

MINUTES**CERES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT****MEETING – BOARD OF TRUSTEES****August 31, 2017, 7:00 PM – District Office Board Room****2503 Lawrence Street – Ceres, California****REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

Present for the regular scheduled meeting were: President Teresa Guerrero, Trustees Betty Davis, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane, Lourdes Perez, Mike Welsh and Valli Wigt, and Student Representative Josh Madariaga. Absent: Student Representative Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Others present: Dr. Scott Siegel, Superintendent; Dr. Denise Wickham, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel Services; Dr. Amy Peterman, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Jay Simmonds, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services; and Dan Pangrazio, Assistance Superintendent of Business Services.

1. OPEN SESSION – 5:00 PM – District Office – Conference Room C**a. Public Comment**

President Guerrero opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. for public comment. There was no one wishing to address the Board.

b. Study Session – 2016-2017 CAASPP Results

Due to a delay in the public release of California Assessment of School Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results, the study session was postponed.

c. Adjourn to Closed Session**2. CLOSED SESSION – Conference Room C****a. Public Employee – Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54947)****b. Conference With Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

- Agency Designated Representatives: Scott Siegel, Denise Wickham and David Viss
Employee Organizations: CUTA and CSEA

c. Reconvene to Open Session**Reception for New Employees**

A reception recognizing the District's newly hired employees was held at 6:40 p.m. in the Argus/Endeavor Multiuse Room.

3. PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 PM – Argus/Endeavor Multiuse Room

The meeting was convened to Open Session, where President Guerrero called the Public Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. The salute to the flag was given and Pastor James Burbank of Grace Community Christian Church gave the invocation.

4. COMMENDATION/SCHOOL PRESENTATION SECTION**a. Recognition of New Employees**

Prior to the Public Meeting, a reception was held in recognition of the District's newly hired employees. Deputy Superintendent of Personnel Services Dr. Denise Wickham thanked the Personnel staff for their work on the reception. District administrators introduced the new staff members who were present for the Commendations, and the Board of Trustees and Dr. Siegel greeted and congratulated each one.

At this time, President Guerrero offered the opportunity for those present for the Commendations to exit the meeting. The meeting resumed in the District Office Board Room.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Opportunity for the Board and Administration to Adjust the Published Agenda

President Guerrero offered the opportunity to make adjustments to the published Agenda. No adjustments were requested.

6. HEARING SECTION

a. Instructional Materials Sufficiency for 2017-2018

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Amy Peterman reported, in accordance with Education Code 60119, a public hearing must be held prior to adoption of a resolution stating that each student in the District has, or will have prior to the end of the 2017-2018 year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

President Guerrero opened a public hearing on Instructional Materials Sufficiency for 2017-2018. With no one wishing to address the Board, the public hearing was closed.

b. Public Hearing for Ceres Unified School District Sunshine Proposal to California School Employees Association

Dr. Wickham reported that, at the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 10, 2017, the District presented its sunshine proposal for negotiations (re-openers) between the District and CSEA for the 2017-2018 contract year. The District is proposing to open the following contract articles for negotiations: Article XVI - Leaves, Article X - Employee Expenses and Materials, Article VIII - Classified Employee Health and Welfare Benefits, and Article VI & related appendices - Salary Schedule.

President Guerrero opened a public hearing on the Ceres Unified School District sunshine proposal to CSEA. With no one wishing to address the Board, the public hearing was closed.

c. Opportunity for Citizens to Address Items Not on the Agenda

President Guerrero opened a public hearing for those wishing to address an item not on the Agenda. Trustee Lane read aloud the guidelines relevant to public presentations to the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, the public hearing was closed.

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Lane reported that the Board gave direction to the District negotiations team.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting of August 10, 2017
- b. Ratification of Warrants
- c. Ratification of Employment
- d. Ratification of Contracts and Agreements
- e. Disposal of District Property

Trustee Kinard moved and Trustee Davis seconded to approve as presented Consent Agenda Items a-e. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

9. ACTION SECTION

a. **Instructional Materials Sufficiency for 2017-2018**

Dr. Peterman reported that, as required by Education Code 60119, a public hearing regarding the Instructional Materials Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was held earlier in the meeting. Dr. Peterman presented for review and action by the Board of Trustees a resolution stating that each student in the District has, or will have prior to the end of the year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

Trustee Perez moved and Trustee Wigt seconded to adopt as presented Resolution No. 01-17/18 regarding sufficiency of instructional materials. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

b. **Provisional Internship Permit**

Dr. Wickham reported that the District is required to submit to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing Provisional Internship Permit applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Staff is requesting that the following CUSD teachers be employed on Provisional Internship Permits:

LeeAnn J. Chiara - Resource Specialist - Ceres High School
Maikou Vang - Science Teacher - Ceres High School
Leticia Vidal - Severely Handicapped Teacher - Sinclear
Jessica L. Wersky - Art Teacher - Central Valley High School

Dr. Wickham reported that, upon successful completion of a credential program, each of these individuals will be eligible to obtain a preliminary credential. The teachers all have peer mentors within the District who are supporting them through this process.

