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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
December 5, 2018
6 P.M.
Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room
Education Service and Support Center

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent:
None.

Others Present:
Dr. Francisco Escobedo, Superintendent
Mr. Oscar Esquivel, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Jeffrey Thiel, Asst. Supt., Human Resources
Dr. Matthew Tessier, Asst. Supt., Innovation and Instruction
Mr. Anthony Millican, Director, Communications and Community Development
Mrs. Laura Casas, Communications Supervisor
Mrs. María Mayela Couturier, Translator/Interpreter
Mrs. Soreli M. Norton, Asst. to the Supt. and Board of Education
Mrs. Araceli Vargas, Administrative Assistant II

C. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Students from Ella B. Allen Elementary, Joseph Casillas Elementary, Chula Vista Learning Community

Charter, Anne and William Hedenkamp Elementary, Juarez-Lincoln Elementary, and Loma Verde Elementary Schools

Students Ryan Bencomo (Hedenkamp), Samantha Garcia (Loma Verde), Rylan Goddard (Casillas), Elizabeth Hoffman (Allen), Azul Rivera (Chula Vista Learning), Gwendolyn Spurgeon (Juarez-Lincoln) led the Pledge of Allegiance. They also provided highlights about their respective schools.

School administrators accompanied the students to the meeting. The artwork displayed in the Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room was prepared by Allen, Casillas, Chula Vista Learning, Hedenkamp, Juarez-Lincoln, and Loma Verde.

President Bunker thanked the students for sharing information and said she liked a common thing that is good to hear—that staff, parents, and students make a community at each of the schools. She presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation and a stylus pen with the District's name.

2. APPROVE AGENDA (Action) *Approve Agenda*

Motion: FARÍAS, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, WRITTEN REPORTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS *Presentations/ Awards*

A. Presentation of Newly Hired and Promoted Employees

There were no introductions.

B. Recognition of Students Who Achieved the Highest Score Possible on the 2018 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

Dr. Tessier said this truly is one of his favorite times of the year, when the Board recognizes many District students. He explained that every year, students take the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments and that during the 2016-17 school year, 65 students achieved the highest score possible. He announced that for 2017-18, the number of students who achieved the highest score possible in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (Math) on the CAASPP increased to 83.

Dr. Tessier explained that, because there were so many students to be recognized, he would introduced them in groups and asked the audience to please hold off applause until each group was called.

First group—Current fourth graders who took the test in third grade: Erik Johanson and Leah Jordan (Arroyo Vista Charter-AVCS); Arnold Aguilar, Jania Angeles, and Allie Reyes (Camarena); Melanie Kohlbeck (Casillas); Andrea Beltran (EastLake); Valentina Granados (Heritage); Michelle Gao (Liberty); Andrew Nicolaus (Salt Creek); and Caius Rubio (Valle Lindo).

Second group—current fifth grade students who took the test in fourth grade: Athena May (AVCS); Pierre Clavillas, Luke Ducich, Madison Goslee, Nalu Raney, and Edgar Sanchez Gonzalez (Camarena); Sophia Balignot and Noah Groonwald (Casillas); Jazmin Heckelman (Chula Vista Hills); Malcom Dadmun (Clear View); Giantonio Ortega (Chula Vista Learning); Dante Zambelli (Discovery Charter); Ryan Lezarda and Erick Rodriguez (Hedenkamp); Joshua Alo and Benjamin Tennant (Heritage); Mikayla Pingol (Liberty); Lea Marshall and Keira Taheri (McMillin); Alec Baun (Olympic View); Hector Lucio and Leanne Pichay (Otay); Michael Ruiz (Parkview); Joshua Lee (Rice); Johanna Graham, Grace Lee, and Kaden Williams (Salt Creek); Citlali Villareal (Silver Wing); and Frida Johnson and Jovel Lacson (Wolf Canyon).

Third group—current sixth graders who took the test in fifth grade: Maximilian Saari (Camarena); Jiaxin Liang (Discovery Charter); Walker Flores and Brisson Graham (Hedenkamp); Callan Lutz (Heritage); Cairo Flores and Elijah Lee (Liberty); Sakura Blanton (Muraoka); Jasiel Arreola, Alexandra Canaris, and Stacey Valentin (Salt Creek); Ethan Chiang (Veterans); and Marinelle Visda (Wolf Canyon).

