Regular Governing Board Meeting

Adopted Meeting Minutes

CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, April 11, 2024 • Public Session: 6:00 p.m. • Closed Session: Immediately after Public Session
Cunha Intermediate School • 600 Church Street, Half Moon Bay, California 94019
Video Recording on Pacific Coast TV YouTube Channel:
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1. OPENING BUSINESS

a. Call Public Session to Order

President Hines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

b. Roll Call / Quorum

Board Members Present:	Kimberly Hines, President Carmen Daniel, Vice President Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Arrived at 6:11 p.m. Mary Beth Alexander, Member Sophia Layne, Member
Student Board Member Present:	Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston – Left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.
Administrators Present:	Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D., Superintendent Leticia Bhatia, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services J Jesús Contreras, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent of Business Services

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board Member Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent McPhetridge requested an amendment to the agenda, postponing Items 4f, Approval of The HEAL Project Intensive Garden Program on Elementary, and 4g, Approval of The HEAL Project FALL 2024 Environmental Sustainability Farm Field Trips Campuses for updates.

Member Layne motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Member Alexander.

Motion (31) passed by a 4-0 vote, with Student Board Member Gonzalez-Johnston voting aye.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Public Comments

Sophia Riley, a Half Moon Bay High School student, expressed concerns about ongoing issues within the district, including teacher pay. She emphasized the importance of respecting teachers and urged the Board to address these issues to ensure students receive a quality education.

Lisa Zanette, a community member and parent, emphasized the importance of a qualified teaching staff amid budget challenges. She advocated for fair spending scrutiny to prioritize students and staff equitably, highlighting concerns about district committee representation and decision-making transparency.

Sam Briggs expressed concern about teacher pay, suggesting they deserve more for their valuable work compared to some other professions.

Isabeau Eisenberg was absent during the comments section for this agenda item.

Morgan Pastorino was absent during the comments section for this agenda item.

Anne Ryckebusch expressed concern about the community's disintegration due to teacher turnover and insufficient counseling services. She highlighted the impact on students and urged measures to retain quality teachers and support students' stability within the district.

Kate Walera yielded her time to Ely Cristol-Deman, a Half Moon Bay High School senior. Ely voiced support for recognizing May as Employee Appreciation Month but urged the Board to back up words with action by providing fair compensation and healthcare benefits. He highlighted the dissatisfaction among students and the need for improved governance.

The Board received one (1) comment regarding nonagendized topics or Consent Items via the Google Public Comment Request form. However, this comment was received after the cutoff time and, thus, was not read during the meeting. For access to the public comment, please refer to the link provided below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jo0jphNcHo4v5Wt94WIBXf8gjNTpdv2O/view?usp=drive_link

b. Employee Organizations Report

CUTA Representatives

Tom Cox, CUTA co-president, raised concerns about teacher absences and urged action on bargaining issues. He emphasized leadership accountability, fair compensation, and respect for teachers' dedication to students' well-being. He visualized potential outcomes, including staff focused solely on students, a strike, or losing valued educators, urging the Board to heed teachers' concerns and avoid further inaction.

CSEA Representatives

None.

c. Board Members Report

President Kimberly Hines thanked teachers for their advocacy amidst negotiations and emphasized the need for collaboration to address systemic funding disparities. Referencing Michael Kirst's call for a locality adjustment, she urged collective advocacy to address ongoing funding challenges and ensure equitable resources for Cabrillo Unified School District.

Member Sophia Layne thanked attendees and email contributors and welcomed community engagement. She shared recent school visits and discussions on student mental health and academic pathways. Member Layne highlighted community events and legislative advocacy, emphasizing the importance of collaborative approaches to address systemic funding challenges. She praised student engagement in policy discussions and advocated for effective teachers and diverse support staff to meet students' needs equitably. Member Layne expressed commitment to implementing principles from recent training to build more robust, collaborative school communities.

