

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING District Board Room, Room 503 Wilson C. Riles Middle School 4747 PFE Road, Roseville, CA 95747

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

MINUTES

The Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, which allows local legislative bodies to hold meetings via conference calls while still satisfying state transparency requirements. This meeting was held with a combination of Trustees attending in-person and through Zoom, and the public was able to attend in person or submit comments from our Livestream page.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Kelley, Dr. Lee, Mrs. Pope
Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent
Craig Deason, Assist. Supt., Operations & Facilities
Lisa Coronado, Director of Fiscal Services
David Grimes, Director of Personnel/Student Services
Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Special Ed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - 6:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)

Student Readmission RA 18/19-2 – Recommendation approved

Motion: Anderson

Second: Pope

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope

Noes: None

FLAG SALUTE - led by Trustee Nancy Anderson

Trustee Lee gave the following statement: "In recognition of this free speech board business agenda item, welcoming all and noting that saying the pledge of allegiance is not a requirement to participate in the business of this board. If you do not say the pledge for religious, political, social, or personal reasons, you are most welcome here as an equal participant in the business of this public school board."

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as amended: pull Consent Agenda items 1, 2 and 27 for separate consideration.

Motion: Pope
Second: Lee

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. CUTA - Venessa Mason, President, noted that they had 1st Rep Council meeting for the 21/22 school year. The biggest issue in terms of facility usage is the wifi connectivity – that has already been looked into by Scott. There are also lots of questions about COVID, testing and quarantining. The teachers are asking about being notified when a student is being quarantined (ie. when going on quarantine, how long expected out, when can they be back on campus in attendance). CUTA is working with the district on a letter that can be used as needed on a case-by-case basis. The other concern is with the phone system and whether it is working properly. It could be user error, especially since there are new folks; there might need to be a refresher training on the new phone system. It was noted that McClellan HS does not have a Health Tech; they felt they should be sharing with another site. Mr. Loehr noted that while there are techs stationed at sites, they are for all sites. Mrs. Mason gave a kudos to McClellan's Dennis Stephens who cleaned the classroom windows of a preschool teacher.

2. CSEA - Marie Huggins, President, welcomed everybody back. She noted that it is good to be back and working together on the new challenges. The chapter will be bringing forward the reduction of the Accounting Technician (Accounts Payables) position to the membership. There has been a revision to the agreement and will be going to the membership for ratification. They are also bringing forward the MOU for ratification for the Bus Driver incentive. There has been an incentive for new drivers that sign and stay with the district after a certain amount of time. Since we have not had a full staff of Bus Drivers, the district has needed to have Michael's Transportation do some bus driving for us. Mrs. Huggins gave a shout out to Mr. Grimes and Mr. Putnam; there have been some issues with the protective barriers and partitions in the libraries for extra protection. Both of them stepped up today and are pursuing options of how to get those partitions installed as necessary. She thanked them for protecting the staff no matter what the position or classification is and thanked them for the extra effort.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. **Facilities Update** – Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities, noted that they are short in staffing due to a staff member who is working with family matters and a vacant position due to Kevin Koon's promotion. They hope to fill the vacant position soon. He covered the following items:

North Country

- floor repair and re-carpeting in a classroom
- update on mini-split system in a classroom
- there will be more work next year that will replace the HVAC systems at North Country Elementary & Center High School
- worked on the playground area
- repaired some dry rot

Oak Hill

- Kindergarten classroom project is 99% complete; waiting for rolling gate
- some furniture arrived damaged; replacement furniture should be in on Friday
- adding bark in some areas
- fresh yellow painted curbs for parents to easily identify drop off areas.

COMMITTEE UPDATES (continued)

Spinelli

- raised up portable 11, put on new skirting around the bottom; this modular will be used for the Headstart Program
- parking lot sealed and striped

Dudley

- parking lot was sealed and striped
- room 10 is ready for Headstart Program to move in

McClellan

- chair racks were welded
- repaired irrigation leaks
- made roof repairs on A & B wings

Center High School

- there was a fire from fireworks; thankfully only some trees had damage
- installed carpet in rooms 203, 701, 906, 907, 212
- roof repairs were done on rooms 903 and 904; there are some other areas that have been identified for future roof repairs.