Last group—current seventh graders who took the test in sixth grade: Liam Clune and Michaela Martinez (AVCS).

Finally, Dr. Tessier announced that one student achieved the highest score possible in both subjects four years in a row—third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, and sixth grade. He introduced Natalija Ducich, saying what she achieved was no easy feat and commented it was an amazing opportunity to recognize Natalija.

Other students also reached this achievement but could not attend: Russell Reyes (Casillas), Santiago Contreras (Lauderbach), Christopher Scott (Liberty). Eujie Lee (Wolf Canyon), Ty Felberg (Liberty), and Andrew Gainer and Collin Gainer (Wolf Canyon).

President Bunker said parents are a key part, commenting that the District is happy to partner with them. She stated that it is wonderful to witness the success District students are achieving and presented each student with a Certificate of Recognition and a stylus pen engraved with the District name.

C. Recognition of Kaiser Permanente® Thriving Schools 2018 Honor Roll Awardee

Dr. Tessier explained that the Kaiser Permanente® Thriving Schools Honor Roll recognizes individuals who are champions in sustaining healthy school environments and added that the program celebrates successes, recognizes innovations, and elevates best practices so the entire nation can be inspired.

Dr. Tessier announced that this year, Physical Education, Health, and Wellness Coordinator Heather Cruz, was recognized by Kaiser Permanente. He introduced Mrs. Cruz and shared a few of her attributes—she is relentless when it comes to student and staff health, was instrumental in revising Board Policy to meet the needs of the community, and observes Physical Education teachers in order to provide feedback to ensure we educate the whole child.

President Bunker presented Mrs. Cruz with a Certificate of Recognition and congratulated her.

D. Report on District Cohort Schools: Ella B. Allen Elementary, Joseph Casillas Elementary, Chula Vista Learning Community Charter, Anne and William Hedenkamp Elementary, Juarez-Lincoln Elementary, and Loma Verde Elementary for the 2017-18 School Year

Dr. Tessier introduced Principal Lead Chris Vickers (Casillas), who explained the name of the group, "Inlak'ech Cohort," was inspired by a short Mayan poem that embodied the goal of the group: To humbly love and serve the stakeholders at each of their respective sites. He introduced Principals Maria "Sisi" Garcia (Allen), Director Jacob Ruth (Chula Vista Learning), Gina Mazeau (Hedenkamp), Robert Pollack (Juarez-Lincoln), and Bree Watson (Loma Verde); and Associate Principal Ray DeVore (Hedenkamp). The group reported on efforts to support Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) goals, CAASPP results, and cohort work to further students' social-emotional and physical development. They also answered questions from Board Members.

Board Members thanked and commended the presenters and remarked on several parts of the report.

E. Report on English Language Proficiency Assessments for California

Dr. Tessier introduced Language Development and Instruction Executive Director Keith Malcom. Mr. Malcom presented information on English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) results. He provided an overview of the ELPAC, including what is different; how the District prepared teachers and students for the new

test; how the students did on it; and how the District is preparing for the second administration of the test, which will happen in February 2019. Mr. Malcom also touched on the professional learning, compared the ELPAC performance bands with those of the old test, explained the summative report, presented District scores and a comparison with those of surrounding districts, and talked about ongoing support for ELs. He also acknowledged the work done by Language Development and Instruction Department support staff.

Board Members thanked Mr. Malcom for the report and asked questions on various features of the ELPAC, which were answered by Mr. Malcom.

F. Report on District Innovation Efforts

Dr. Tessier introduced Special Projects Resource Teacher Michael Bruder and said Mr. Bruder has been instrumental in ensuring that the family of stations grows. They presented a report on the Innovation Station, Energy Station, and Hydro Station. The presentation included the stations' impact in makerspaces growth in District schools, professional development, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics World of Work experience, sustainability of the programs, and next steps. Dr. Tessier acknowledged Innovation Station Resource Teacher Melissa Hughes, who was in the audience.

Board Members thanked presenters, asked questions that were answered by Dr. Tessier and Mr. Bruder, remarked on various parts of the report, and thanked District partners involved in the efforts.