Member Mary Beth Alexander shared insights from a recent presentation on dyslexia, emphasizing the importance of early identification and support. She highlighted statistics on dyslexia and discussed the impact of dyslexia-positive approaches. She expressed interest in monitoring the district's dyslexia initiatives and clarified an address discrepancy for correspondence.

Member Lizet Cortes welcomed attendees and expressed regrets for potential tardiness due to new job demands. She emphasized the need for increased Latino representation on the Board, advocating for individuals with deep community ties and shared backgrounds. Cortes urged qualified candidates to consider board participation to better represent the district's diverse population.

Member Carmen Daniel expressed gratitude for attendees and reported on three recent Board listening sessions. She looks forward to more sessions in the future and appreciates everyone who participated.

d. Student Board Member Report 6:51

Student Board Member Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston shared school updates and reiterated students' support for teachers, emphasizing respect and fair pay. She stressed the importance of quality education, urging financial reassessment to prioritize staff support. Catalina highlighted teachers' role in student success and urged retaining skilled educators.

e. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Sean McPhetridge addressed the board, acknowledging Catalina's sentiments and providing an update on negotiations between CUSD and CUTA. Both parties have filed for fact-finding after unsuccessful mediation. He stressed the significance of the process, expressed hopes for compromise, and highlighted Employee Appreciation Month, Asian and Pacific Islander History Month, and Jewish American Heritage Month proclamations in the consent agenda. Dr. McPhetridge emphasized the complexities of negotiations, encouraged accessing factual updates on the website, and reiterated the commitment to negotiating in good faith. He concluded by acknowledging the challenging times and the importance of listening to the community's concerns with empathy and understanding.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of Proclamation Designating April 22, 2024 as Earth Day
b. Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
c. Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month
d. Approval of Proclamation Endorsing May 2024 as Employee Appreciation Month
e. Approval of Half Moon Bay High Future Farmers of America Field Trip to State Finals Competition at Cal Poly SLO, May 3-4, 2024
~~f. Approval of The HEAL Project Intensive Garden Program on Elementary Campuses~~ (postponed)
~~g. Approval of The HEAL Project FALL 2024 Environmental Sustainability Farm Field Trips~~ (postponed)
h. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
i. Classified Personnel Report
j. Approval of Updated District Professional Development Calendar
k. Enrollment Report
l. Approval of Donations to Cabrillo Unified School District
m. Approval of Warrant Register Report
n. Approval of Proposal for the Study of CUSD School Fields
o. Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Furniture at Farallone View and El Granada Due to Modernization Projects
p. Approval of Pool of Moving Companies to Use for the Farallone View and El Granada Modernization Projects
q. Approval of IBOSS from KIS E-Rate Provider for the 2024-25 School Year
r. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
s. Approval of Governing Board Policy Updates as Recommended by the California School Boards Association and CUSD Staff
t. Approval of Regular and Special Governing Board Meetings Minutes

Member Alexander requested to amend Item 4s, Approval of Governing Board Policy Updates as Recommended by the California School Boards Association and CUSD Staff attachment 4.s.1.4 to read "For grades 9-12, two PE courses, each equaling one year, unless the pupil has been exempted (PE 07)."

Member Alexander motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended. Motion seconded by Member Layne.

ROLLCALL VOTE
Kimberly Hines, President – Aye
Carmen Daniel, Vice President – Aye
Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Aye
Mary Beth Alexander, Member – Aye
Sophia Layne, Member – Aye

PREFERENTIAL VOTE
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Aye

Motion (32) passed by a 5-0 vote, with Student Board Member Gonzalez-Johnston voting aye.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Kings Mountain Elementary School Presentation

Lead Teacher Debbie Silveria presented an update on the school's demographics, academic performance, enrichment programs, and goals.

b. Approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2024-25 School Year

Member Layne motioned to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2024-25 School Year. Motion seconded by Member Daniel.

