

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 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 6:04 p.m. and Jordi Rodriguez 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2020:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the agenda as amended. *Amended Consent Calendar Item C, to add Chad Cunha as Director of MOT, Salary Placement Step 1, effective 12/1/2020.*

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

RECOGNITION:

Mr. Sanchez and the Board recognized the ‘Duck Story’ student finalists with prizes. Grand prize winner, Selena Yanez recited her poem. Mrs. Green introduced the Excellence in Education Classified Staff and Teacher of the Year for 2019/20 Gerardo Maldonado and Tricia Rettig. Mr. Sánchez and the Board recognized Mr. Chris Collins for his years of service to Reef-Sunset Unified School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Dr. Aragon, RSUSD Reopening Plan 2020: Showed a Power Point presentation on the district’s gradual reopening plan. Dr. Aragon reviewed the health and safety measures that would be taken in order to keep students and staff safe. She also reviewed the timeline and reopening phases that were discussed with employee groups. Dr. Aragon reported that the district would continue to work with the Kings County Health Department and stay within the rules of having no more than 15 students in a class, always wear masks, sanitize and continue with social distancing.
- B. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives: Tammy Ware, CSEA President congratulated our well deserving 2019-20 Excellence in Education award winners. Mr. Avina, CTA President thanked Mr. Sánchez and Dr. Aragon for working together with employee groups on the re-opening plan. Finally, Mr. Avina congratulated Selena Yanez for her well written poem and thanked Mr. Collins for his years of service to RSUSD.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Ms. Cazares expressed her gratitude for Selena's poem. She encouraged everyone to download the district app. Ms. Cazares also thanked teachers for keeping the students engaged. Mrs. Rizo congratulated Selena and the Excellence in Education awards winners. She discussed her new teaching job and how they practice health and safety protocols. Mr. Collins expressed he was a thankful retired teacher. Expressed how overwhelming the COVID situation must be for teachers. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Padilla thanked Mr. Collins for his time and dedication to RSUSD. She also recognized Selena for her amazing poem. She thanked everyone for cultivating great students. Jordi Rodriguez congratulated Selena for creating a great poem. He thanked teachers for all their hard work and those who voted and made their voices heard. Mr. Chavez congratulated Selena for her beautiful poem. He expressed that it was fun to see the Duck Story student winners and to be able to participate in handing them their prizes. He encouraged everyone to keep practicing social distancing and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- B. Mr. Nguyen- Reported that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Collins. Mr. Nguyen congratulated Chad Cunha on his new position as MOT. He reported he would be presenting the First Interim report next month. Mr. Nguyen reported that he continues to work closely with JTS Construction to complete the kinder wing at AES. Lastly, Mr. Nguyen reported that the district met with City staff to address AHS water well issues.
- C. Dr. Aragon- Reported that she had completed the preschool program funding application and thanked the district Business department for their help with the application. She reported that West Hills College was no longer contracting with the district and would conduct research on how to provide preschool services. She congratulated the Excellence in Education awards winners as well as all the Duck Story student winners.
- D. Mr. Sánchez- Reported that the district received the KCOE acknowledgement letter for the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan review. Mr. Sánchez provided an update on the RSMS drainage issue. He reported that the district was planning a collaboration meeting with the City for Operation Gobble. He reported district staff had volunteered to work at Operation Gobble which would be held Nov. 23. Mr. Sánchez also reported that he continues to work with KCOE personnel on the CTE audit. He stated that he had started to take the first steps on the construction of the CTE building. Mr. Sánchez reported that he enjoyed the prize patrol held for the Duck Story student winners. He reported that he was touched seeing parent pride and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of October 8 & 15, 2020
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Disposal of Student Desks at RSMS

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the consent calendar as amended.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval to Set Date/Time of RSUSD's Annual Organizational Meeting:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the date/time of the annual organizational meeting as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Request to Approve Valley Pump & Dairy Systems, Inc. to Drill an Additional 200 ft. at Avenal High School Irrigation Water Well:

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to table item until the district receives further data.

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve Valley Pump & Dairy Systems Inc., to Install a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at Avenal High School:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the Comprehensive Infrastructure Modernization & Utility Savings Program Planning Study Award Acknowledgement with Climatec LLC:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve the award acknowledgement as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- E. Approval to Bid the Avenal Elementary School Kindergarten Classroom Construction Project:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- F. Request to Approve the Service Proposal from Alan Mok Engineering for the Civil Design Drainage Improvements at Reef-Sunset Middle School:

Motion by Rizo seconded by Padilla to approve the service proposal as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- G. Request to Approve the Agreement between RSUSD and School Services of California Inc. for Fiscal Budget Services:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- H. Request to Approve the Adoption of the CSBA Exception Report checklist for GAMUT Updates:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- I. First Reading of New/Revised October 2020 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez – Yes

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

Motion Carried

REPORTS:

- A. 2020-21 Annual Williams Report for RSUSD
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. Cafeteria Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Future Agenda Items - None
- B. Superintendent's Closing Remarks – Mr. Sánchez stated he was impressed with Selena's poem and reported that it would be made available on the district website. He reminded everyone to be safe with their families.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Secretary to the Board