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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022
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 6:05 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ms. Lucy Ugarte, President
Ms. Leslie Bunker, Vice President
Ms. Kate Bishop, Member
Mr. Cesar T. Fernandez, Member

Members Absent:

Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Clerk

Others Present:

Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Interim Superintendent
Dr. Matthew Tessier, Asst. Supt., Instructional Services
Mr. Jason Romero, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
Mrs. Nancy Teahan, Asst. to the Supt. and Board of Education

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Interim Superintendent Mr. Esquivel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action)

Approve Agenda

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Special Recognition/ Awards, Honors

President Ugarte recognized past Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization (CVCEO) President Peter Zeitler with a Certificate of Recognition and read the following: "For your leadership and for your efforts on behalf of and dedication to Chula Vista Elementary School District students and classified staff, you made a difference! Thank you, Mr. Zeitler."

A. Presentation of Newly Hired and Promoted Employees

Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jason Romero announced the appointment of Mr. Daniel Romo as Principal of Heritage Elementary School and also announced promoted employees.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Communications to the Board

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

President Angela Reed shared she was very happy to hear that so many classified employees had been promoted. She reminded everyone that last month ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employee) was introduced and said there is a need for the COLA [Cost of Living Adjustment] to be rightfully applied to the salaries of District employees. She pointed out the need for equity in employment and explained equity means treating people according to their needs and goes a step further to compensate for the additional challenges some employees face by offering them more resources and opportunities than their peers who have less need for support. Ms. Reed said low wage employees with dependents cannot pay the premium cost to have their children on the health plan provided by the District and forces working parents to rely on the state to provide necessary medical coverage. She added that historically all employees have been treated the same for wages and benefits and this leaves behind the ALICE working for the District. She went on to say a 3% wage does not cover inflation and every year the COLA is withheld, Classified employees fall further toward poverty. She encouraged the District to seek to understand who the Classified employees are and what challenges they face to ensure benefits and wages are increased in the most equitable and inclusive manner possible. Ms. Reed concluded by saying that providing employees what they need in the form of wages and benefits empowers employees to better provide the academic and emotional support students need to thrive.

B. Chula Vista Educators

President Rosi Martinez congratulated the Board for the process they established to find the best leader for the District and said she looks forward to working with Dr. Reyes. She added Dr. Reyes has proven over the past seven years, while on the Board, that his commitment to students and knowledge will only continue to make the District the

best place to be. Ms. Martinez shared she was hoping she could share good news of a settlement on the contract, but it had not happened. She added that although there was not an agreement on the contract, she acknowledged the Board's support in agreeing to extend the COVID days without restrictions. The recent MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] made a huge positive impact on many employees. Ms. Martinez said she is grateful for the understanding that what staff needed was time by putting a pause on professional development, Friday staff meetings this quarter, and more prep time to do all the extra work the pandemic has created. It was well received and greatly appreciated. She added it was very disappointing and concerning that at some sites ILT work and expectations continue. Ms. Martinez shared that during the crisis, what needs to be focused on is ensuring the safety of students and staff and address the loss of learning that has happened during distance learning as well as during this year with all the time students have been out of their classrooms. Ms. Martinez said those who decide to expect business as usual only show a great disconnect with the realities of their classroom and the needs of staff and students. Grade levels are expected to do peer walkthroughs and observations of language strategies that place students in close proximity to interact in pairs. Ms. Martinez has had many conversations with the ISS [Instructional Services and Support] Department about this and was under the impression that everyone was on the same page about respecting the teachers and showing understanding of the circumstances and not adding more to their plate. She said this is not only insensitive to the culture of the classroom but to everyone's safety. Observations and walkthroughs add to the teacher's plate at a very inappropriate time and for safety's sake, there is already difficulty in keeping up contact tracing. Ms. Martinez questioned who would think that having teachers come into each other's classrooms right now was a good idea and who is covering their classrooms while observing their peers. She said after bargaining today, she attended the District's Safety Committee meeting. She acknowledged all the amazing staff working across the District to keep everyone safe. It is a daunting task and everyone is doing the best they can under the circumstances. She added however, with the ever-changing guidelines and protocols it is imperative the District do a better job of communicating to staff and keeping everyone updated. While the District continues to send messages only to administrators, a lot is being lost in translation. She said not everyone is clear on which latest Decision Tree to follow, who should be completing which tasks, and how to prioritize them. When there are different expectations at different sites it creates confusion and mistrust. She shared an example that continues to be an issue is the cleaning of classrooms. Custodial staff work very hard and it is not the intent to add more to their plate. She said we expect that the District would prioritize their duties and take something off their list in order to ensure sufficient time is given to classrooms and common areas to be cleaned daily as