Wilson C. Riles Middle School

- will be working on some stairs during the October break
- projectors were installed

There were questions from the Board about some site items as well as new construction.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. **Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Reporting** - Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, noted that there was nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Hunt read the following public comment that was submitted online:

Roro – asked if we are accepting medical or religious exemptions for vaccination mandates, and asked why we are not testing those that have been vaccinated.

The following public comments were made in-person:

Latoya Jenkins – asked how we are going to safely keep these schools open when cases are open.

Ibukun Hambolu – noted that she is concerned whether the schools will stay open and noted that there needs to be a quality education if the schools do close.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Pope

- welcomed everyone back; noted that we need to be mindful of the safety of students and staff, and to follow protocols, working together.
- thanked everyone for their help.
- noted that we are focusing on remaining open.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

Mr. Bruno

- welcomed everyone back.
- noted that he is attending the meeting from home because his household has tested positive.
- noted that he is concerned with the shootings that have been happening in our community recently; please stay safe and teach the kids to stay safe and make good choices.

Dr. Lee

- welcomed everyone to the 2021-2022 school year.
- thanked staff and teachers that are working hard to follow the guidelines.
- thanked the families for their patience and flexibility.
- noted that it's shaping up to be an interesting year, continuing to navigate a global pandemic. We've seen a wide variety of responses to the pandemic but we are still here.
- noted that as we see these spikes in cases in our community, and with children in particular, she gave her condolences to the members of the Center family who have been affected by this pandemic
- asked that folks stay indoors due to the poor air quality.
- thanked our certificated and classified staff for doing everything that they can to make sure that all of our students are safe and well.
- noted that we have wildfires contributing to poor air quality and asked folks to stay indoors; for those affected by the fires or pandemic, our thoughts are with you.
- congratulated the winners of the All Staff Day contest, hoping that the Starbucks gift cards give them a pep in their step at the start of this new year.
- welcomed all of our new students. Campuses are open and things look different; we are all adjusting to those differences.
- noted that the district has a robust Independent Study option that is available to students. Our enrollment numbers have tripled in that program this academic year. Our Independent Study students are an important part of our Center family too.
- welcomed feedback about the virtual Back to School nights.
- noted that one of her responsibilities as a Board member is to engage in professional development to enhance her knowledge and skills. The amount of information she's had to navigate as we're dealing with the different changing mandates, guidelines and recommendations from the different levels has been tremendous. She acknowledged the staff for engaging with all of that information, making sense of it and making it make sense for everyone else.
- thanked everyone who's come to her with new information, with concerns, and for communicating with our Superintendent and our local Principals.
- noted that in addition to all the things teachers are facing like the wildfires, the pandemic and all of these things, we're also in the middle of a culture war related to teaching for diversity equity inclusion and justice. This is something she has worked on for a large portion of her life and is very personal and professionally interesting to her. She has attended a number of meetings to become informed. She noted that she has received questions about our curriculum and wanted to address the questions about whether we're teaching wokeism, critical race, anti-race ideologies and those types of things. She has attended meetings from the heritage foundation to the abolitionist teaching network to learn about these different perspectives and issues.
- thanked everyone for all they have done and that they continue to do to make our schools places where we can celebrate our differences and our commonalities as human beings. A commitment to that is really what is going to be what helps us to discover that we have so much more in common than we think.
- gave a special shout out to Heather Woods at Center High School who is our Center Teacher of the Year.
- invited folks to drop in during her next open office hours on Monday, September 6; you can access the link on Zoom and you can drop in anytime between 4-5pm.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

- noted that she is looking forward to connecting with everyone, and to be safe and well.

Mrs. Anderson

- welcomed everyone back.
- recognized that one of our staff members lost his home in one of the fires.
- noted that she is proud of everyone that works in this district; they have pulled together and worked through this epidemic and gotten us through it.
- noted that it was great to see the happy faces on opening day at the elementary sites.
- noted that Scott has done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Kelley

- noted that all the way down the line it has been stated that students need to be in school.
- hopes that everyone is following protocol.
- had the opportunity yesterday to view the science books and was really impressed with the content.
- welcomed the new folks and congratulated the retired and promoted folks.
- welcomed everyone back to the new school year.

