

# 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, March 13, 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, Mrs. Sammons

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (**Certificated**) – Superintendent
2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. §54957)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION** - none

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

**OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER** - 6:08 p.m.

### FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Scott Loehr.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - no action taken
2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957) – the Board President announced the following votes taken during Closed Session:

The Board took action on Resolution No. 19/2023-24 to release and non-reelect a certificated employee identified by #108812 effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was unanimous: Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

The Board took action on Resolution No. 20/2023-24 to release and non-reelect a certificated employee identified by #108819 effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was unanimous: Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

The Board took action on Resolution No. 21/2023-24 to release and non-reelect a certificated employee identified by #108592 effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was unanimous: Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There was a motion to bring the adoption of the agenda to the floor.

**Motion:** Ballin

**Second:** Sammons

There were no comments. There were no comments from the board. There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Ballin

**Vote:** General Consent

**Second:** Sammons

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Scott Loehr, Superintendent, acknowledged Rex Fortune Elementary School and Principal Jason Farrel as the recipient of the Attendance Champions Award for the month of February 2024. Their site had the highest average daily attendance for that month.

Recognition of the Certificated and Classified Employees of the Year from Center High School – Jerald Ferguson, Principal at Center High School, spoke about Jenna Boller, Teacher of the Year and Manuel Torres, Classified Employee of the Year at Center High School. Jenna and Manuel were each presented with a plaque.

### **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

1. CUTA – Venessa Mason, President, noted that we are in March madness. Teachers are feeling fatigued. While behaviors have improved, this job is getting harder and harder to do, and harder emotionally. Kind words go a long way in making someone stay, and teachers don't hear them, at least not to them or about them. Teachers need to know and hear from us, the district, how valued they all are. She gave a compliment to the school board for their dedicated time to the district and our sites.

2. CSEA – Niesha Harris-Knott, President, was not in attendance. Mr. Loehr noted that she had nothing to report.

### **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Math and ELA Presentation** – Mike Jordan and Becky Lawson presented information about Math and ELA, covering the following areas: Tier 1 for all students, Tier 2 for a smaller percentage of students, Tier 3 which is mostly for students with IEPs. They also covered ELA Professional Development, i-Ready assessments measuring and monitoring student progress, objectives and purpose of assessment, CAASPP assessments/Smarter Balance ELA & Math, and diagnostic assessment.

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

Public Comments In-Person: none

Public Comments Online:

Dana Mata'afa, parent, noted that her children do not feel safe going to school. She shared her concerns with responses from site administration.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
2. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
3. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
4. Ratified Professional Services Agreement: Dr. Ayman Damen / Galt Medical Center
5. Approved Three Year Contract with AVI-SPL
6. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Placer Repertory Theater – Fortune Elementary
7. Approved A Touch of Understanding Workshop – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dudley Elementary
8. Approved Contract with Bucket Fillers Forever – Oak Hill
9. Approved Mad Science of Sacramento Valley – Oak Hill
10. Approved Character Building School Assemblies (Forward BMX Show) – Oak Hill
11. Approved Conservation Ambassadors Assemblies – Dudley
12. Approved ARC TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) College Campus Tour – Riles MS
13. Approved Out-of-State Travel: “Intro to Culture of Care Professional Development Training”, Fort Collins, Colorado – M. Bence & K. Baioni, McClellan
14. Approved Home to School Transportation Plan
15. Approved Payroll Orders: February 2024
16. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): February 2024

There were no public comments from the public. There were no comments from the Board. This item was Board approved.

**Motion:** Sammons

**Vote:** General Consent

**Second:** Pope

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. 2023-24 Second Interim Report**

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

**Motion:** Bruno

**Second:** Sammons

Kristina Desgrange, Fiscal Analyst, presented information regarding the Second Interim Report. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion. There was a motion to approve the 2023-24 Second Interim Report.

**Motion:** Pope

**Vote:** General Consent

**Second:** Ballin

## **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

1. Harmonie Ortega – was not available to report.

## **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

### **Mr. Bruno**

- noted that our district does a lot of great things despite not having a lot of staff. He noted that he sees how everyone in the district is contributing and making this an amazing district.

### **Mr. Ballin**

- noted ditto to everything Trustee Bruno said.
- noted that last month there wasn't a lot of activity.
- noted that there are only a few months left this school year. He thanked the staff.
- noted that it appears we are baring well with the budget cuts.
- attended the tour on March 8<sup>th</sup> to Dudley, Fortune and Oak Hill Elementary Schools.
- noted that everyone is welcome to attend meetings in person and the district is on social media. Feel free to email the board; email addresses are online.

### **Mrs. Pope**

- noted that the Top Ten Dinner will be next week so you know we are near the end of the school year.
- attended the Oak Hill Spaghetti Fundraiser.
- attended the Multicultural event at Center High School.
- attended Spinelli Elementary School's Multicultural night.
- read to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Spinelli Elementary School; was not able to make it to other sites for Read Across America, but if they have a chance sometime she would like to get in the classrooms.
- attended the Dudley PTO plant sale.
- noted that the board received an email from Latoya Jenkins regarding Girl's on the Run participating in an event at Inderkum High School on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mrs. Sammons**

- thanked folks for their reports tonight.
- attended a boys' volleyball game at Center High School.
- attended the Multicultural event at Center High School.
- attended Dudley Elementary School's plant and bake sale.
- attended Oak Hill's BINGO fundraiser.
- read to Ms. Diab's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class during Read Across America Week.
- attended site tours at Fortune, Dudley and Oak Hill Elementary Schools.
- reminded folks to say or do something to make someone smile.
- thanked everyone for everything they do.

### **Mr. Loehr**

- noted that he appreciates the board members for making time to join the site tours.
- thanked the Principals and administrators for giving them their time for the tours.
- spoke about reading to classes at Dudley Elementary and Spinelli Elementary.
- thanked Becky Lawson and Kristina Desgrange for presenting tonight.
- appreciates the teachers and staff with what they are going through during modernization.
- noted that we will be rolling out the Impact Award. There will be a form that people can fill out online to recognize employees.

### **Mrs. Anderson**

- attended BINGO Night at Oak Hill Elementary.
- thanked Tim, at Dudley Elementary, that does the gardening with the students.
- noted that walk-throughs have gone great.
- noted that she appreciates all of our employees.