outlined in the safety MOU [Memorandum of Understanding]. During Hybrid, the cleaning was able to be done twice a day and now it cannot happen once. When there is a positive case, the classroom needs to be disinfected and that is not always happening. She asked when there is a substitute custodian, who is responsible for letting that person know a classroom needs to be disinfected? She asked that the District send out more frequent, clear communications to all staff so everyone is hearing the same message and following the same protocols. Ms. Martinez said that they acknowledge the difficult times being experienced and that everyone is working very hard but we need to ensure we are collaborating better and working smarter to ensure students are getting the best possible experience in their schools.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications

The Oral Communications section provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items. Persons wishing to be heard must 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. 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.

- Mr. David Bame started with a quote, "Parents, teachers, and staff are expressing their loss of trust and respect for this Board because of the actions and inactions of each of us in order to restore relationships with all stakeholders we the Board must make the first move. We should change for our own self-respect and must change for the good of our community. Our focus must always be on what is best for all students. Some of the issues raised are distractions that need to be addressed and be done with. Some are important and need further research, discussion, and decisions. We are the elected leaders and have to step up (and later) and demonstrate to our community we are here for the students." This was from Vice President Bunker and Mr. Bame said this summarizes a lot of what has been heard from the community. The words continue to echo even from October and tonight in particular with the announcement of a new superintendent chosen by the Board with all the other various issues brought up. He shares Mr. Romero's delight in seeing so many good people getting into so many good places. He is also conscious of the number of resignations we are facing now and that he is hearing gossip about. He is hearing about all kinds of related issues that build off what two colleagues just mentioned. He heard from a janitor (not at the school his kids attend) bemoaning the lack of clean rags and that he has to use old rags to clean. Mr. Bame said this is unacceptable and it is not that every single micro issue needs to be

identified by a parent or a student or anyone employed by the District. Systemically this is one very important chance to review and renew. He said the appointment of a new superintendent does not reduce the importance for this Board to step up. He said it makes it more important than ever. Some people have taken the superintendent selection process extremely personal, although he has not, he has heard gossip to that point. He intends to fully support the new superintendent in every possible way he can because that is what he deserves and hopes every other community member can make a similar commitment. Mr. Bame said it does not start with the community or with the superintendent. It starts with this Board. He knows how seriously they take the commitment and Mr. Bame said he would give more ideas later in the meeting. He added this is one of those moments to step back, review, renew, and find new ways that respond to the community.

6. ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN REPORTS

Oral Presentations/ Written Reports

A. District Safety Committee/COVID-19 Update

Mr. Romero reminded everyone what the role of the District Safety Committee is as stated at the August 25, 2021 Board meeting. It is to advise on the creation and implementation of COVID-19 safety measures and to oversee site level committees. Mr. Romero shared who the District-level committee members are: Senior Director of Human Resources Jorge Mora, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Manager Jennifer Venyak, Chula Vista Educators (CVE) President Rosi Martinez, School Nurse Linda Kucinski, CVCEO President Angela Reed, CVCEO Vice President Chris Mages, and Charter School Principal Angelica Sleiman. Some of the topics discussed at the recent meeting were contact tracing, COVID leave, and the vaccination rate continuing to increase. Safety concerns shared were playground safety and supervision and the safety MOU; COVID-19 parent townhall on January 13 with Dr. Motadel, COVID Clinic Kiosks, weekly testing (surveillance), and District's next steps.

Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Board Member Bishop gave a shout-out to Mr. Romero and the IT [Information Technology] Team for their response to concerns. She also gave a shout-out to IT Website and Communications Specialist LaTanya Powers for her quick response to updates on the website and said they are all rock stars. She asked for clarification on the COVID Dashboard, specifically if the numbers are for cases of people who have been on campus and not a larger description of the community as a whole. Board Member Bishop also appreciated the updated digital COVID Safety Handbook for parents and asked if there could be the same thing for employees. She also requested to have a place on the website for frequently asked questions as well as a place for people to ask a question and have it send them directly to

Jenny Venyak. She added it would be helpful for everyone to see the same thing and work together and understand it correctly.

