

CENTER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING Center Joint Unified School District Annex – Room 45 3243 Center Court Lane, Antelope, CA 95843

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - Trustee Pope called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Student Expulsions/Readmissions (G.C. §54962)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Chris Borasi, Re: CSEA and CUTA (G.C. §54957.6)
3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent (G.C. §54957)

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

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 p.m.

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

FLAG SALUTE –

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Ballin.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

Student Readmission# RA 22/23-01 - Recommendation approved

Motion: Anderson
Second: Sammons

Ayes: Anderson, Ballin, Pope, Sammons
Noes: None
Abstained: Bruno

Student Readmission# RA Hazel Mahone College Prep - Recommendation approved

Motion: Bruno
Second: Anderson

Vote: General Consent

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Student Readmission# RA 22/23-05 - Recommendation approved

Motion: Sammons

Vote: General Consent

Second: Bruno

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Chris Borasi, Re: CSEA and CUTA (G.C. §54957.6) – no action taken

3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent (G.C. §54957) – no action taken

ADOPTION OF AGENDA –

There was a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Ballin

Vote: General Consent

Second: Bruno

RECOGNITIONS

1. Introduction of Rex Fortune Elementary Staff – this has been postponed to a later date.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1. CUTA – Heather Woods, Vice President, reported that they had their first meeting of the year today. Everyone had great things to report. There were common reports of issues with A/C units. She thanked the district office staff for working with them over the summer; they have come to an agreement that will come before the Board soon. CUTA members are currently voting, which closes on Friday.

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

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

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

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. **Human Resources Update** – Chris Borasi, Director of Personnel and Student Services, reported on the following:

New Hires

- Since 6/1, 68 total new hires in the district
 - 47 certificated
 - 21 classified

Certificated Vacancies

- Oak Hill Teacher
- WCR Math Teacher
- WCR Special Education Teacher
- CHS Business Teacher
- Speech Language Pathologist - Oak Hill
- ERMHS Counselor

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES (continued)

Classified Vacancies

- Bilingual Aides - CHS and Dudley
- Instructional Specialists
- Noon Duty Aides
- Bus Driver
- Mechanic I and II

Team Tailor

- New job platform launched August 7th
- Ability to post positions to job platforms such as Indeed, LinkedIn, ZipRecruiter - increased number of classified applications (41)
- Ability for candidates to "Connect" - 27 connections so far
- Streamlined approach for our department - quicker response time, more efficient interview, hiring and onboarding process
- More user friendly, appealing platform for applicants and internal employees.

2. Facilities Update – Richard Putnam, Director of Facilities, reported on the following:

- Rex Fortune is open.
- CTE project is receiving furniture tomorrow and the electrical panel has been delivered. Contractor will now be able to start the final punch list.
- North Country new HVAC system installed. Still working out some details. Commissioning of the system to happen in the next couple of weeks.
- Center HS new HVAC system has been installed. Still working out some details. Commissioning of the system to happen in the next couple of weeks.
- Dudley M wing portables received new paint.
- Spinelli - new horns and strobes installed for bell system.
- Riles 400 wing has added decorative screens.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA –

Public Comments In-Person: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from April 28, 2023 Special Meeting
2. Approved Adoption of Minutes from June 7, 2023 Special Meeting
3. Approved Adoption of Minutes from June 10, 2023 Board Workshop
4. Approved Adoption of Minutes from June 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
5. Ratified Professional Services Agreement with Sounding Board Marketing & Communications for 2023-2024
6. Ratified Renewal of Agreement for Police Services between Twin Rivers Unified School District and Center Joint Unified School District July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026
7. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
8. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
9. Approved Hard to Fill Positions 2023-2024
10. Approved Job Description: Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) – Technology
11. Approved Professional Services Agreement - ATX Learning Group, Alicia Humphrey and Chantel Hammond
12. Approved CJUSD Employees Certified for Expulsion Hearings, 2023/2024 School Year
13. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Lisa Coates, Love and Logic Parenting Course
14. Approved Appointment of School Representatives to CIF 2023-24
15. Ratified Memorandum of Understanding with San Juan Unified School District for Special Education Services at the Ralph Richardson School.

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

16. Approved Memorandum of Understanding with the San Juan Unified School District to Provide a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program for Two CJUSD Students
17. Approved Instructional Services Agreement with Sierra College for Dual Enrollment Courses 2023/2024
18. Ratified Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Office of Education for Sacramento Consortium Teacher Induction Program
19. Ratified Overnight Stay at Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Atlanta Georgia
20. Ratified AVID Contract Renewal
21. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Explorit Science Center's Family Science Night on September 14, 2023
22. Approved Algebra Waiver
23. Approved Field Trip to Fresno State – Center High AVID
24. Ratified Agreement with Riverside Technologies, Inc to Install Alarms at Spinelli, Riles MS and Center High
25. Approved Amendment #2 to the Agreement between Nacht & Lewis for the Center High School Modernization Project - DSA #02-117487
26. Approved 2023-2024 Consolidated Application
27. Approved Catalyst Family Inc Agreement 23-24
28. Approved Ryland School Business Services Contract 2023-24
29. Approved Payroll Orders: July 2022 – June 2023
30. Approved Payroll Orders: July 2023
31. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): June 2023
32. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): July 2023

Motion: Anderson

Vote: General Consent

Second: Sammons

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Candidate Statement Fees – BB 9220, Governing Board Elections (Discussion item)

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

Motion: Bruno

Second: Sammons

Trustee Bruno noted that he wanted to have a discussion regarding this item. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion.

