



BOARD MINUTES
December 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER IN PUBLIC SESSION – The CalAPS regular board meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, by Maria Lopez. In attendance were President – Maria Lopez, Clerk – Amie Stewart, Member –Alfonso Morales and Member – Brad Carihfield and CalAPS Interim CEO - Arlene Whitney. The meeting was called to order in the Ramona Elementary – Cafeteria – 9351 Laurel St., Bellflower, California 90706.

REPLACEMENT PAGES – NONE.

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

CalAPS BOARD COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Board member Brad Carihfield welcomed all the families that joined the meeting and congratulated Ms. Amie Stewart for becoming the BUSD Board President. He added that he loved CalAPS and the dedication offered by the program to all of the high school students in our partnering districts. Mr. Morales added that he also wanted to congratulate Maria Lopez for the end of her term in the Lynwood Board and for being re-elected back into the board to continue to be part of the Lynwood board again. He thanked the parents for being present and for the time that they take to pick up and drop off the students for our program. He encouraged the students to invite fellow colleagues to join and experience what the CalAPS program has to offer. Ms. Lopez expressed that having the students in programs like CalAPS helps the students stay focused in their future giving them an opportunity to make a difference in their life and in their community. Ms. Stewart added that this is one of her favorite places to be, even though she is involved with other programs within the district she enjoys coming in and seeing the outcome of the program. She shared with the public that her father did not go to college, became a construction worker and was able to sustain her family with the earnings he received from the occupation he mastered. Amie thanked the students, parents, teachers and staff for being present.

CalAPS STAFF COMMUNICATION/INTRODUCTIONS – Mrs. Whitney thanked all the students, staff and families who joined the board meeting. She mentioned that their presence meant so much to the program and noted that later in the evening the board will take some time to recognize the students who will be receiving the outstanding award.

She also thanked the teachers in our program for their hard work and dedication and the passion they have in shaping the future of our students and making CalAPS a place of opportunity and growth.

Mrs. Whitney gave out a special thanks to Ms. Munoz and her baking & pastry students for providing the desserts that evening.

Mrs. Whitney was happy to report that the program had been awarded a K12 Strong Workforce Program grant; application was submitted in October. She also shared that CalAPS would be notified about the amount granted at the end of the week. Mrs. Whitney will provide more details about the awarded amount at our next board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE.

VISITORS' AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

ACTION ITEMS

STAFF CORRECTIONS – Item 100 had a spelling error. Ms. Stewart's first name was misspelled and now corrected. Additionally, the Board Member list has been updated to reflect our current board members. Mr. Crihfield, Mr. Morales and Mr. Linstead will be returning for an additional two-year term. A replacement page was provided to the Board in their book.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2024 Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4(Stewart, Morales, Lopez, Chrihfield)

No: 0

CONSENT AGENDA – Item 102 WITHHELD from Consent Agenda

Agenda – The Board Approves the Consent Agenda

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: 4 (Crihfield, Morales, Lopez, Stewart)

No: 0

The motion carried

Withheld for Discussion and Action – Approval of Item 102 – Elect Officers

Item 102 Election of CalAPS Board Officers

PRESIDENT

Maria Lopez nominated Brad Crihfield, Alfonso Morales second the nomination for President of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Lopez, Stewart, Crihfield, Morales)

No: 0 The motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT

Brad Crihfield nominated Amie Stewart for Vice-President of the CalAPS Board. Alfonso Morales second the nomination for Vice President of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Lopez, Stewart, Crihfield, Morales)

No: 0 The motion carried.

CLERK

Brad Crihfield nominated Erik Linstead, Amie Stewart second the nomination for Clerk of the CalAPS Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yes: 4 (Lopez, Stewart, Crihfield, Morales)

No: 0 The motion carried.

Mrs. Whitney congratulated all of the new officers of the CalAPS Board. Mrs. Whitney presented an award to Maria Lopez for serving as the CalAPS Board President for the past year. She listed significant milestones that the program reached such as the addition of the Urban Farming Science course and dual enrollment summer courses for our students. Grants that totaled up to \$730,000 in funding with an additional grant - amount expect to receive notification by the end this week. A partnership with ABC unified school district allowing new students participate in CalAPS classes – a significant step in expanding access and opportunities for even more students and growing our program. She also presented Brad Crihfield and Alfonso Morales with plaques for the end of their term with the CalAPS program and congratulated them

on the renewal of their term. A special award was also present for Erik Linstead for the end of his two-year term and welcomed him back into the board as the board clerk.

The CalAPS team is thrilled that they are going to continue their service on the CalAPS Board. Their ongoing dedication ensures that CalAPS will continue to thrive, innovate, and make a lasting impact on the community we serve.

NON-ACTION – NONE.

VISITOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – The new CalAPS board president welcomed all the students being recognized and receiving the outstanding award. Mrs. Whitney then began with acknowledging the students present. She shared with the guests that this is a celebration of excellence, dedication and outstanding achievement. This award is an opportunity for our teachers to recognize individuals who have demonstrated remarkable growth, determination and a genuine passion for their pathway. Our teachers have carefully chosen those students who embody the spirit of perseverance, curiosity, and a pursuit of learning. Each recipient has not only excelled academically, but has also exhibited commendable character, leadership and a positive impact within our CalAPS community. Students were presented with a certificate, backpack, Hydroflask, CalAPS socks and other goodies to recognize their achievement.

Mr. Carihfield concluded the award presentation by congratulating the students. He also extend heartfelt thanks to the entire CalAPS Staff for their dedication, professionalism and tireless efforts in ensuring the success of our program and students. He added that their hard work truly makes a difference and is the foundation of all that we accomplish together.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:04pm

The December 17, 2024 regular meeting of the CalAPS Board adjourned at 7:04 PM until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:30pm.