President Bunker called a recess at 8:05 P.M. and reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Communications to the Board

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization (CVCEO) President Peter Zeitler congratulated the students who were recognized for their CAASPP scores and acknowledged the parents, who are a driving force. Mr. Zeitler commented on the collaborative effort between the District and CVCEO of organizing school secretaries in cohorts to connect them and provide training; he read a thank you note from one of the secretaries. He thanked Chula Vista Educators (CVE) President Susan Skala for supporting the Bikes for Kids effort. Mr. Zeitler announced the bikes would be put together on Friday, December 7 and distributed on Saturday, December 8 and invited the Board to attend. He also acknowledged Director of Student, Family, and Community Services and Support Nancy Kerwin, who has been

instrumental to the program for many years. Mr. Zeitler acknowledged Instructional Media Center Library Technician Elizabeth Ramos, who is retiring after 30 years. He brought up the topic of supporting schools with Noon Duty Supervisor salaries. He ended by wishing the Board happy holidays.

B. Chula Vista Educators

Ms. Skala said consultation is going well with biliteracy and other projects and that the Teacher of the Year timeline would be discussed the following week. She expressed concerns regarding use by principals of computer platforms other than the one sanctioned by the District. Ms. Skala commented that one principal created email accounts for each teacher without their consent, which may cause a host of problems. She believes this is a big issue that may have a negative effect on the District and requested it be addressed.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications

Oral Communications provides the public with an opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to five minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each agenda item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. No Board action can be taken.

None.

6. 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.

Motion: HUMPHREY, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special and Regular Meetings November 14, 2018

B. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through H **2018-19.044**

C. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Construction Management Services Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction for Saburo Muraoka Elementary School

D. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Procurement Method for Internet Services Utilizing Public Code Section 20118.2 for Request for Proposal No. 18/19-2 **2018-19.045**

E. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Procurement Method for Wide Area Network Ethernet Services Utilizing Public Code Section 20118.2 for Request for Proposal No. 18/19-3 **2018-19.046**

F. Approve Overnight Study Trips for Fourth Grade Students from Halecrest Elementary School to the Star of India on February 12-13 and February 13-14, 2019

G. Approve Overnight Study Trip for Fifth Grade Students from Sunnyside Elementary School to the Star of India on February 1-2, 2019

H. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through November 30, 2018 **2018-19.047**

I. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2018-19.048**

J. Approve Request for Use of District Facilities **2018-19.049**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings

A. None.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Administrative Action Items

A. Adopt Initial Collective Negotiations Proposal from the Chula Vista Elementary School District to the Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

Dr. Thiel said that at the November Board meeting, a public hearing was held on the initial collective negotiations proposal from the District to CVCEO. He added the District was requesting the Board adopt the initial proposal and that negotiations will begin in January 2019.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FARÍAS, Vote: UNANIMOUS

B. Adopt Resolution Approving the Renewal of Leonardo da Vinci Health and Sciences Charter School's Charter for the Period of July 1, 2019, Through June 30, 2024 **2018-19.050**

Dr. Tessier explained that the existing charter for Leonardo da Vinci Health and Sciences Charter School, which serves students in Kindergarten through Grade 6, will expire on June 30, 2019. He said

the Board received a petition seeking renewal of the charter for a five-year period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. Dr. Tessier added the Board is convening within 60 days of receipt to consider and take action on renewal of the petition. He said staff recommends renewal of the petition along with a plan for improvement of pupil performance in target subgroups—Students with Disabilities and English Learners—who have not demonstrated growth consistent with other groups at the school, particularly in Mathematics.

Motion: BUNKER, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

C. Adopt Resolution Approving the Renewal of Robert L. Mueller Charter School's Charter for the Period of July 1, 2019, Through June 30, 2024, Subject to the Conditions of Approval in Exhibit "A" and Denying the Proposed Material Revision to Governance Based on Findings of Fact in Exhibit "B" **2018-19.051**

Dr. Tessier explained that the existing charter for Robert L Mueller Charter School will expire on June 30, 2019, and that a petition was received in October for renewal for a five-year period from July 2019 to June 2024. He said Mueller is a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through Grade 12 charter comprising three programs: Mueller Charter (TK-Grade 5), Mueller Charter Leadership Academy (Grades 6-8), and Bayfront Charter High School (Grades 9-12). Dr. Tessier stated that the required public hearing on the charter petition and a presentation from the petitioners took place at the November 14 Board meeting and that the Board was convening within 60 days from receipt to consider and take action on the renewal petition. Dr. Tessier stated it was recommended the Board adopt the resolution approving renewal of the Mueller petition for the five-year period, subject to the conditions of approval in Exhibit A to the resolution and denying the proposed material revision by adopting findings in Exhibit B.

