

CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
February 13, 2019
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 Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Mrs. Laurie K. Humphrey, President

Mr. Armando Farías, Vice President

Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Clerk

Mrs. Leslie Ray Bunker, Member

Mr. Francisco Tamayo, Member (Arrived at 7:10 P.M.)

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

Ms. Laura Casas, Communications Supervisor

Mrs. Jessica Mascareno, Administrative Secretary I, Research and Evaluation

Mrs. Soreli M. Norton, Asst. to the Supt. and Board of Education

C. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Students from Arroyo Vista Charter, John J. Montgomery Elementary, Robert L. Mueller Charter, and Burton C. Tiffany Elementary for the 2017-18 School Year

Jake Robertson (Arroyo Vista Charter) led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Students Madison David (Mueller Charter), Kiara Leyva

(Montgomery), and Ava Nixon (Tiffany) provided highlights and shared personal experiences at each of their schools.

School administrators accompanied the students to the meeting. The artwork displayed in the Dr. Lowell J. Billings Board Room was prepared by Arroyo Vista Charter, Hazel Goes Cook Elementary, Discovery Charter, John J. Montgomery Elementary, Robert L. Mueller Charter, Burton C. Tiffany Elementary, and Wolf Canyon Elementary Schools.

President Humphrey thanked the students and 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: BUNKER, Vote: UNANIMOUS with TAMAYO Absent

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, WRITTEN REPORTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

*Presentations/
Awards*

A. Presentation of Newly Hired and Promoted Employees

Dr. Thiel introduced new employee School Secretary Elsa Estrada (Loma Verde).

B. Recognition of Music Education Innovator Award Recipient

Dr. Escobedo said the Give a Note Foundation was established in 2011 to strengthen music and educational opportunities for all students and that it features several programs, one which is the Music Education Innovator Award. Said only five teachers in the nation were selected for the award and with great pride introduced Teacher Bradley Collins (Camarena). President Humphrey and Board Members congratulated Mr. Collins and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

C. Report on District Cohort Schools: Arroyo Vista Charter, Hazel Goes Cook Elementary, Discovery Charter, John J. Montgomery Elementary, Robert L. Mueller Charter, Burton C. Tiffany Elementary, and Wolf Canyon Elementary for the 2017-18 School Year

Dr. Tessier introduced Principal Lead Mathew Shy (Wolf Canyon), who presented Synergy Cohort members—Principals Juan Ricoy (Arroyo Vista Charter), Gabriela Llamas (Cook), Dr. Maureen DeLuca (Mueller Charter), Sandy Du-Song (Discovery), Jonathan Morello (Tiffany), and Monica Ruiz (Montgomery); Associate Principals Mary-Margaret Landers (Arroyo Vista Charter), John Greenwell (Discovery Charter), and Marisol Robledo (Mueller Charter); and Deans of

Students Nestor Espinoza (Discovery Charter) and Vincent Anthony (Mueller Charter). The group reported on cohort and individual school 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 the presenters, commended them on their efforts, and remarked on several portions of the report.

D. Report on Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Dr. Tessier introduced Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Director Elizabeth Fogaren, who provided a presentation on the District's MTSS efforts. Ms. Fogaren touched on the MTSS Subcommittee and its purpose, the goals for 2018-19, what has been accomplished thus far, and the next steps. She also answered questions from Board Members.

Board Members thanked Ms. Fogaren for the report, expressed how happy they are with MTSS—which they believe is crucial work, said there is more work to do, and commended her for the work she has accomplished in a very short time.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Communications
to the Board*

A. Chula Vista Classified Employees Organization

None.

B. Chula Vista Educators

Chula Vista Educators President Susan Skala said that she is impressed with Ms. Fogaren and happy with the MTSS program, which she knows will accomplish great things for the students. Ms. Skala also expressed concerns regarding two of the first-year teachers who are slated for nonreelection and requested the District look into the possibility of giving them a second chance.

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.

Parent Nadia Rohlinger (Hedenkamp) spoke to express her pride at being part of the District and of the school, to advocate for teachers, and to encourage continued supports and resources for schools. Her son Steven Rohlinger said, from the audience, what it means to be a Husky.

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: REYES, Second: FARÍAS, Vote: UNANIMOUS with
TAMAYO Absent*

- A. Adopt Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting
January 23, 2019
- B. Approve and/or Ratify Human Resources Items A Through H **2018-19.63**
- C. Adopt Resolution Declaring March 1, 2019, as *Read Across America Day* in the Chula Vista Elementary School District **2018-19.64**
- D. Adopt Chula Vista Elementary School District's Low-Performing Students Block Grant Plan for the Period of July 1, 2018, Through June 30, 2021
- E. Ratify Agreement with the California Family Resource Association and the Chula Vista Community Collaborative for an Immigration Education and Outreach Project for the Period of January 1 Through December 31, 2019
- F. Approve Submission of Application to the City of Chula Vista for the Community Development Block Grant for the 2018-19 School Year
- G. Approve Agreement with San Diego Healthcare Quality Collaborative for Chula Vista Community Collaborative Services for the Period of March 1 Through June 30, 2019
- H. Approve Agreement with San Ysidro Health for Chula Vista Community Collaborative Services for the Period of February 14 Through September 30, 2019
- I. Approve Agreement with Sweetwater Authority (Water Municipality) for Use of the Assembly Room at the Richard A. Reynolds Groundwater Desalination Facility for the Period of April 29, 2019, Through June 30, 2020

