

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020  
DISTRICT/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the District/Staff Development Room located at 205 N. Park Ave., Avenal, CA 93204.

Mr. Chavez, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:01 p.m. and Mr. Chavez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lupe Chavez, Board President

Lisette Padilla, Clerk

Chris Collins

Lilia Rizo

Claudia Cazares (*attended via Zoom*)

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2020:**

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes

*Motion Carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A community member asked the board for an update as to when special education students would be able to physically go back to school. A concern was made about communication issues at the district.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. Sufficiency of Instructional Materials: Dr. Aragon briefly explained that the public hearing was required concerning the district's report that it will have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials in each content standard for core material areas. Hearing opened for comment at 6:26 p.m. A question was made about old science curriculum. Dr. Aragon explained that the district was currently in the process of a new science adoption. No further comments, hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: Sam Avina, CTA President reported that their unit members were gathering concerns/ideas about reopening. They will present those to Mrs. Green and Mr. Sanchez. Mr. Avina stated that he hopes to move forward as a team and thanked everyone for their time. Tammy Ware, CSEA President reported that there's a lot going on with Black Live Matters and stated that she was aware of some employees making comments on social media and private talks on school grounds regarding this issue. She expressed that employees stating that white people are racist is very offensive to her. She reminded people to think before they speak.

**STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Board Members: Ms. Padilla reminded everyone to practice self-care, do blinking exercises and stay hydrated. Mrs. Rizo thanked everyone for delivering Distance Learning. Thanked the grounds department and cafeteria staff for their hard work. Mr. Collins expressed that it was frustrating for everyone with not having our technology working effectively during our board meetings. Ms. Cazares reported that she attended the town hall meeting held by AHS. She also reported that KCES held a drive through lunch and commended the schools for trying to do their best during these times. She

- encouraged everyone to continue to work together. Mr. Chavez reported that the district was trying to do their best with technology issues. Asked the public to have some patience during our board meetings in regards to connectivity and technical issues. He stated that teachers had been doing a good job with Distance Learning.
- B. Business - Mr. Nguyen: Reported that the Business Department was working on scanning all checks to submit to the KCOE treasury. He reported that the Food Services Department mailed updated flyers to parents. Meal cards are still being issued. Mr. Nguyen reported that light fixtures would be installed at KCES. The district is working on the AES modernization project. Finally, he reported that Hydro-lud Company was still working on the AHS water well.
  - C. Curriculum – Dr. Aragon: Reported that it was a pleasure to have met with the tech squad and curriculum and instruction planning team. They discussed how they can better support substitute teachers. They also discussed assessment procedures and tutoring services for students. Dr. Aragon reported that they were looking at the Special Ed program in hopes to bring those students back, however they would need to work with CTA regarding this issue.
  - D. Superintendent – Mr. Sanchez: Apologized for the technical difficulties during the board meeting. He reported that the Technology Director would reach out to WebEx in hopes to run a technical issue free board meeting. Mr. Sánchez reported that he would like to update the Governance Board handbook and asked for two board member volunteers. He reminded the Board to read the Culture Code book. Mr. Sánchez reported that in honor of Hispanic history month, students would enter into a contest and write a heroic story of the Avenal cut-off orchard ducks. He felt students could paint their own narrative. Mr. Sánchez reported he was excited to see what the students came up with. He will collect winners and recognize them at a board meeting. Mr. Sánchez reported that the Virtual 2020 Annual Education Conference would be held Dec. 3-4, 2020. He reported that he was launching a student advisory council starting Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sánchez stated that they had different representation and currently had 15 students attending. The two-hour class is held by Mr. Ruiz, Dr. Aragon and Mr. Sánchez where they discuss key elements of implicit bias awareness and equity leadership. He reported he would share a link with board members where only two could attend per session. Mr. Sánchez reported that he hopes to foster and expand school and community pride within our district. He reported that the district would hold free COVID testing on Tuesday, 9/22 at the AHS auditorium parking lot from 8am-6pm. He hopes to serve everyone in our district in collaboration with the National Guard and KCOE. Mr. Sánchez reported that there would be a resource fair as well. He welcomed everyone to attend.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of August 20 & September 10, 2020
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Personnel Report
  - D. Request to Approve the Renewal of Follet Subscription for 2020-21
- Motion by Cazares seconded by Chavez to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. *Removed warrants on page 8 of the board packet, PDF page 12. Vendor # 1404 WHC*
- Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
- Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2020: 18, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials:
- Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2020: 18, as presented.
- Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
- Motion Carried*

B. Resolution 2020: 16, State Building Funds Application:

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2020: 16, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

C. Resolution 2020: 17, Gann Limit:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve Resolution 2020: 17 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

D. 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report:

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the unaudited actuals financial report as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

E. Certification of Signatures:

Motion by Collins seconded by Rizo to approve the Certification of Signatures.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

F. Request to Approve the Agreement with TLS Choice to Resurface Tennis & Basketball Courts & Install New Shade Structure at Kettleman City Elementary School:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Collins to approve the agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

G. Approval of the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the agreement as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

H. Approval of California Teaching Fellows Foundation Agreement for 2020-21:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve the agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

I. Request to Approve the 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding between RSUSD and P.S. Arts for Visual Arts Distance Learning Program:

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the memorandum of understanding as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

J. Request to Approve the Zoom Video Communications, Inc. Education License:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the license as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

K. Request to Approve the Agreement between CA State University Fresno and RSUSD to Allow School Nurse Preceptorship:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

L. Approval of Employment for a Short-Term HR Specialist:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the employment for a short-term HR specialist.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes

*Motion Carried*

M. First Reading of Revised AR 1340, Access to District Records

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the first reading as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes

*Motion Carried*

N. Adoption of New/Revised July 2020 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Collins seconded by Rizo to approve the adoption as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes, Padilla –Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. How to Redirect AHS Reclaimed Well Water to AHS Football Fields- Mr. Sánchez suggested having an engineer visit Avenal High School to assess the issue. Mr. Chavez reported that he hears complaints from the community since he is the water conservation officer for the City. After much discussion, it was suggested that the district would hire an engineer to assess the well water issue at AHS and the RSMS drainage issue.
- B. Future Agenda Items – Report on drainage issue at RSMS. Discuss partnership with WHC Dream Resource Center – teacher program.

#### REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Cafeteria Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board