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Welsh seconded to approve as presented the Provisional Internship Permits. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

c. **Variable Term Waiver**

Dr. Wickham reported that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Board approval for the issuance of Variable Term Waivers. Staff is requesting approval of Variable Term Waivers for Rachel Horrocks and Delia Rasho to teach as Speech-Language Pathologists.

Dr. Wickham reported that both employees possess strong backgrounds working with students of varying disabilities and speech impairments. Ms. Horrocks is enrolled in a SLP Program at California State University, Northridge. Ms. Rasho is working on enrolling in a SLP Program. They will work diligently to complete all the requirements to obtain their credentials within a reasonable time.

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Wigt seconded to approve as presented the Variable Term Waivers. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

d. **Resolution No. 02-17/18 Supporting the Renewal of a 1/8 Cent Sales Tax to Fund the Stanislaus County Library**

Dr. Siegel reported that a dedicated 1/8 cent sales tax, which represents a significant portion of the Stanislaus County Library budget, is up for a 12-year renewal on November 7, 2017. The tax was last renewed in 2012, when the CUSD Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 11-11/12 in support of renewing the tax.

Dr. Siegel presented for review and action by the Board of Trustees a resolution in support of renewing the dedicated 1/8 cent sales tax.

Trustee Kinard moved and Trustee Lane seconded to adopt as presented Resolution No. 02-17/18 Supporting the Renewal of a 1/8 Cent Sales Tax to Fund the Stanislaus County Library. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

e. **Resolution Regarding Board Remuneration for Allowed Absence**

Dr. Siegel reported that Board Bylaw 9250 and Education Code 35120 establish the following with regard to Board member remuneration for attendance at regular meetings: Any member who does not attend all Board meetings during the month is eligible to receive only a percentage of the monthly compensation equal to the percentage of meetings he or she attended, unless otherwise authorized by the Board in accordance with law. A member may be compensated for meetings he or she missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that the Board member was performing designated services for the district at the time of the meeting or was absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.

Dr. Siegel presented for review and action by the Board of Trustees a resolution providing for Mrs. Lane's full compensation for the month of August as allowable by law. Mrs. Lane was not present at the regular meeting of August 10, 2017, due to illness.

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Wigt seconded to adopt as presented Resolution No. 03-17/18. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard and Teresa Guerrero. Abstained: Faye Lane. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

f. **Board Policy May 2017 Revisions**

Dr. Siegel reported that, in the process of maintaining and updating our Board Policies and Administrative Regulations to comply with current law and California School Boards Association (CSBA) recommendations, a draft copy of the May 2017 updates and proposed revisions was made available for Board Member review and first reading at the June 29, 2017 meeting, with a clean copy of the proposed revisions presented for a second reading at the August 10, 2017 meeting. The proposed revisions were presented for action by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Welsh moved and Trustee Lane seconded to approve as presented the May 2017 Board Policy Revisions. Ayes: Josh Madariaga, Lourdes Perez, Valli Wigt, Betty Davis, Mike Welsh, Jim Kinard, Faye Lane and Teresa Guerrero. Absent: Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo. Motion carried.

10. INFORMATION & STUDY

a. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Siegel expressed sympathy for the family of Endeavor student Kirsten Yalda who passed away Tuesday in a car accident. Support services are available to affected students and staff members, and information on services will be forwarded when known. Dr. Siegel reported that he has enjoyed attending back-to-school nights, of which there is one remaining. Dr. Siegel reported that a study session on CAASPP results scheduled earlier in the meeting had to be postponed due to the State's delay of the public release of results. Dr. Siegel asked if there were any Board objections to conducting the study session during a brief, special Board meeting scheduled on scheduled Sept. 13, prior to Argus/Endeavor's Back to School Night, and there were no objections. Dr. Siegel reported that his goal for classroom visits is to see every site by the end of the month. To date, he has visited 50 percent of teachers in the District, which is ahead of last year's pace. Dr. Siegel reported that, during the current

heat wave, Athletic Directors Greg Magni and Shawna Nunes are working with schools to ensure that student athletes stay hydrated and safe.

b. **Board Report**

Ceres High School Student Representative Josh Madariaga reported on athletics, academics and other activities at his site. Central Valley High School Student Representative Allyson Zuleta-Alonzo was not present to report.