- J. Approve Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the District Financial and Compliance Audit, and the Proposition E and Measure VV General Obligation Bond Programs Financial and Performance Audits Required Under Proposition 39
- K. Approve Renewal of Bid No. 16/17-6 for Chartered Student Transportation Services to Royal Lines Charters LLC; San Diego Scenic Tours, Inc.; Sun Diego Charter Company; Sundance Stage Lines, Inc.; and Wess Transportation Services, Inc., for the Period of February 18, 2019, Through February 17, 2020
- L. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction for Construction Management Services, and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Ruhnau Clarke Architects for Architectural Services for Proposition E General Obligation Bond Projects
- M. (1) Approve Award of Prime Bid Packages Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 to Various Contractors for the Modernization/Renovation of Sunnyside Elementary School in the Amount of \$10,867,145; and
 (2) Approve Rejection of All Bids on Prime Bid Package Nos. 3, 5, and 8
- N. Accept Donation **2018-19.65**
- O. Ratify Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Checks Written/Issued Through January 31, 2019 **2018-19.66**
- P. Approve and/or Ratify Inservice/Travel Requests **2018-19.67**
- Q. Approve and/or Ratify Requests for Use of District Facilities **2018-19.68**

President Humphrey noted that Board Member Tamayo arrived at 7:10 P.M.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings

- A. Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed Revision to the Chula Vista Elementary School District's Local Control and Accountability Plan for the 2019-20 School Year

Dr. Tessier presented a report on a proposed revision to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) under Goal No. 2, related to the Resource Teacher (RT) program. He gave the timeline for the revision, provided an overview of the LCAP goals, showed how stakeholders were engaged in providing input, and explained the four final recommendations.

Board Members asked questions that were answered by Dr. Tessier and Dr. Escobedo, commented on the program, expressed worries about potential RT layoffs, and provided additional ideas to consider. Dr. Escobedo explained that the recommendations are not set in stone and that the Board has the final decision.

President Humphrey opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to address this item.

Susan Skala spoke on this item.

President Humphrey closed the public hearing.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

*Administrative
Action Items*

None.

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

*First and Second
Readings*

- A. First Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 0410, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans, Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: BUNKER, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- B. (1) First Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 3515, Business and Noninstructional Operations, Recovery for Property Loss and Damage; and

- (2) First Reading/Possible Approval: Proposed Administrative Regulation 3515.4 (New), Business and Noninstructional Operations, Recovery for Property Loss and Damage

Motion: REYES, Second: FARÍAS, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- C. First Reading/Possible Adoption: Proposed Board Policy 4131.1 (New), Personnel, Teacher Support and Guidance

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: REYES, Vote: UNANIMOUS

- D. First Reading/Possible Revision: Board Policy 5145.3, Students, Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Motion: BUNKER, Second: REYES, Vote: UNANIMOUS

10. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

*Information
Items/Reports*

- A. Report Calendar to Board of Education

Board Member Bunker requested the District explore the possibility of securing better prices when the same consultant is hired by more than one school.

Clerk Reyes requested a report regarding District efforts to address homeless student population attendance and suspension issues.

President Humphrey requested information on the process for travel requests—such as who pays; maximum number of trips per year, per employee, limits to the number of people who attend; and other guidelines. Dr. Escobedo said he will review the policy with the Policy Review Committee [of which President Humphrey is a member].

President Humphrey requested a report on the Peer Assistance and Review Program. Dr. Escobedo suggested this be combined with a report on the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program.

Board Member Tamayo requested an update on progress of the Biliteracy Committee.

11. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

*Board
Communications*

Mrs. Bunker:

- Congratulated Saburo Muraoka Elementary School on receiving a donation of computers. Said Principal Erin Dare did a great job collaborating with the company who donated the equipment.
- Congratulated Dr. Escobedo and Dr. Thiel for being recognized as Administrators of the Year and Dr. Debra McLaren as Principal of the Year. Said they represent everyone at the District and that it is great to work with them.
- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mr. Farías:

