

# 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, September 20, 2023

### MINUTES

**OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER** - Trustee Pope 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. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Chris Borasi, Re: CSEA and CUTA (G.C. §54957.6)
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent (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** - 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Loehr noted that Mr. Ferguson made a gavel from an oak tree from within the district. It will now be used at meetings.

#### **FLAG SALUTE –**

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Pope.

Trustee Pope welcomed Student Board Representative Harmonie Ortega.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Vote:** General Consent

## **RECOGNITIONS**

1. Recognition of the CJUSD Teacher of the Year and Oak Hill's Classified of the Year - Melissa Oliver, Vice Principal at Oak Hill Elementary School, spoke about Yosha Yang, Oak Hill's Classified Employee of the Year, and Brandy Ventittelli, our District Teacher of the Year. The Center High School Cheerleaders came in and did a cheer for Mrs. Ventittelli. Plaques were presented to both employees, but because Yosha attended over Zoom, she would receive hers in person while on the campus.

## **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

1. CUTA – Heather Woods, Vice President, reported that they are very excited about a yes vote on the salary increase tonight. September is a month filled with field trips, spirit day events, and club extravaganzas. Teachers were concerned about our bussing; they are hoping that the push for bus drivers will continue on. The staff also wanted to express their concerns with physical aggressions from students, as well as from some parents. While this is not something that the Board could solve, it was noted that this needed to be a community discussion, and the representatives asked that this be mentioned to the Board, who are part of the community. When it comes to recognizing students, Center Teachers Association is very happy with current policy of how we recognize all of our students.

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

## **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. **MTSS Presentation** – Mike Jordan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Special Education, shared a presentation regarding our Multi-Tiered System of Supports Blueprint, which included the Local Control Accountability Plan Goals, the key components of our MTSS, and the tier support levels in elementary, middle school and high school. There were comments and questions from the Board.

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

Public Comments In-Person: None

Public Comments Online: None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approved Adoption of Minutes from August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Approved Board Stipend Increase
3. Approved Classified Personnel Transactions
4. Approved Certificated Personnel Transactions
5. Approved Resolution # 4/2023-24: Authorization to Teach Spanish for the 23/24 School Year
6. Approved Tentative Agreement between CJUSD and CUTA, including Salary Schedules
7. Approved 2023/24 & 2024/25 Executive Management & Management Salary Schedules
8. Approved 2023/24 & 2024/25 Confidential Employees Salary Schedules
9. Approved 2023/24 Substitute Pay Rate
10. Approved Memorandum of Understanding between Sacramento County Office of Education and Center Unified School District – Employing Agency Agreement (Internship Program)
11. Ratified District Memorandum of Understanding between Sacramento County Office of Education and Center Unified School District for Sacramento Consortium Teacher Induction Program
12. Ratified 23/24 Master Contracts:
  - #1 Jabbergym
  - #2 Sierra Foothills Academy
  - #3 Northern CA Prep School
  - #4 Therapy Travelers
  - #5 ATX Learning