Mr. Romero shared Human Resources will begin to offer Office Hours on Thursdays from 3-4 PM with himself, Jorge Mora, and Peg Myers. They will be available to answer questions related to Human Resources. For COVID questions there will be a Zoom option for staff. It will be more real time and an open Zoom invitation. Rachel Sweigart and Jenny Venyak will host.

Board Member Fernandez thanked any and all of the staff who worked on the TownHall, found it to be very informative, and appreciates the presentation available on the District website. He said it is easy to understand and hopes the digital handbook will have the same simple graphics. He also gave a shout-out to Jenny Venyak and the phenomenal job she is doing.

Vice President Bunker agreed with what was already shared.

President Ugarte was impressed with Mr. Romero's presentation. She also gave a shout out to the people who worked the weekend testing offered before opening schools.

B. Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Romero said he is impressed with what the District has done. He gave a review of the superintendent search process and shared the Board Members final recommendation and appointment of Dr. Eduardo Reyes, who will start February 22. He thanked the Search Committee for all the time they put into the process and the Board Members for their selection of the new superintendent. He ended by saying CVESD is the best place to be.

There was a speaker for this item. Jehan Espinoza commended the Board for the hard work in hiring a new superintendent and kudos to Dr. Reyes who will do a great job for the District.

Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Board Member Bishop thanked all the people who worked really hard on this. She said HR [Human Resources] absolutely killed it and said we are so proud to have Mr. Romero in the HR department. She added that he worked so diligently and went above and beyond. She also gave a shout out to the committee, specifically the co-chairs David Bame and Rosi Martinez, for their outstanding job and for the stellar candidates they brought forward and thanked the people who interviewed and said it was a hard decision. Board Member Bishop shared they were pleased with the candidates brought forward and feels confident Dr. Reyes is the best person for the job and was pleased the Board came to a unanimous decision. She looks forward to working with Dr. Reyes as superintendent.

Board Member Fernandez agreed with Board Member Bishop and thanked Mr. Romero and said he is the search firm, thanked Mr. Bame

and Ms. Martinez and anyone else who spent hours on the Search Committee. Board Member Fernandez said thank you for making their job easier in presenting the Board with six awesome candidates.

Vice President Bunker appreciated the work of the Search Committee and liked having the community input/portion first. She thanked everyone for their hard work.

President Ugarte is grateful for the committee and all the hard work they did and the integrity to the process. She thanked Mr. Romero for all he did and for completing every task the Board asked of him. Mr. Romero responded that candidates shared what an amazing opportunity they had to participate in the process and to be considered for such a great district. Mr. Romero added this is a testament to the quality of teachers, classified staff, Board Members, administrators, and the community. He thanked everyone for the compliments.

7. 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.

President Ugarte said there was a request to speak on Agenda Item 7.N. A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of 7.N.

Motion: BUNKER, Second: BISHOP
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Organizational Meeting December 15, 2021

B. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through H **2021-22.76**

C. Ratify Increase of Hourly Rates for Classified Substitute Student Attendants and Certificated Substitute Permit Teachers Effective January 1, 2022

D. Adopt Resolution on Non-Reelection of Certificated Staff Member **2021-22.77**

E. Adopt Resolution Declaring February 4, 2022, as *National Wear Red Day®* in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **2021-22.78**

F. Approve Purchase of One Fountas & Pinnell *Comprehensive Phonics, Spelling, and Word Study Guide* Per Classroom Teacher and School Principal in the Estimated Amount of $26,000

G. Ratify Agreement with San Diego Healthcare Quality Collaborative for Chula Vista Community Collaborative Services for Outreach, Education, and Care Navigation Services for the Period of January 1 Through December 31, 2022

H. Ratify Amendment to Agreement with the City of Chula Vista for Use of the Multipurpose Rooms at the Civic Center Branch and South Chula Vista Branch Libraries for the Period of July 1, 2020, Through June 30, 2023, with the Option to Extend up to Two One-Year Periods

I. Approve Renewal of Request for Proposal 18/19-2 for Internet Services with AT&T Corp. for the Period of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023

J. Approve Award of Bid No. 21/22-4 for Student Charter Transportation Services to Nevertardy Transit, LLC; Royal Lines Charters, LLC; Sun Diego Charter Company; and Wess Transportation Services, Inc., for the Period of February 18, 2022, Through February 17, 2023

K. Approve Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year 2021-22 for the District Financial and Compliance Audit, and the Measure VV and Measure M General Obligation Bond Programs Financial and Performance Audit Required Under Proposition 39