- Said he attended the opening of the Energy Station and that it was an amazing event. Shared that he was very impressed with the students and their leadership skills and also with Dr. Tessier.
- Commented that he attended the recognition of the Safety Patrol Majors at the Chula Vista Police Department, adding that Lisa Parker did a great job introducing them. Said he was very proud of all the kids, who were very smart and amazingly eloquent and that it was remarkable to see the students we are raising.
- Remarked on such a perfect trifecta—Superintendent, Human Resources Director, and Principal of the Year, saying it takes amazing leadership to be in this position and really takes a village to educate our children.
- Stated it is obvious that the District is a beacon of light shining brighter every day in the name of public education, families, and other stakeholders.
- Wished everyone a good night and a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Humphrey:

- Said she also is very happy to be part of the [District] team.
- Expressed she is proud of the Board Members for working together and commented that it is great that they can have open conversations, adding that even though they may not always necessarily agree but they need to be honest and open to do their job well. Stated that [decisions] may not always be popular, but the Board Members' hearts are in the right place and with a lot of thought and care, they will come up with the right answers, that they just need to stay focused and work together.
- Shared that she judged the speech contest at Rosebank and that each year she is very impressed on how articulate the students are. Said she is looking forward to seeing the District Speech Contest.
- Commented that she looks forward to *Read Across America*, and that a problem is that too many schools celebrate it the same day, so it is difficult to go to more than three or four them.
- Thanked everyone for all they do and congratulated Dr. Escobedo and Dr. Thiel. Said she could not be prouder of the Superintendent—who is amazing—and that having been in the District and having history with the District, she wanted everyone to know he has turned the District in the direction it is going. Added that Dr. Escobedo has a lot of good people who work for him and he will say it is not him, but it is; that it comes from the top, from leadership and their vision. Ended by thanking him and saying she is very proud to work alongside him.

Mr. Tamayo:

- Thanked everyone for attending and staying at the meeting and apologized for arriving late.
- Congratulated Dr. Escobedo, Dr. Thiel, and Dr. McLaren. Said they are wonderful representatives of the Board and of the work taking place in the District. Added that he is proud of all of them and of District staff, that continues to shine. Said that, as he continues to attend outside meetings and takes note of how everyone looks at the District, he reflects on the quality of its staff members, who share a passion for students that allows the District to be exemplary.
- Thanked everyone and said he is grateful to be part of the team.

Dr. Reyes:

- Shared that he attended the opening of the Energy Station at the South Branch Library. Said the kind of opportunities provided to students is amazing—and that the students are not just learning the theory of energy, but are applying what they learn in a fun, constructive work.
- Said he enjoys seeing the partnerships the District crafts with other organizations that share the same goal—to better educational opportunities for students.
- Thanked District staff and leadership for doing everything possible to make students successful in every way.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION

*Superintendent's
Communication*

Dr. Escobedo:

- Thanked President Humphrey and said he could not do it without a supportive Board.
- Announced that the Governor just appointed Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond as the president of the State Board of Education, saying she is a special friend of the District and that maybe by happenstance he and Dr. Tessier were invited by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to participate in a panel in Sacramento on February 20 and 21. Added that one of his messages will be the importance of synergy—how the Board, leaders, and teachers work together for the common good.
- Said budget is an issue and that the District is lucky to have two California School Boards Association Delegates—President Humphrey and Board Member Bunker, adding that their voice is needed to advocate for much-needed funding, as the District has dwindling resources due to expanding expenditures. Stated the District is fortunate to have an amazing Chief Financial Officer, who ensures the District makes the unfortunate but right reductions. Added that California is the fifth richest economy in the world but 41st in pupil spending and that he will join the Board and Chula Vista Educators in efforts to ensure the financial situation improves.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

President Humphrey adjourned to closed session at 8:10 P.M. in accordance with the following:

Government Code Sections 3549.1(d) and 54957.6: Collective Bargaining/Employee Negotiations; Agency Negotiators: Fagen Friedman & Fulfroft, 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. 2018101227 for Student No. 412221

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018100700 for Student No. 304790

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018081034 for Student No. 303728

14. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session

President Humphrey reconvened to open session at 9:30 P.M. with all Board Members present.

Clerk Reyes announced that in closed session, the Board:

Approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018101227 for Student No. 412221.

Motion: TAMAYO, Second: FARÍAS

Vote: Ayes: BUNKER, FARÍAS, HUMPHREY, REYES, TAMAYO

Noes: NONE, Abstain: REYES

Approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018100700 for Student No. 304790.

Motion: FARÍAS, Second: REYES

Vote: Ayes: BUNKER, FARÍAS, HUMPHREY, REYES, TAMAYO

Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

Approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 2018081034 for Student No. 303728.

Motion: FARÍAS, Second: BUNKER

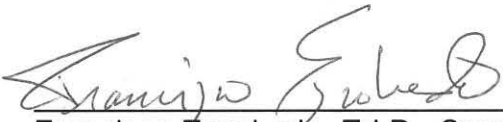
Vote: Ayes: BUNKER, FARÍAS, HUMPHREY, REYES, TAMAYO

Noes: NONE, Abstain: NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.


Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D., Secretary


Eduardo Reyes, Ed.D., Clerk

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019, AT 6 P.M.