**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- #6 ProCare
- #7 Placer Learning Center
- #8 Capitol Academy
- #9 Easter Seals
- #10 Maxim
- #11 Odyssey
- #12 Sierra School
- #14 Point Quest
- #16 Aldar Academy
- 13. Approved Three Year Service Order & Agreement with Panorama Education
- 14. Approved Quote for Catapult Connect Student Communication for 23/24 & 24/25 School Years
- 15. Approved Professional Services Agreement: Hummble Translation
- 16. Approved Master Service Agreement with Zearn for Math Services – Oak Hill
- 17. Approved CatapultK12 Webpage, Contract for Upgraded Web Design
- 18. Approved Field Trip: ~~Southern California, April 3-6~~ **Central Coast, March 2024** – Center High MCA
- 19. Approved Field Trip: Bay Area, February 8-9 – Center High MCA
- 20. Approved 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp & Sierra Nevada Journeys Camp Use Agreement – Oak Hill
- 21. Approved List of Books to Recycle/Discard – Oak Hill
- 22. Approved Service Agreement between Center Joint Unified School District and Sierra Building Systems, Inc
- 23. Approved Agreement between HB Restoration and Center Joint Unified School District for Construction Services related to the Center High School Modernization Phase 1 – Exterior Painting Project #23-02
- 24. Approved Service Agreement between Center Joint Unified School District and Azuvo
- 25. Ratified Agreement between SchoolWorks, Inc and Center Joint Unified School District for a 2024 Developer Fee Justification Study
- 26. Ratified Agreement between SchoolWorks, Inc and Center Joint Unified School District for a Demographics and Enrollment Projections Report
- 27. Approved Agreement between Gemini Inspection Service and Center Joint Unified School District to Provide DSA Inspection Services for the Center High School Modernization Project – DSA #02-117487
- 28. Approved Surplus/Disposal of 15 Old Picnic Tables – Center High
- 29. Approved Resolution #3/2023-24: Self-Certifying Increased Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold
- 30. Approved CUTA/CJUSD Employee Compensation Agreement & AB 1200 Public Disclosure
- 31. Approved Payroll Orders: August 2023
- 32. Approved Supplemental Agenda (Vendor Warrants): August 2023

There was a public comment from Heather Woods, noting that Consent Agenda Item #18 should have been for the Central Coast. The trip may consist of the Earthquakes soccer stadium tour, Winchester Mystery House, Santa Cruz, 2 colleges, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and a theme park. There was Board discussion. Mr. Ballin noted that Consent Agenda Item #30 shows a deficit. Mrs. Coronado explained that on the unrestricted side we are not deficit spending, but in the restricted budget side we are deficit spending. There are monies sitting from prior years that we are spending. There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as updated.

**Motion:** Bruno  
**Second:** Sammons

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega  
**Vote:** General Consent

**BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)**

**A. APPROVED - First Reading: Policies, Regulations and Exhibits**

Board Policy 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight  
Exhibit(1) 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight  
Board Policy 1113 - District and School Websites  
Exhibit(1) 1113 - District and School Websites  
Board Policy 4112.2 - Certification  
Administrative Regulation 4112.2 - Certification  
Exhibit(1) 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications  
Board Policy 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units  
Administrative Regulation 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave  
Administrative Regulation 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave  
Administrative Regulation 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves  
Administrative Regulation 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave  
Board Policy 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance  
Board Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health  
Board Policy 5141.6 - School Health Services  
Administrative Regulation 5141.6 - School Health Services  
Policy 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications  
Exhibit(1) 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications  
Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development  
Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development  
Board Policy 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities  
Board Policy 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education  
Board Policy 6173.4 - Education for American Indian Students  
Board Policy 6174 - Education for English Learners  
Administrative Regulation 6174 - Education for English Learners  
Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials

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

**Motion:** Sammons

**Second:** Ballin

There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

**Motion:** Sammons

**Second:** Ballins

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega

**Vote:** General Consent

**B. APPROVED - Employment Agreement - Superintendent**

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

**Motion:** Anderson

**Second:** Bruno

There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

**Motion:** Ballin

**Second:** Sammons

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega

**Vote:** General Consent

Trustee Pope gave a summary of the Superintendent's contract.

**BUSINESS ITEMS (continued)**

**C. APPROVED - Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2023/2024 SY**

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

**Motion:** Bruno

**Second:** Ballin

Mr. Loehr noted that this is a routine item to declare that we need to use emergency permits during shortages. There were no public comments. There was no Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

**Motion:** Sammons

**Second:** Bruno

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega

**Vote:** General Consent

**D. APPROVED - 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Report**

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

**Motion:** Ballin

**Second:** Bruno

Lisa Coronado shared information on this item. There were no public comments. There was Board discussion. There was a motion to approve this item.

**Motion:** Sammons

**Second:** Bruno

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega

**Vote:** General Consent

**E. APPROVED - Resolution #2/2023-24: Gann Limit Resolution**

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

**Motion:** Anderson

**Second:** Bruno

Lisa Coronado gave a brief explanation 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

**Advisory Vote:** Aye - Ortega

**Vote:** General Consent

**STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

1. Harmonie Ortega reported on the following:

- Homecoming decoration themes: Seniors - Louisiana, Juniors - Texas, Sophmores - Florida, Freshman – New York
- during Freshman Welcome Back Week, they recruited a couple Freshman officers and a couple extras.
- held the Freshman Tailgate, but was low attendance.
- student involvement has increased a lot with theme nights and spirit days.
- Flag Football currently has a record of 1-2-1
- next week is Homecoming Week and the dress up days are: Monday – wear red, white & blue, Tuesday – Texas Tuesday (wear western), Wednesday – Wallstreet Wednesday (dress in business attire), Thursday – Hit the Road Thursday (wear comfy clothes for a road trip), Friday – Clash of the Classes (wear school colors)

### **STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS (continued)**

- there will be a Blood Drive on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 1pm
- Book Club has their Book Drive going on.
- Senior class meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Homecoming dance is on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- invited the Board to come out on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am to see the Homecoming decorations
- noted that during the homecoming football game there will be fireworks.
- noted that this Friday for the Flag Football game, the theme will be Minions.
- Varsity Quarterback, Bradley Kenny, was nominated for Sac Bee's Player of the Week last week.

### **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

#### **Mrs. Sammons**

- thanked everyone for coming tonight.
- went on a site tour on September 8<sup>th</sup> to Riles Middle School, McClellan High School and North Country Elementary School.
- reached out to Ryan Miranda to see our Family Resource Center. Noted that there are items available for those who are in need for those items.
- visited the Love & Logic training for parents.
- is looking forward to the next tour on Friday.

#### **Mrs. Anderson**

- also attended the tour on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to get in the classrooms and see students and staff.
- the grand opening for Rex Fortune was a fantastic event.
- noted that we are off to a great start this year. It will be an interesting and fun year.

#### **Mr. Ballin**

- noted that on August 25<sup>th</sup> he attended the Sacramento County Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet; again, congratulated Brandy Ventittelli.
- noted that on September 8<sup>th</sup> he toured McClellan High School, Wilson Riles Middle School and North Country Elementary School.
- read the following statement: "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 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 would 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."
- noted that all are welcome to attend our meetings in person.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS (continued)**

- noted that they encourage comments on the district's social media platforms, and the Board and Superintendent are more than happy to receive any email correspondence you wish to send; email addresses are on the district's website.

**Mr. Bruno**

- noted that he has not been able to attend as many events as other members.  
- is looking forward to attending some upcoming events/tours.  
- welcomed Harmonie Ortega to the Board.  
- announced that 2 weeks ago a baby granddaughter was born.  
- noted that he is speaking, representing himself; his first concern is that we follow the law and his second concern is student safety. Noted that a couple local districts have recently enacted policies that he feels threaten student safety and quite likely in violation of law. Noted that he feels this policy puts students at risk. While he believes in transparency, he also believes in student privacy.  
- reminded the students that in addition to sitting in the audience, they have the right to address the Board.

**Mr. Loehr**

- welcome Harmonie Ortega as the Student Board Representative.  
- noted that it's been great going to the school sites.  
- thanked Mr. Putnam for the work that has been done in the Board Room.  
- noted that Ethnic Studies will be a new requirement for all high school students by the class of 2030, and will be coming before the Board.  
- acknowledged the Board's action tonight to approve staff salary for many of our employees; we are hoping to finalize with CSEA soon.  
- noted that we have been providing surveys over that last several years. The Board will be hearing more about the Center Commitment.  
- wished Adrianna Sammons an early Happy Birthday.

**Mrs. Pope** – had nothing to report.

**ADVANCE PLANNING**

- a. *Future Meeting Dates:*  
i. *Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 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: none*

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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

/s/

Nancy Anderson  
Board of Trustees Clerk

10/18/23

Adoption Date