

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2020
DISTRICT STAFF/BOARD DEVELOPMENT ROOM

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

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 6:02 p.m. by Mr. Chavez who welcomed everyone and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lupe Chavez, President
Lissette Padilla, Clerk
Chris Collins
Lilia Rizo
Claudia Cazares (*attended via Zoom*)
Jordi Rodriguez, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 15, 2020:

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

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

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER / OATH OF OFFICE:

Newly elected Student Board Member, Jordi Rodriguez was given the oath of office by Mr. Todd Barlow, KCOE Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Sánchez and the Board welcomed Jordi with a plant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Community member, Ms. Monohon provided public comment. She expressed concerns regarding tax payer money and how multiple school functions require school personnel to work hand-in-hand with families and community services to help raise our school children. She expressed she would like the community to be able to attend all public school meetings via Zoom and engage in the planning processes. RSMS teacher, Ms. Jimenez congratulated Jordi. She also recognized the AHS administrative and library staff for helping AHS students who are having internet connectivity issues. Ms. Jimenez commended all district librarians for all their hard work and for helping students obtain proper internet connection. Mr. Ruiz was proud to report that Avenal High School received a \$3 million dollar CTE grant. The grant will help to build a welding, wood and mechanic shop for AHS students. Mr. Barlow thanked the district and Mr. Sánchez for holding and providing free COVID testing for the community of Avenal.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives- Mrs. Wilkinson, AHS teacher presented on behalf of CTA. She reported that teachers were working hard providing distance learning services to students. Teachers have been holding conversations on reopening plans. Tammy Ware, CSEA President thanked RSUSD administration for their collaboration on the return to work MOU. She thanked district administration for ensuring all staff stay safe.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Members- Ms. Cazares welcomed Jordi. She reported that she was happy to hear AHS received the CTE grant. Ms. Rizo reported she had started working for Wonderful Academy in Lost Hills. Mr. Collins reported he was excited to hear the good news about AHS receiving CTE funds. He reminded everyone to stay positive through pandemic times. Jordi thanked everyone for congratulating him. He promises to represent the student body well. Ms. Padilla congratulated Jordi and was happy AHS received the CTE award to help prepare our students in vocational classes. Ms. Padilla thanked all staff for their hard work as we continue to work through the new normal. She reminded everyone to complete the census and make themselves count. Mr. Chavez reminded everyone about Sunday's free COVID testing and free flu shots.

B. Business: Mr. Nguyen- Reported that the district had two construction projects currently at AES. The modernization of classrooms and installation of four modular classrooms. Mr. Nguyen gave a brief update on the AHS water well. He also reported that the district plans to meet with City staff to discuss the possibility of connecting to the above ground water tank to help water the football and baseball fields. Mr. Nguyen also reported that the business staff had completed the open enrollment for medical insurance with CVT.

C. Curriculum: Dr. Aragon- Welcomed our new student representative. Dr. Aragon reported on staff development day and discussed ELL standards. She reported that the day was well attended and had good collaboration. She received a lot of positive feedback.

D. Superintendent: Mr. Sánchez- Welcomed the public and Jordi. Mr. Sánchez reported that he reached out to new City Manager, Antony Lopez to set a time to work together and discuss the AHS water well issue. Mr. Sánchez congratulated Avenal High School for obtaining the CTE grant. He also reminded people to vote and attend the upcoming free COVID and flu shot testing event on Oct. 18th at the AHS auditorium parking lot.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of September 17, 2020
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Request to Approve the Renewal of AVID Membership Agreement for 2020-21
- F. Request to Approve the Renewal of Ellevation Subscription for 2020-21

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2020: 19, Making Environmental Findings in Connection with the Avenal Elementary School Kindergarten Classroom Construction Project:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2020: 19 as presented.

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

Motion Carried

- B. Request to Approve the Facility Solutions Agreement with SitelogiQ for HVAC
- Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the agreement as presented.

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Professional Learning/Training Agreement for 2020-2021:

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

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve Tulare County Office of Education Professional Learning Agreement for 2020-2021:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the professional learning agreement as presented.

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

Motion Carried

- E. Adoption of Revised AR 1340, Access to District Records:

Motion by Collins seconded by Rizo to approve the adoption of revised AR 1340 as presented.

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

Motion Carried

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Report

- B. Cafeteria Report

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Discuss & Consider Any Recommendations to the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan:

Dr. Aragon reported that Kings County Office of Education personnel met with the RSUSD team to discuss minor technical changes that needed to be made to the plan. The revisions were just a shift in language. She reported that KCOE would not need to send a formal letter to the board for the recommendations. Dr. Aragon stated that KCOE will instead provide an acknowledgement letter that the district has addressed the required elements.

- B. Consider Partnership with WHC Dream Resource Center – Potential Teacher Program: Ms. Padilla feels the district should consider a possible partnership with Immigrants Rising, a non-profit organization based out of San Francisco. Immigrants Rising is looking to have host high school or college access organizations to host undocumented students that are wanting to work with high school students. This will help those undocumented students who want to become teachers gain hands on training and experience.

- C. Future Agenda Items: Presentation from engineer on the AHS water well.

- D. Superintendent's Closing Comments: Mr. Sánchez reported on the Board workshop held Oct. 8th. He reported on the Board's goals that fell into four categories. Categories are improving student achievement with particular attention to increasing CTE opportunities, expanding college options, improving ELL opportunities focusing on increasing scores in grades K-4, and offering parent support classes. The Board also discussed customer service and equity access which addresses the issue of intersexual identity and bias. Mr. Sánchez reported that the Board was also interested in the idea of creating a student-family based resource center. He stated that the goals would be placed in a framework of a three-year strategic plan. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported he would like to work on a 10 or 20-year facility master plan. He reported that today marks his 100th day and stated he was glad to be at RSUSD.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Secretary to the Board