

# CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING District Board Room Center Joint Unified School District Annex 3243 Center Court Lane, Antelope, CA 95843

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

### MINUTES

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

**ROLL CALL** - Trustees Present: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ballin, Mr. Bruno, Mrs. Pope

Trustees Absent: Mrs. Sammons

Administrators Present: Scott Loehr, Superintendent  
Chris Borasi, Director of Personnel & Student Services  
Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Education  
Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities

### 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** - none

**CLOSED SESSION** - 5:30 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER** - 6:07 p.m.

### FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Anderson

It was announced that Trustee Sammons was out due to illness.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)  
Suspended Expulsion 23/24-04 – Recommendation approved.

**Motion:** Pope  
**Second:** Ballin

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Sammons

Suspended Expulsion 23/24-05 – Recommendation approved.

**Motion:** Pope  
**Second:** Bruno

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Sammons

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as amended: pull Consent Agenda Items #2, #3 and #12 for separate consideration.

**Motion:** Bruno  
**Second:** Ballin

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Sammons  
**Student Board Rep vote:** Aye - Ortega

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Recognition of the Certificated and Classified Employees of the Year from Riles Middle School – Brett Homesley, Principal at Riles Middle School, spoke about Michele Koscheka, Classified Employee of the Year, and Jamie Topper, Teacher of the Year, at Riles Middle School. He presented Jamie with a plaque; Michele was not in attendance and will receive her's at her site.

### **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

1. CUTA – Venessa Mason, President, noted that CUTA members participated in a FMLA class, hosted by their CTA Rep. She noted that staff seemed interested in their options for leave. She also noted that some teachers may be getting layoff notices so she forewarned the site reps that those may be coming down on the agenda next month and to contact her or Heather for any clarification.
2. CSEA – Niesha Harris-Knott, President, was not available to report.

### **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Information Presentation on the Status of Center High School Media Communications Academy** – Amy Chaney, Center High MCA teacher, shared a presentation with the Board about what Media Communications is. She gave information on the California Partnership Academies background, the MCA background, and covered the process that they must follow every year for receiving funding. It was noted that at least 50% of students in the program must be “at risk”. She also covered the funding, “School within a School”, the academic courses, and Ed Codes that note additional motivational activities with the private sector (field trips), a common planning period for the teachers, and a second planning period for the lead teacher. It was noted that they are transitioning from Arts, Media & Entertainment (AME) to Information & Communication Technology (ICT). Also covered were what they encourage/promote and the benefits of being part of the MCA.
2. **Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report** – Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, reported that there was nothing to report.
3. **Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee’s Annual Report** – Faith Allmond, CBOC Member, presented the committee’s annual report. She noted that they have 7 positions filled, but still need a representative of a taxpayers organization. A brief overview was given of the bond measure, what the funds can be used for, and what funds and sites they were used for. The audit noted that there were no instances of non-compliance. The measure N Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee’s opinion is that the district is in compliance with Article XIII A, Section 1 of the California Constitution with regards to the general bond process for the fiscal year 2022-23.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –**

Public Comments In-Person:

Katrina Allen, parent, shared concerns with the playing fields for the softball and baseball teams at Center High School.

Rogelio, parent, shared concerns with the playing fields and uniforms.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (continued)**

Irene Hernandez shared her concern with safety on the fields.

Robbie Hence, parent, shared about the work that he helped with this last weekend on the field.

Public Comments Online: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
3. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
4. Approved Contract with Conservation Ambassadors for School Wild Life Assemblies – Oak Hill
5. Approved Assist Team, LLC MOU for the Structured Sports Development Program at Wilson C. Riles Middle School
6. Approved Agreement between Sheltons Unlimited Mechanical Services Inc and Center Joint Unified School District to Replace the HVAC System at the Center High School Library
7. Approved Agreement between Terracon and Center Joint Unified School District to Provide Special Inspections and Testing Services for the Center High School Modernization Project – DSA #02-117487
8. Approved CJUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members
9. Approved Resolution #10/2023-24: CA Department of Social Services Authorization
10. Approved Consolidated Application
11. Approved 2023 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)
12. *This item was pulled for separate consideration.*
13. Approved Payroll Orders: December 2023
14. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): December 2023

**Motion:** Bruno

**Second:** Ballin

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Sammons

**Student Board Rep vote:** Aye - Ortega

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

2. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
3. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions

**Motion:** Ballin

**Second:** Pope

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Sammons

**Student Board Rep vote:** Aye – Ortega

Mr. Loehr recognized Mr. Homesley as the Principal at Riles Middle School. He also recognized Mrs. Tackett-Oliver as the Principal at Dudley Elementary School.

