

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021  
DISTRICT BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the Board/Staff 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. and the Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:03 p.m. Jordi Rodriguez, Student Board Member led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lupe Chavez, President

Claudia Cazares, Clerk (*attended via Zoom*)

Lisette Padilla

Lilia Rizo (*absent*)

Precilla Barrera-Lopez

Jordi Rodriguez, Student Board Member

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 21, 2021:**

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

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

**SCHOOL BOARD/STAFF RECOGNITION:**

Mr. Sánchez read a Board Proclamation and handed a small gift bag to each Board member expressing appreciation for their service to the district. Mrs. Green recognized Rosa Sierra, AES Librarian for her years of service with an orchid and engraved clock.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

A. CSEA/WKCTA Representatives- None

**STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Board Members- Jordi Rodriguez welcomed teachers back. He thanked them for their help and patience with their students who are struggling with distance learning. Ms. Padilla welcomed everyone back and challenged students to apply for scholarships. Ms. Cazares welcomed everyone back and thanked AHS for facilitating their restrooms to the Kings County Health Department COVID testing staff. She also encouraged everyone to take advantage of the free COVID testing. Mr. Chavez welcomed and wished everyone a great 2021. He also thanked Chad for facilitating the tour at the AES modernization project.
- B. Business: Mr. Nguyen- Reported on Governor Newsom's budget plan and stated that this year we would have a 0% COLA. Mr. Nguyen reported that for next year's proposed budget we hope to have a 3% COLA adjustment. More to come at the May Revise. Finally, he gave an update on the Learning Loss Mitigation funds.
- C. Curriculum: Dr. Aragon- Welcomed everyone back and reported that the district continues to work with CDE consultants in regards to the preschool program completion application. Dr. Aragon also reported that she was working hard towards obtaining a license so that the district could operate their own preschool program.

- D. Superintendent: Mr. Sánchez- Reported that the district was moving forward with planning with demographic company, Schoolworks to establish board boundaries appropriate to Census data. Mr. Sánchez also reported that he met with architect Gilbert, from Mangini's office in Visalia and City Manager, Antony Lopez on the feasibility to construct a shared space with the City. He hopes to have a joint city meeting in the next couple of months to look at some scenarios. Mr. Sánchez also reported that the district was interviewing companies to obtain bids to address the RSMS drainage issue. He reported that AES was vandalized, but unfortunately for those who broke in, the district took camera footage. Mr. Sánchez thanked AES staff for boarding up the vandalized site in a timely manner. He also reported that he was working with Juan Garza to conduct a follow-up Board retreat in hopes to finalize the Board's goals. Mr. Sánchez reported that he was working with staff on the district website to make it more user friendly. He also reported on the first ever, Employee Appreciation grab and go lunch event in collaboration with the City to be held on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that the district had been working with the unions and they've decided to remain at distance learning due to the purple tier status.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of December 17, 2020
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Approval of the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)
- F. Request to Approve the 2020-21 Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2021: 01, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Election of 2012, Series B, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 and Approving Related Documents and Actions (Current Interest and Capital Appreciation Bonds) Resolution Authorizes Bonds Which Allow for the Compounding of Interest:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2020: 01 as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

- B. Resolution 2021: 02, Investment Policy for Kings County Director of Finance:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2021: 02 as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

- C. Request to Award the Bid Contract to James E. Thompson Inc. dba JTS Construction for the Relocation of an AES Modular Building:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Chavez to approve the bid award as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

D. First Reading of New/Revised December 2021 Board Policies & Administrative Regulations:  
Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the first reading as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

Roll Call Vote: Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez - Yes

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Future Agenda Items - None

B. Superintendent Closing Comments – Mr. Sánchez stated that he appreciated our students for their patience with distance learning and asked them to continue to work hard. He thanked the Board for their commitment to serve our district.

#### REPORTS:

A. Enrollment Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board