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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting
June 30, 2020
6 P.M.
Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room, Education Service and Support Service
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING PROCEDURES *Opening Procedures*

A. Call to Order

President Farías called the meeting to order at 6 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:
Mr. Armando Farías, President
Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Vice President (Virtually)
Mrs. Laurie K. Humphrey, Clerk
Mrs. Leslie Ray Bunker, Member
Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Member

Members Absent:
None.

Others Present:
Dr. Francisco Escobedo, Superintendent
Dr. Gloria Ciriza, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Mrs. Soreli M. Norton, Asst. to the Supt. and Board of Education

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Humphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action) *Approve Agenda*

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: HUMPHREY, Vote: UNANIMOUS

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS *Oral Communications*

The Oral Communications portion of this special meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to address the Board on items included in the

agenda. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to three minutes (approximately 390 words). Comments submitted by completing the Request To Be Heard forms accessible here (English) and here (Spanish) by the deadline of 12 noon on Tuesday, June 30, will be read during the meeting. No Board action can be taken.

President Farías indicated that no comments were received under Oral Communications.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEM

Administrative Action

A. Approve Delay or Cease of Exploratory Efforts Related to Expansion of the Middle School Program Through Arroyo Vista's Charter

Vice President Reyes said he would recuse himself, stating that he works as a principal for Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) and while no Chula Vista Elementary School District (District) schools feed into his high school and the item does not impact him, he is part of SUHSD's leadership. Vice President Reyes left the room.

Dr. Escobedo asked the Board to reconsider their decision to explore expansion of middle schools utilizing Arroyo Vista Charter School. He added that the District knows the community wants this, as evidenced by a parent survey where 63% of 9,000 respondents indicated interest in a middle school option; however, in light of recent events he recommended that efforts to expand the program be halted. Dr. Escobedo said the District needs to work with SUHSD, who is in crisis, and to extend a hand of friendship and provide assistance so SUHSD can flourish and mentioned that the vast majority of District students attend SUHSD schools.

Board Member Bunker said she would like to see ceasing the efforts completely.

President Farías welcomed Sweetwater Union High School Board of Education President Nicholas Segura and Acting Superintendent Dr. Moises Aguirre, who joined the meeting virtually.

Mr. Segura said he appreciated the invitation to join and the agenda item. He commented that, as Dr. Escobedo stated, SUHSD is in crisis and will gladly accept and appreciate any help anyone can offer. Mr. Segura remarked that he believes this action would be the start of a great collaboration that will benefit the community and that he looks forward to working together He mentioned the good things the District achieved with IBEW [International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers] and saying he hopes the same can happen with SUHSD.

Dr. Aguirre echoed the sentiments of Mr. Segura and said they appreciate this token of good faith and good will during a turbulent moment for their organization. Added that he looks forward to continued

collaboration and thanked Dr. Escobedo and Board Members for taking the item on and extending a hand of collaboration to benefit the community the two districts share.

Dr. Gloria Ciriza read comments urging the Board to approve the item submitted by the following: Parent/Council of PTAs Vice President Kate Bishop, Chula Vista Educators President Susan Skala, a "Concerned but Hopeful Community Member," Former District Parent/Middle School Teacher Lucy Ugarte, and Sweetwater Association President Julie Walker.

President Farías motioned for the District to cease exploration of the expansion of middle school program.

Motion: FARÍAS, Second: BUNKER
Vote: Ayes: BUNKER, FARÍAS, HUMPHREY, TAMAYO
Recuse: REYES

After the vote, Vice President Reyes rejoined the meeting.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

President Farías adjourned to closed session at 6:22 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

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session

President Farías reconvened to open session at 6:36 P.M. with all Board Members present. He said there were no announcements.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Farías adjourned the meeting at 6:36 P.M.

Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D., Secretary

Laurie K. Humphrey, Clerk