L. Accept Donation **2021-22.79**

M. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through December 31, 2021 **2021-22.80**

N. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2021-22.81**

Mr. Bame addressed the Coast2Coast travel in Washington, DC listed on Exhibit A of the Inservice/Travel Requests Board Agenda Item 7.N. He said he had no idea what Coast2Coast was, but that it may very well be extremely useful for three Board members to attend such a meeting. However, at a cost of $3,600 each is something he wanted to bring to their attention. He said if there is a legitimate reason that this is going to do good things then he is all for it. Mr. Bame shared he has been guided by two principles: if one person can go and take really good notes and do the engagement, particularly when public monies are involved, then send one person. The other is what is the purpose and what are we trying to get out of this and what are the results back. Mr. Bame said he does not want to make too much out of what might be a small amount in a budget. He added Mr. Esquivel and others have taught him it is worth looking at and particularly at this time, with the comments he made earlier and with comments the Board has made this is a good opportunity to explain, advocate, and report back to the community about what this meant, what came out of it, and what can we do for the District.

Board Members took the opportunity to explain the purpose of the travel expenditure.

Vice President Bunker shared they do not usually respond [to oral communications] but this was important and wanted to clarify Coast2Coast is an advocacy trip with Board members from all over the country, however, District Board members went with California School Boards Association [CSBA]. CSBA will set up meetings for Board members to meet with different legislators. She went on to say a big part of their [Board Members] job is to advocate for kids and they want to communicate with people in Washington what they can do to help. Vice President Bunker said it is a valuable trip.

Board Member Fernandez shared the kind of advocacy he wants to do is to let legislators know where the funding for education needs to be and will report back.

Board Member Bishop said she was interested in going on this trip as a Board Member and as a parent of a child in special education to try and lobby on behalf of IDEA [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act] at the national level for full funding for special education. She said sometimes it helps to hear from people who are actually experiencing these things and she has two identities as both a school Board member and a parent with a child who has had to struggle in IEPs to try and get the services that are needed (she added not with this District). Having personal experiences to share with legislators will hopefully help move the needle.

President Ugarte said we are in a critical time, especially since being in a pandemic for the last two years. It is not only about where the money is but how we get the money and maybe restructuring since ADA is not working and possibly making a change in that regard. She said she appreciated Mr. Bame's question and letting the Board explain.

There was a motion to approve Agenda Item 7.N.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

O. Reappoint Member to the Chula Vista Elementary School District Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

P. Adopt Resolution for Reprimand, Censure, and Removal of Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Member Laurence J. Strong **2021-22.82**

Q. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Use of Prince William County Public Schools Cooperative Bid No. R-TC-17006 Representing Omnia Partners Awarded to Amazon Services, LLC, for the Period of January 19, 2022, Through January 18, 2024 **2021-22.83**

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS *Public Hearings*

The Public Hearings section provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on specific items. Persons wishing to address the Board on any public hearing items must complete a "Request to Be Heard" card and submit it to the Recording Secretary before 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 input on each public hearing item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comments on each public hearing item depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard.

A. (1) Conduct Public Hearing to Perform Specified Service for the Period of January 20 Through June 30, 2022; and

Mr. Romero said part of the adoption of the short-term employee is in reference to a need for positions that have been temporary in nature. In this case, the District is bringing forward an employee who recently retired to come back and provide services needed to catch up with work that needs to be done. Mr. Romero said this is similar to what was brought to the Board last month.

President Ugarte opened the public hearing and said there were no speakers on this item and then closed the public hearing.

(2) Adopt Resolution Regarding Short-Term Classified Employee **2021-22.84**

Motion: BUNKER, Second: BISHOP
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Action Items

A. Approve Comprehensive School Safety Plans for the 2021-22 School Year

Mr. Romero said this is an annual requirement under California Education Code Section 32286 that requires each school site to provide a comprehensive school safety plan, for the District to review that plan, and then bring it to the Board for approval. Mr. Romero shared details of the process in completing the plans. He said all school sites have presented their full comprehensive safety plan and have been approved by Safety and Emergency Preparedness Manager Jenny Venyak.

There were no speakers on this item.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

B. Approve Phone-In Option for Persons Requesting to Address the Board of Education at Properly Noticed Board Meetings

Dr. Tessier said in hearing all the accolades for Jennifer Venyak

during the meeting, he wanted to share her herculean effort reviewing all the Comprehensive School Safety Plans and thanked her.