Mr. Loehr

- thanked and appreciated all of our staff.
- noted that we need to appreciate all that people are doing to make it successful for our students.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
2. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
3. Approved Change of September Board Meeting Date
4. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
5. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
6. Approved Center JUSD Employees Certified for Expulsion Hearings for 2021/2022 SY
7. Approved Medi-Cal Administrative Claiming Agreement with the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools
8. Approved Resolution #1/2021-22: Naming of Authorized Person to Sign and Execute Any and All Documents Required By Department of Rehabilitation
9. Ratified Professional Services Agreement: Dr. Marc Lerner
10. Ratified Professional Services Agreement: Meladee McCarty
11. Ratified 2021/22 Master Contracts:
 - #1 – Jabbergym
 - #2 – Kadiant LLC/Land Park Campus
 - #3 – CCHAT
 - #4 – Easter Seals
 - #5 – Sierra Foothills Academy
 - #6 – Access Language Connection
12. Approved Three Year Contract with GoGuardian Beacon- Suicide and Threat Assessment Software
13. Approved Services Agreement with 4R Hearing Center for Hearing Screenings
14. Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Los Rios Community College District on Behalf of American River College Educational Talent Search Program
15. Approved Five Year (2021-2026) Clinical Practicum Agreement with California State Northridge
16. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Humble Translations LLC
17. Ratified Memorandum of Understanding, Agreement #22020, with Sacramento County Office of Education

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

18. Approved I-Ready Math and Reading Program for Wilson C. Riles Middle School
19. Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Structured Sports Development Program for Team Assist
20. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Easton Interpreting Services, Inc.
21. Ratified Memorandum of Understanding #21-G-CJ between Center Adult School and Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) for Fund G, Program Year 2021-2022
22. Approved Memorandum of Understanding Between Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), Sly Park Environmental Education Center and Center Joint Unified School District for Participation in the Sly Park Environmental Education Program
23. Approved 2021-22 Consolidated Application
24. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Suzanne Hayes
25. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Samantha Donaghy
26. Approved Proposal for Professional Architectural Consulting Services with Henry and Associates Architects – Regarding HVAC Replacement at North Country ES and Center High School
27. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
28. Approved Resolution #4/2021-22: Making Environmental Findings in Connection with the Career Technical Classroom Construction Projects Located at 3111 Center Court Lane, Antelope CA 95843
29. Approved Resolution #2/2021-22: District Signatories
30. Approved Revised Cash Flow Projection
31. Ratified Two-Year Lease Agreement for the Head Start Program at Spinelli Elementary School
32. Approved Payroll Orders: July 2020 - June 2021
33. Approved Payroll Orders: July 2021
34. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): June 2021
35. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): July 2021

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

Trustee Pope noted that she understands that some of the items listed on the Consent Agenda are not required to have Board approval, but thanked Mr. Loehr and staff for putting items on so that the Board and community members are informed. She asked that they continue this practice. Trustee Anderson noted that one of the approved items changed the date of the September Board meeting. Trustee Kelley noted that several items are directly related to the additional supports that we are providing for students.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

1. Adoption of Minutes from June 9, 2021 Special Meeting
2. Adoption of Minutes from June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

There was a motion to bring it to the floor for discussion.

Motion: Lee
Second: Bruno

Trustee Lee asked that June 9th & 16th minutes be amended to reflect her statement as has been made after the Pledge of Allegiance. She also asked that the June 16th minutes be amended to reflect her board comments as a full account of her contribution.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION (continued)

There was a motion that the amended minutes, as Dr. Lee request be included for the June 9th and June 16th meetings, be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval at the next board meeting. There was board discussion as to how the Board reports should be presented in the future.

Motion: Lee
Second: Kelley

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

27. Approved Change Order By and Between Specified Play Equipment Company and Center Joint USD

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

Trustee Pope asked Mr. Putnam to give an overview of an explanation as to why there was a change order for \$29,000. Mr. Putnam noted that there were unforeseen circumstances which included a severe slope and there were some posts that were barely in the ground. The entire project included the removal all of the bark out of the play area, putting up temporary fencing, removal of some asphalt, bringing in over 300 cubic yards of road base, compacting the area down, creating a relatively level strata field, installing the new equipment and adding in the bark. There was discussion from the board. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. **APPROVED - Instructional Materials Adoption Grades 9-12, Science (Next Generation Science Standards) Textbooks**

Mr. Loehr complimented the Center High Science Department, Mr. Jordan and the C&I Department for their efforts on selecting these materials in this adoption cycle. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Pope

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Notification of Compliance With Education Code §60119 for Funds Received under Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Program.