Principal Dr. Maureen DeLuca (Mueller) and Attorney Janelle Ruley spoke in support of approving the charter renewal petition, including the material revision to incorporate Mueller as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Both listed the benefits of incorporation.

Board Member Tamayo moved to adopt the resolution approving the renewal of the charter subject to conditions of approval and to deny the material revision to governance based on the findings of fact.

Vice President Humphrey said she would support a material revision to the charter that would provide for independent governance of Bayfront Charter High School while maintaining Mueller Charter School as renewed. She said this would allow additional flexibility and independence for the grade levels added after the conversion and not served by the District or in District facilities.

Since the motion had already passed, Board Member Tamayo said there was nothing to consider at the time. Dr. Escobedo said there is the possibility of considering a material revision for the Bayfront High School program at a future meeting.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FARÍAS, Vote: UNANIMOUS

D. (1) Approve Revisions to Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget; **2018-19.052**

Mr. Esquivel provided the 2018-19 first interim budget report, which represents an update to the budget approved in June 2018. Items included in his report were changes to the revised budget, a summary of the General Fund budget, changes in unrestricted revenues as well as expenditures and contributions, first interim and multiyear projection assumptions, retirement cost increases, multiyear projections through 2020-21 and through 2021-22, District attendance numbers, cumulative employer retirement cost increases, and elements the District is watching. Mr. Esquivel also answered questions from Board Members.

Board Members thanked Mr. Esquivel for the presentation. Board Member Tamayo said he is very worried about the District's Reserve for Economic Uncertainties (REU) and stated the need to start looking at other areas for saving money.

(2) Approve First Interim Financial Report at October 31, 2018; and

(3) Certify District's Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Motion: FARÍAS, Second: TAMAYO, Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

First and Second Readings

None.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

Information Items/Reports

A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

Vice President Humphrey asked Dr. Escobedo if the Noon Duty Supervisor situation is the same at every school no matter what the enrollment is at each site.

Dr. Escobedo explained there is a formula, which may have flaws. He said Cabinet will review look at schools with exorbitant numbers and will provide findings to the Board.

11. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board Communications

Mr. Farías:

- Thanked all District employees for their work. Said that he went to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) in San Francisco and that he felt like a super star because everyone congratulated him and his fellow Board Members. Reiterated his appreciation for all District employees, saying that this would not happen without them, who impact the kids every day in the most beautiful way. Ended by saying "Mil gracias."

Dr. Reyes:

- Wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Tamayo:

- Thanked all who attended the Board meeting.
- Wished everyone happy holidays and said he hoped everyone would take some time to rest.
- Shared that he participated in the CSBA conference and that it was good to see the best practices highlighted are things the District is already doing. Commented that he received many kudos from board members of other districts and that the kudos are really for District employees, who do all the work.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

Superintendent's Communication

Dr. Escobedo:

- Said it was truly a pleasure attending the CSBA conference with the Board.
- Commented that the holiday season is a great season to be jolly but there are also families in need. Shared that the Board will create a basket for the Education Service and Support Center holiday luncheon, which will benefit needy families and thanked the Board for their gesture.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

President Bunker adjourned to closed session at 9:10 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. 2018100072 for Student No. 306509

Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent

14. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session

President Bunker reconvened at 10:24 P.M. with three Board Members present: President Bunker, Clerk Farías, and Board Member Tamayo. Board Member Reyes arrived a few seconds later.

Clerk Farías announced that in closed session, the Board:

Approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018100072 for Student No. 306509.

Motion: BUNKER, Second: TAMAYO
Vote: Ayes: BUNKER, FARÍAS, HUMPHREY, REYES, TAMAYO
Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Bunker adjourned the meeting at 10:25 P.M.

Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D., Secretary

Armando Farías, Clerk

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018, AT 6 P.M.