



BOARD MINUTES
January 14, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, by Brad Carihfield. In attendance were President – Brad Carihfield, Vice President – Amie Stewart, Clerk – Erik Linstead, Member – Maria G. Lopez and CalAPS Interim CEO - Arlene Whitney. The meeting was called to order in Bellflower Unified School District Building A – 16703 S Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

ROLL CALL – Brad Carihfield, Amie Stewart, Erik Linstead and Maria G. Lopez were present along with CalAPS Interim CEO Arlene Whitney.

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Maria welcomed everyone back from the Holiday break, wished everyone a Happy New Year, and hoped this year was a good year for everyone filled with good well-being. The rest of the board thanked her and wished her the same.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Arlene shared with the board that the month of January is School Board Recognition Month and we celebrate the dedicated leadership and commitment of our school board members. She added that the guidance and vision the board members have play a vital role in shaping the future of education for our students, staff and community. She thanked them for their unwavering dedication and service to our schools and to the CalAPS program.

At last month's board meeting, Arlene shared that CalAPS received notification of the K12 Strong Workforce grant award. The amount that the CalAPS program will receive is a total amount of \$837,706. The purpose of this grant is to strengthen our CTE courses, modernize equipment and offer students practical skills and knowledge that align with regional labor market needs. Arlene shared a copy of the letters from LARC notifying the CalAPS program of our award selection and the amount. This grant will be used to purchase updated fire training simulation equipment and other necessary items for some of our other pathways.

As the CalAPS Spring semester began Monday January 13, Arlene presented a slide show of our course offerings and the number of students in each class. The total enrollment of students taking a CalAPS course is 807. This number includes enrollment from the CalAPS CTE courses taught during the school day at both the Lynwood and Bellflower Districts.

Brad asked if all the CTE teachers are CalAPS instructors and paid through our program. Arlene explained that most of the CTE teachers that teach a course in the school day are hired through the Bellflower district, but if they teach an afterschool class with CalAPS, then those hours are paid through the CalAPS program. It depends on how each instructor was hired. He also asked about the equipment purchased for these courses such as the wood duster and the machines in the BioAnimaker room. Arlene shared that if there is an outstanding grant under that CalAPS program that was awarded to better that course, and then the necessary materials including machinery are purchased through CalAPS. If CalAPS does not have a grant designated to that course and the course belongs to BUSD or LUSD then the materials are purchased through that district.

Brad also asked if we had the percentage of the students taking a class during the school day, Arlene shared that she can run a report and share it with them during the next meeting. Amie asked if the grant received was considered a big grant, Arlene mentioned it was about 15% less than what was requested, a reader scores

the grant report and that is how they distinguish the awarded amount. Erik recommended looping AI training in future grant applications so that a higher amount can be considered. He also offered to assist with the AI portion of the grant application as an additional supporting resource. Brad wanted to confirm if Artesia HS and Gahr HS were in the same district and Arlene confirmed they are.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – NONE.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 3(Lopez, Stewart, Carihfield)

No: 0

Obstain: 1(Linstead)

The motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4(Lopez, Linstead, Stewart, Carihfield)

No: 0

Obstain: 1(Linstead)

The motion carried

Withheld for Discussion and Action – NONE.

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board went into closed session at 5:59pm and returned to open session at 6:48pm.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:49pm

The January 14, 2025 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 6:49 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:30pm.