12. Approved Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23  
There was a motion to bring this item to the floor.

**Motion:** Pope  
**Second:** Bruno

Trustee Pope apologized to Mrs. Coronado for missing bringing this item for a vote at the last meeting.

**Motion:** Pope  
**Second:** Bruno

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Sammons  
**Student Board Rep vote:** Aye – Ortega

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. APPROVED - Agreement with Landmark Constructors, Inc. for the Center High School Modernization Project #23-04**

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

**Motion:** Ballin  
**Second:** Bruno

Mr. Putnam gave an overview of this item. There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

**Motion:** Bruno  
**Second:** Ballin

**Ayes:** Anderson, Ballin, Bruno, Pope  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Sammons  
**Student Board Rep vote:** Aye - Ortega

## **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

1. Harmonie Ortega
  - Operation Santa was done at all of the elementary sites.
  - this week is a Spirit Week: yesterday (Tuesday) - denim day, today (Wednesday) - sports apparel, tomorrow (Thursday) – soccer Moms vs football Dads, Friday – Clash of the Classes (wear class colors) and there will be an afternoon rally at 2:45pm.
  - deadline for Senior portraits is January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Honored Educator Night coming up for all our Winter sports: Girls' basketball – January 31<sup>st</sup>, Boys' basketball – January 24<sup>th</sup>, Wrestling – January 31<sup>st</sup>, Boy soccer & Girls' soccer – January 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior Recognition Nights: basketball – February 9<sup>th</sup>, Girls' soccer – January 30<sup>th</sup>, Boys' soccer – February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Senior Community Service hours are due March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - CTV is accepting movies and videos for the Moving Up Rally.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

**Mrs. Sammons** – was not available to report

### **Mr. Bruno**

- noted that he loves seeing the turnout here.
- noted that he appreciates the district staff for what they do.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)**

### **Mr. Ballin**

- noted that he hopes everyone had a wonderful December/January holiday. He is looking forward to an exciting new year.
- acknowledged the hiring of Mr. Homesley as Principal at Riles MS and Mrs. Oliver as Principal at Dudley ES.
- wished everyone happiness and great successes this year.
- thanked everyone for such an outstanding job for making the Board members' job easier.
- noted that everyone is welcome to attend in person. Input is welcomed. People can comment on social media or send emails.

### **Mrs. Pope**

- noted that Becca Lynn, former student, has published her second book.
- welcomed everyone back.

### **Mr. Loehr**

- noted that the Governor just released his preliminary budget. While we're optimistic, it's a long time until May when it is approved. The Governor has made some big assumptions that hopefully come true.
- reminded the Board that our Covid relief funds are coming to an end. There will be some reductions in the workforce in both classified and certificated.
- noted that he hopes that everyone had a nice holiday.
- announced that a former student from McClellan HS passed away.
- noted that it was great to see Venessa Mason; glad she is back.

### **Mrs. Anderson**

- noted that it's nice to be back after the holidays. She noted that she hopes everyone had a nice time with family.

## **ADVANCE PLANNING**

- a. *Future Meeting Dates:*
  - i. *Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. – Board Room, Center Joint Unified School District Annex, 3243 Center Court Lane, Antelope, CA 95843 and/or Virtual*
- b. *Suggested Agenda Items:*
  - *follow up on the baseball topic*

## **ADJOURNMENT – 7:11 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Scott A. Loehr, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

/s/

Steve Bruno  
Board of Trustees Clerk

2/21/2024  
Adoption Date