President Kelley opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

B. APPROVED - Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Pope
Second: Kelley

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

C. APPROVED - Resolution #3/2021-22: Statement of Assurances Instructional Materials Fund

There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Bruno

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

D. Nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County

Mr. Loehr noted that if the Board had a name we would forward it to CSBA. There were no nominations made by the Board.

**E. APPROVED - Board Policies/Regulations/Exhibits
BP / AR 6158 - Independent Study**

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Pope

Mr. Loehr noted that Independent Study distance learning used to be done through a different format last year. The state has said to assist students that don't come to school; as a choice they could go through our Independent Study program. The state made significant changes to the program to help support students. The state has stated that districts need to adopt a policy within 30 days. This is a sample policy from CSBA; it meets the letter of the laws and it will fulfill our responsibility for the 2021-22 school year and allow us to continue with the program that we are currently offering. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Anderson
Second: Pope

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

F. Face Coverings

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Anderson

Mr. Loehr noted that back in June we did not know what the CDPH recommendations would be for the school year. The latest status is that face coverings must be worn indoors in Sacramento County.

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

Jessica, parent at Oak Hill, asked if there is a way that we can have students change masks during the day. She also asked if the district is accepting mask exemptions. Mr. Jordan noted that a doctor's note would be required for an exemption. It was also noted that there are special masks with clear plastic so mouths can be seen and are available at the sites for those who need them. There was discussion about the hearing impaired that would need to read lips.

Trustee Kelley shared data on the numbers of cases, vaccinations and effects of the virus on children. There was Board discussion on this item.

There was a comment from Latoya Jenkins regarding her child having no symptoms but had COVID and recovered. She recommended that masks stay in schools.

G. Naming of Property West of Riles Middle School

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Pope
Second: Anderson

Trustee Pope noted that we already own the property next door and with construction across the street, eventually the site next door will be built. She gave a background on the Gould family and their property in the area, as well as the many family members who served the community. She recommended that the school next door to Wilson C. Riles Middle School be named the Gould Ranch Elementary School. There was Board discussion on this item.

Carol Hunt read the following public comment that was submitted online:
Center Parent shared their concern with naming the school now and suggested that the families and staff of that school choose the name.

There was further discussion with the Board. Trustee Pope recommended that forming a committee would be the best route to go. The Board gave direction to Mr. Loehr to bring this item back to the Board a year from now; they will revisit this item again to see if the district is ready to form a committee.

H. Meeting Format

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Anderson

Trustee Bruno asked that the statement about the Pledge of Allegiance be a unified Board position. He recommended that it be read prior to the Pledge of Allegiance and be on the agenda. There was Board discussion regarding this recommendation.

There was a motion to approve the addition of a statement on the agenda template, to be read by the Board President, prior to the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Kelley
Second: Pope
Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

It was asked that Trustee Lee forward the statement that she uses to Mr. Loehr; Trustee Kelley asked Mr. Loehr to share it with her.

Trustee Anderson asked that the Board Comments be moved back to the end of the agenda. There was Board discussion regarding this topic. There were no changes made.

I. Monthly Recognitions and Resources

There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

Motion: Bruno
Second: Lee

Trustee Lee thanked Mr. Loehr and the Curriculum and Instruction staff for noting the months from the California Department of Education on our calendar. She noted that she has had a discussion with Mr. Loehr; there are some months with several recognitions listed. She noted that it would be fine to have the Curriculum committee and staff deciding which of those to recognize so that we are recognizing Pride month and the other months that are recommended by the California Department of Education. There was Board discussion on this item.

It was asked that Mr. Loehr and Mr. Jordan look into what other districts are doing and provide the Board with some options.

Trustee Kelley thanked our guests that stuck it out tonight. She noted that it was a long winded meeting and appreciated them listening and participating in the meeting.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. *Future Meeting Dates:*
 - i. *Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - District Board Room - Room 503, located at Riles Middle School, 4747 PFE Road, Roseville, CA 95747 and/or Virtual*
- b. *Suggested Agenda Items: take next step about New Beginnings, Board handbook*

ADJOURNMENT – 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Lee
Second: Anderson

Ayes: Anderson, Bruno, Kelley, Lee, Pope
Noes: None