Dr. Tessier shared when the District provided the opportunity for the public to call-in to virtual Board meetings during the pandemic and then with the return of in-person Board meetings, the District requested persons to attend in-person if they wished to address the Board. He said the IT department checked out two different phone-in systems – Call in Studio and AirCall. Dr. Tessier said once the decision is made, the system can go live in February.

Senior Director of Information and Technology Services Danny Pasawongse provided a presentation on the two phone options that will allow phone-in during Board meetings. Mr. Pasawongse reviewed the pros and cons of the two systems. He also shared the costs for each system: Call in Studio costs $2,332.80 and an additional $0.03 per minute for in-bound calls and AirCall costs $1,800 and additional $0.03 per minute for in-bound calls. Both are one-year contracts. Aircall does not integrate with Microsoft Teams live events which is used for Board meetings. It did not integrate efficiently and effortlessly. Call in Studio has upgraded quite a bit of their features. It does integrate with Microsoft Teams live events and IT staff simulated an actual Board meeting call-in to make sure there were no glitches.

Board Member Bishop asked what enterprise level meant. Mr. Pasawongse explained it is a very robust call-in system that you are able to utilize to ensure call quality and call queue especially in terms of reliability. It is a higher-grade than a consumer call-in system. He said it is software, based on the cloud. Board Member Bishop said Aircall had all the boxes checked but clarified with Mr. Pasawongse he would recommend Call in Studio and he said yes.

There was one speaker for this item. Mr. Bame spoke in support of the call-in phone system and encouraged the Board to make a decision on a system at the meeting. He appreciated the work of Danny and his team to always go above and beyond. Mr. Bame reviewed the cost being $1,800 per year and a nominal charge for each call and said it was well within normal bounds. Mr. Pasawongse clarified the cost for Call in Studio is a little over $2,300 and $0.03 per minute per call.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Board Member Bishop clarified that Call in Studio is worth the extra money because it works well and, based on the presentation, people can call in, get in the queue, and receive a call back. Mr. Pasawongse said IT staff will make sure the system is working efficiently and effortlessly. He added callers can remain in the queue, or they can receive a call back and at the end of

each Board meeting there will be summary logs of who called and how long their wait was. He added this information will be helpful in improving service, if need be. Board Member Bishop thanked Mr. Pasawongse and his team for getting a system that was asked for.

Board Member Fernandez thanked Mr. Pasawongse for testing both systems and made a motion to approve Call in Studio.

Motion: FERNANDEZ, Second: BISHOP
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Absent: TAMAYO

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

First and Second Readings

None.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

Information Items/Reports

A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

There were no requests for additional reports to be added. President Ugarte requested the Board Bylaws and Policies be sent electronically to Board members.

B. Report on the Governor's 2022-23 State Budget Proposal

Interim Superintendent Oscar Esquivel shared about the Local Control Funding Formula 2022-23 budget and that there are two major areas being looked at: the Cost-of-Living Adjustment and the ADA [Average Daily Attendance]; he also shared about the Universal Transitional Kindergarten Full Day Program; Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant; Facilities and Transportation Funding; Retirement Systems, COVID-19 Pandemic; 10% District Reserve Cap, Usual Next Steps for Governor's Proposal, and items the District is watching. Mr. Esquivel said as soon as there is additional information on the Governor's Proposal it will be provided in Board Updates or future Board meetings.

Mr. Bame thanked Mr. Esquivel for something that a lot of people can absorb easily and hoped the presentations are shared with parent committees. He appreciated the Board's answers on the conference he addressed earlier in the meeting, especially advocacy at the national, or federal, and state level. He said the advocacy at state level is critical in this process and he encouraged the Board to do everything possible, but not to do it on their own. He added there are wonderful people in the community who are good at advocacy and willing to help. He also mentioned unlocking a solution for the current labor negotiations and that he does not take sides, but said it is an awkward situation when there is no contract or there is a one-year contract. Mr. Bame said there is

enough information out there that District administration can make a good proposal. He would love to see this done soon as it is in everyone's interest.

Board Members had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Board Member Bishop thanked and appreciated Mr. Bame for being the public's eyes and his attention to detail and bringing up issues that he has questions about and allowing the Board to address. Board Member Bishop said there is state-level lobbying in March and she and Vice President Bunker are thinking of going. Regarding the budget proposal presentation, she asked if there would be enough space for the full-day Universal TK [Transitional Kindergarten] program and if there would be sufficient funding or would there need to be supplemental funding. Mr. Esquivel responded the Transitional Kindergarten space for the 2022-23 school year is being reviewed with the construction staff in Facilities as well as with [Senior Director of Early Childhood Education] Rita Palet. He said there are enough sites identified for the 2022-23 school year, however, the full implementation for 2025-26 would require additional facilities. Mr. Esquivel said they are reviewing grant opportunities from the state for expansion of facilities and will determine if matching funds will be necessary. Mr. Esquivel also shared if there are additional monies in the governor's proposal, those can be used as well. Board Member Bishop asked about the enrichment program for the arts funding and if it will be for arts in the classroom or could it be used for the VAPA [Visual and Performing Arts] program. Dr. Tessier shared funding with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant is more in thinking of the Six-to-Six, before- and after school programs. Board Member Bishop asked if the reserve cap trigger is expected to come in for the next budget year and Mr. Esquivel responded 2022-23 District budget and the requirement is the general fund unrestricted reserve meet 10% or less and currently the District is at approximately 12%.

Board Member Fernandez said regarding the 6-to-6 programs it would be good to listen to the Chula Vista and Sweetwater 6-to-6 families and employees to see what they might want and tailor it and be specific.

Vice President Bunker commented the Universal Transitional Kindergarten starts with a September start date and she recognizes districts start at different times, but asked why it is not stated the first day of school you have to be a certain age instead of September. She asked about the 12:1 ratio and if this is a requirement to get funding. Mr. Esquivel responded the state would not provide the money unless the plans were to use it and if the District were forced to take the money and did not use it, the money would have to be returned. Vice President Bunker asked If the District did not get the money would the ratio still be a requirement? Mr. Esquivel said those are the parameters for the Universal Transitional Kindergarten Program. Mr. Esquivel confirmed the date and time for the School

Services Workshop and said a link would be sent in order to join the meeting.

President Ugarte thanked Mr. Esquivel for the presentation and appreciates the easy-to-understand budget proposal.

Dr. Tessier shared there will be a Universal Transitional Kindergarten Board report in June and it should answer a lot of questions.

12. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Communications

Ms. Bishop:

- Hosted a meeting, "Parents and Teachers Bridging the Gap," with 15 participants and will let people know about the next meeting. She thanked CVE President Rosi Martinez for their collaboration.

Mr. Fernandez:

- Shared more about advocacy.
- Encouraged people to look for his next Office Hours on the District website. The next one will be early February before the February Board meeting.

Ms. Bunker:

- Thanked Peter Zeitler and enjoyed working with him and appreciated that he would bring things to the Board that she had not heard about. She added he organized the assembly of bikes for the annual Bikes for Kids event and worked with the Board to find the best solutions.

Ms. Ugarte:

- Grateful for classified staff, CNS [Child Nutrition Services] workers, Instructional Assistants, Health Techs, certificated staff. Thanked the community, parents, [CVCEO President] Angela Reed for wanting to work collaboratively with the Board and thanked Board Members, District administrators, and Cabinet.

13. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

Interim Supt.'s Communication

Mr. Esquivel:

- Welcomed everyone back.
- Congratulated Dr. Eduardo Reyes as the new superintendent and looks forward to working with him soon.
- Congratulated and thanked Mr. Romero and his staff, as well as Mr. Tessier, for the process in the selection of a new superintendent.

- Thanked Mr. Zeitler for his years as the president of CVCEO and looks forward to working with Angela Reed and continuing the year.

14. CLOSED SESSION *Closed Session*

President Ugarte adjourned to closed session at 7:47 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

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

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2021100160 for Student No. 262913

15. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION *Open Session*

President Ugarte reconvened to open session at 8:30 P.M. with all Board Members present except Clerk Tamayo.

Vice President Bunker, acting as Clerk, announced that in closed session, the Board:

Approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings, for Case No. 2021100160 for Student No. 262913

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE, Absent: TAMAYO

16. ADJOURNMENT *Adjournment*

President Ugarte adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

Motion: BISHOP, Second: FERNANDEZ
Vote: BISHOP, BUNKER, FERNANDEZ, UGARTE
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE, Absent: TAMAYO

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AT 6 P.M.

Oscar Esquivel, Interim Secretary

Francisco Tamayo, Clerk