Motion (33) passed by a 5-0 vote, with Student Board Member Gonzalez-Johnston voting aye.

c. Resolution 08-2024 Declaration for Substitute CBEST Waiver

Member Layne motioned to approve Resolution 08-2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Member Alexander.

ROLLCALL VOTE
Kimberly Hines, President – Aye
Carmen Daniel, Vice President – Aye
Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Aye
Mary Beth Alexander, Member – Aye
Sophia Layne, Member – Aye

PREFERENTIAL VOTE
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Aye

Motion (34) passed by a 5-0 vote.

d. CUSD Fiscal Update: Second Interim Update and San Mateo County Office of Education Fiscal Oversight

Member Layne motioned to approve the Second Interim Update as presented. Motion seconded by Member Daniel.

Motion (35) passed by a 5-0 vote, with Student Board Member Gonzalez-Johnston voting aye.

At 7:51 p.m., President Hines requested a motion to take a 7-minute recess. Member Daniel made the motion, which Member Alexander seconded.

Motion (36) passed by a 5-0 vote, with Student Board Member Gonzalez-Johnston voting aye.

President Hines reconvened the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

e. Cabrillo Unified School District (CUSD) Bond Program Update

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Dr. J. Jesús Contreras presented an update on the projects funded by the CUSD's Bond Program: Measure S of 2012 and Measure M of 2018.

f. First Reading of Ballot Language for Potential Parcel Tax and GO Bond Measures

Meredith Johnson of DWK and Joe Crump of DS&C presented a first reading of ballot language created for a potential 2024 replacement parcel tax and a 2024 bond measure for facilities needs.

g. Resolution 11-2024 Authorizing the Execution of the Commercial Energy and Natural Gas Procurement Agreement Effective July 1, 2024

President Hines motioned to approve Resolution 11-3024 as presented. Motion seconded by Member Cortes.

ROLLCALL VOTE
Kimberly Hines, President – Aye
Carmen Daniel, Vice President – Aye
Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Aye
Mary Beth Alexander, Member – Aye
Sophia Layne, Member – Aye

PREFERENTIAL VOTE
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Absent

Motion (37) passed by a 5-0 vote.

h. Resolution 12-2024 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds

Member Layne motioned to approve Resolution 12-2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Member Daniel.

ROLLCALL VOTE
Kimberly Hines, President – Aye
Carmen Daniel, Vice President – Aye
Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Aye
Mary Beth Alexander, Member – Aye
Sophia Layne, Member – Aye

PREFERENTIAL VOTE
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Absent

Motion (38) passed by a 5-0 vote.

i. Resolution 13-2024 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series of its 2024 General Obligation Refunding Bond

Member Alexander motioned to approve Resolution 13-2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Member Cortes.

ROLLCALL VOTE
Kimberly Hines, President – Aye
Carmen Daniel, Vice President – Aye
Lizet Cortes, Clerk – Aye
Mary Beth Alexander, Member – Aye
Sophia Layne, Member – Aye

PREFERENTIAL VOTE
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Absent

Motion (39) passed by a 5-0 vote.

7. CLOSED SESSION

a. Identification of Closed Session Topics of Discussion

b. Public Comments on Closed Session Topics

None.

c. Adjourn to Closed Session – 9:27 p.m.

Board Members met privately for a Closed Session. Any action taken during the Closed Session is reported under the "Closed Session Action Report."

1. Public Employment (Government Code §54957)

   Title: Superintendent

2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)

   Title: Superintendent

8. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

a. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session – 10:50 p.m.

b. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

No action was taken in Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Member Layne motioned to adjourn the April 11, 2024, Board Meeting at 10:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Daniel.

Motion (40) passed by a 5-0 vote.
Catalina Gonzalez-Johnston, Student Board Member – Absent

Minutes prepared by Rosibel Acosta, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes presented by Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D., Secretary to the Governing Board

Certified by:

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Lizet Cortes
Clerk to the Governing Board

Date