The Trustees reported on their attendance at Back to School Nights.

c. **Association Report**

JoDee Bonales, President of the Ceres Unified Teachers Association (CUTA), reported that the school year is passing quickly, and she is hopeful that the challenges of learning the new English Language Arts curriculum will soon be past. Ms. Bonales reported that she has heard good things about the first elementary collaboration day and looks forward to one per month.

Karie Dias, President of California School Employees Association, Chapter 140 (CSEA), had nothing to report.

d. **Central Valley High School Six-Classroom Addition, Building M - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Requirement**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Dan Pangrazio reported that, in 1998, the District adopted the Ceres Unified School District New High School Project Final Environmental Impact Report (1998 FEIR) (SCH No. 98071117). The project defined and analyzed in the 1998 FEIR includes the following elements:

- d. A high school designated to accommodate 1,500 to 2,000 students
- e. Buildings: classrooms, administrative offices, a cafeteria/multi-purpose room, performing arts complex, and a gymnasium
- f. Outdoor facilities: baseball/softball diamonds, soccer fields, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts
- g. Lighted football/track stadium to seat approximately 3,500 spectators
- h. On-site parking adequate to accommodate anticipated parking demand

Mr. Pangrazio reported that the project studied in the 1998 FEIR did not include details on the precise number, location, or square footage of proposed classroom buildings. The project analyzed in the 1998 FEIR has since been developed and is now the location of Central Valley High School.

Mr. Pangrazio reported that the District is proposing the construction of one new building (Building M) on the Central Valley High School Campus on a soccer field south of the agricultural shop. Building M would contain six classrooms, with a capacity for 180 students. All 180 students who would utilize Building M are currently enrolled at Central Valley High School; therefore, the project would not increase enrollment at Central Valley High School beyond the current estimate of approximately 1,830 students. Because enrollment would not increase, and current school enrollment is below the assumed enrollment of 2,000 students that was considered in the 1998 FEIR, the project would not result in any new significant impacts or an increased level of environmental impacts beyond those analyzed in the 1998 FEIR. Therefore, no new CEQA documentation is necessary for the project.

Mr. Pangrazio reported that, because the project has been analyzed as part of the 1998 FEIR, it would be required to adhere to all mitigation measures and findings included as part of

adoption of the 1998 FEIR. Potentially applicable mitigation measures include building landscaping (Mitigation Measure AES-1(e)), buildings set back at least 40 feet from Central Avenue and Service Road (Mitigation Measure AES-1(d)), fugitive dust control measures (Mitigation Measure AQ-1(a)), general dust controls (Mitigation Measure AQ-1(b)), acoustical shelters during construction (Mitigation Measure N-1(a)), limited construction hours (Mitigation Measure N-1(b)), classrooms orientation (Mitigation Measure N-4(a)), and classrooms noise design features (Mitigation Measure N-4(b)).

e. **Adult Education**

Coordinator of Educational Options Dallas Plaa presented information on the Adult Education Program mission, enrollment, courses offered, budgets, and special projects.

Mr. Plaa noted that staff is working on a Punjabi course for spring. Dr. Peterman reported that high school students will be surveyed regarding other languages of interest.

f. **Board Policy July 2017 Revisions - First Reading (Draft)**

Dr. Siegel reported that, in the process of maintaining and updating our Board Policies and Administrative Regulations to comply with current law and California School Board Association recommendations, a draft copy of the July 2017 Updates and Proposed Revisions was available for review at the August 31, 2017 meeting. An edited copy of the proposed changes will be presented for a second reading at an upcoming meeting.

Dr. Siegel reported that Board Policy (BP) 0100 - Philosophy is among the recommended revisions, and is significantly different than the Board's current philosophy statement. Dr. Siegel noted that the Trustees may review the Statements of Belief contained in BP 0100 and either adopt the policy as presented, or suggest revisions. Direction will be sought at the September 21 meeting regarding the Board's preference.

11. **RESEARCH**

“California wants to simplify its \$2 billion-a-year college aid programs,” *EdSource*, August 22, 2017

“California's public universities struggle with rising college eligibility,” *EdSource*, August 17, 2017

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Siegel, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees