Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade 6 Tutoring Services; and

(2) Approve Award of Request For Proposal No. 23/24-11 for Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade 6 Tutoring Services to Hey Tutor for the Period of January 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2024

I. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego County Office of Education to Participate in the Full Implementation of Oracle/PeopleSoft Finance Solution

Vice President Tamayo recused himself from this item.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: TAMAYO

J. Approve Facilities Use and Lease Agreement with Leonardo da Vinci Health Sciences Charter School for Use of Relocatable Classrooms and Shared Spaces at Karl H. Kellogg Elementary School for the Period of July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025

K. Authorize Rejection of Request For Proposal No. 23/24-9 Network Hardware

L. Authorize Rejection of All Proposals Received in Response to Request For Proposal No. 23/24-10 Wide Area Network Ethernet Service and Internet Service Provider

Vice President Fernandez inquired on the authorization of rejections. Mr. Esquivel explained that responses from bidders did not include clarification on the eligibility of E-rate funding, therefore the rejection of all the bidders was in order.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO UGARTE
Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

M. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Utilization of Sourcewell, Contract No. 081419 to CDW Government, LLC; GovConnection, Inc., and SHI International for Technology Catalog Solutions for the Period of December 14, 2023, Through October 30, 2024 **2023-24.047**

N. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Sweetwater Union High School District and Chula Vista Elementary School District for Greater Access to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the Period of December 14, 2023, Through December 31, 2024

Vice President Fernandez and President Ugarte recused themselves from this item.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, TAMAYO
Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: FERNANDEZ, UGARTE

O. Accept Donation **2023-24.048**

P. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through November 30, 2023 **2023-24.049**

Q. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2023-24.050**

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings

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None.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Action Items

A. (1) Approve Revisions to Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget;

(2) Approve First Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2023; and

(3) Certify District's Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Mr. Esquivel reviewed the LCFF funding formula and presented the 2023-24 First Interim Budget Report. It included slides comparing the first interim budget changes since the adopted budget in June: General Fund Budget Summary; Unrestricted vs. Restricted General Fund; First Interim Commitments and Assignments; First Interim Restricted Fund Balances; First Interim REU Changes; Unrestricted General Fund Revenue and Other Sources Changes; Unrestricted General Fund Expenditure Changes; Changes in Unrestricted Designations and Unrestricted Beginning Fund Balance; Multi-Year Financial Projection; Multi-Year Projection Assumptions; Multi-Year REU Projection; Historical Average Daily Attendance (ADA); and items being watched.

He said the District is presenting a positive certification, meaning we feel we will be meeting the 2023-24 minimum reserve requirements and the next two years

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FERNANDEZ, Vote: UNANIMOUS

14. FIRST AND SECOND READINGS, BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS

First/Second Readings

A. Second Reading and Approval Reading/Possible Revision: Proposed Revisions to Administrative Regulation 6163.2, Board Policy 6163.2, and Exhibit 6163.2, Service Animals in Schools

Mr. Jason Romero presented the Second Reading for Possible Revision BP 6163.2 Service Animals. This reflects updates under current legislation and current laws related to service animals allowed on campuses, especially under section 504 and our Americans with Disabilities Act and Civil Code Section 54.

There was one speaker:

- CVE President Rosi Martinez shared concerns regarding CVE not being included for input as it outlines teacher responsibilities.

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes reviewed areas that are concerning including fear (of dogs), teachers required to provide instruction about the animals, ensuring that animal containers are suitable, disposing of animal waste, and liability for safety.

Vice President Fernandez also expressed concerns and felt that the policy requires further review.

Mr. Romero said this policy states the child is solely responsible for maintaining the containers. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the service animal.

Dr. Reyes will bring the item back to the Policy Review Committee for additional review and to include labor partners.

Motion to reject the policy.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, Vote: UNANIMOUS

B. First and Second Reading/Possible Revision: Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6173, Education for Children Experiencing Homelessness

Ms. Sharon Casey stated this is a new policy. Currently, we only have an administrative regulation. The language change includes students experiencing homelessness rather than homeless students, adding the grade level Pre-K, and adding the requirements of our state and federal guidelines.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

C. First and Second Reading/Possible Revision: Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth

Ms. Casey explained the revision is to meet compliance with current Federal and State guidelines. The policy was last updated in 2004.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BISHOP, Vote: UNANIMOUS

15. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

Information Items/ Reports

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes requested a report on safety for the Harborside community.

Clerk Tamayo requested a report on reading levels for the early grade levels and a summary of literacy support we provide for them. Ms. Jessica Morales will include the information in the next Board update.

President Ugarte requested information on the number of vacant positions. Mr. Jason Romero will include it in the next Board update.

16. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Communications

Board Member Dominguez Cervantes attended the Starlight Parade, a meeting at Southwestern Community College focusing on the future of the designated university to be built in Otay Ranch area, the District Office Annual Christmas Party, the Toys for Joy Drive at Loma Verde, the Grand Opening of the Loma Verde Recreation Center, and the Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Topping Out Ceremony. She thanked everyone for the hard work and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Board Member Bishop was a judge at Veterans' Spelling Bee. She attended the Special Education Training at the District Office, was invited to Rogers to read in Ms. Moore's class, the Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Topping Out Ceremony, and the Annual Education Conference (AEC), including the Delegate Assembly. She thanked the support staff for planning and coordinating this meeting and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Clerk Tamayo was not able to attend the Topping Out Ceremony at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary but lives in the community and has seen the daily progress in under a year. He attended the Superintendent's meeting with Student Council and was very impressed by their ideas and responses. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked them for their hard work.

Vice President Fernandez attended the Starlight Parade, the Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Topping Out Ceremony at Sonia Sotomayor, the meeting at Southwestern Community College focusing on the future of the designated university to be built in Otay Ranch area, the Chula Vista Chamber Toy Drive, the AEC and workshops on artificial intelligence and staff housing. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

President Ugarte attended the AEC, the 2023 San Diego Academia Awards event, the Starlight Parade, and the Community Schools LTAC (Local Transformational Assistance Center) meeting. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

17. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

Superintendent's Communication

18. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: Ayes: BISHOP, DOMINGUEZ CERVANTES, FERNANDEZ, TAMAYO, UGARTE
Absent: NONE; Noes: NONE; Abstain: NONE

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024, AT 4 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AND 6 P.M. OPEN SESSION

Eduardo Reyes, Ed.D. Secretary

Francisco Tamayo, Clerk