B. APPROVED - Board Governance Handbook

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

Motion: Sammons

Second: Bruno

Trustee Pope noted that on June 10th the Board met and developed the attached handbook. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Anderson

Vote: General Consent

Second: Sammons

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

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

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

Motion: Sammons

Second: Bruno

Trustee Pope noted that this is normally Tabled if there are no nominations. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion. Trustee Anderson nominated Trustee Sammons, but Trustee Sammons declined. There was a motion to Table this item.

Motion: Pope

Vote: General Consent

Second: Anderson

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

President Pope opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Motion: Pope

Second: Sammons

Mr. Loehr noted that each year we need to certify that the district has instructional materials for all students. There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Bruno

Vote: General Consent

Second: Anderson

E. APPROVED - Resolution #1/2023-24: Statement of Assurances Instructional Materials Fund

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

Motion: Anderson

Second: Ballin

Mr. Loehr noted that this is a secondary item to the previous item. This certifies that we have the instructional materials for our students. There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

Motion: Anderson

Vote: General Consent

Second: Bruno

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)

F. 45-Day Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Information only)

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

Motion: Ballin

Second: Sammons

Lisa Coronado noted 2 changes to the district budget: one was to the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant, and the other was to the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Sammons

- welcomed everyone back to the 23/24 school year.
- noted that she coached and was team parent for her boys teams this summer.
- attended the Rex Fortune Elementary Grand Opening on July 26th.
- attended the 2nd Annual Back to School Bash.
- thanked the community for all that they do.
- noted that elementary schools will need help with volunteers.

Mrs. Anderson

- welcomed everyone back.
- noted that she hopes the students' Senior year is wonderful.
- noted that the Rex Fortune Grand Opening was wonderful.
- wished the students a great school year.

Mr. Ballin

- welcomed everyone back.
- noted that he is looking forward to the upcoming school year.
- attended the Rex Fortune Grand Opening on July 26th.
- congratulated the facilities staff for an amazing job.
- attended the All Staff Day on August 3rd.
- congratulated the District Teacher of the Year, Brandi Ventittelli.
- attended the Equity Training on August 4th.
- attended the Placer County Committee on School District Organization meeting on August 7th.
- attended the Sacramento County Board of Education meeting regarding the same request for transfer of territory on August 15th.
- thanked Superintendent Loehr, principals, teachers and staff for all of their time and dedication that they provided in the days and weeks prior to the start of the school year.
- shared the following: "I wish to briefly comment on a series of events that transpired over this last summer as well as some legislation and court cases that have recently come to light. One event was the Governor of the State, the State Attorney General and the Superintendent of Public Instruction sent "warnings" to school districts throughout the state pertaining to the "banning" of books. Another was where the Superintendent of Public Instruction appeared at a local school board meeting and lastly in where the Governor of the State threatened to sue a local school district over its curriculum. Currently there is pending legislation and court cases that threatens the rights of parents and guardians in our district. I am deeply disturbed by these actions of the State in its attempts to intercede in California local school district's legal responsibilities and obligations to its constituency particularly the parents and guardians of our students. Schools in California are governed locally by school boards responsible for overseeing a school district and this has a long history that dates back over a century. The concept of local control is grounded in a philosophy of government premised on the belief that the individuals

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)

and institutions closest to a student are the most knowledgeable and are invested in the welfare and success of those community's children and educators thus are best suited to making the important decisions necessary for the success of the districts' students. As I took an oath and pledged to support and defend the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of this office, I want it known that I will do all within my power to always ensure all laws and obligations of which this district is entitled, will be upheld."

- asked the students to convey to their parents that they are welcome to attend the meetings in person.

Mr. Bruno

- attended the Rex Fortune Elementary Grand Opening.
- noted that there are a lot of unseen things that go on behind the scenes to get things ready for the school year. There are positions within our district that are the unsung heroes.
- noted that they are excited at how many students showed up tonight. Noted that students have the right to speak on items.

Mr. Loehr

- welcomed everyone back.
- acknowledged and appreciated the Board turnout at events.
- noted that the start of the school year was very smooth.
- noted that the district enrollment is trending in the right way.
- commended Richard Putnam and his staff for what they do to make things happen at all of our facilities.
- acknowledged Mr. Borasi's efforts, and welcomed him to the Director team.
- noted that the is excited with the Team Tailor app.

Mrs. Pope

- welcomed everyone back.
- noted that the Back to School Bash was amazing.
- noted that All Staff Day was amazing.
- noted that the new Rex Fortune Elementary site is great.
- attended the new employee orientations; Mr. Borasi did an amazing job.
- commended Mr. Putnam on getting a new campus up and running, adding two new CTE buildings, beautification at the district office, and the ongoing upgrades to the Board Room. She acknowledged the effort and time he and his team has put in.
- personally thanked Arlene Ballesteros for the upgrades in the HR Department & conference room.
- reminded the board members to sign up for site tours.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. *Future Meeting Dates:*
 - i. *Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 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:*

ADJOURNMENT – 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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

/s/

Nancy Anderson
Board of Trustees Clerk

9/20/2023

Adoption Date