

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 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 5:00 p.m. and the Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session by Ms. Cazares, Board Clerk at 6:03 p.m. Student Board Member, Jordi Rodriguez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lupe Chavez, President (*absent - open session*)

Claudia Cazares, Clerk

Precilla Barrera-Lopez

Lilia Rizo

Jordi Rodriguez, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2021:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the agenda as amended. *Revised Consent Calendar Item C – Personnel Report. Under the Classified Resignation/Retirement/Termination/Reemployment List category, Employee #52659, Business Services effective 9/30/21 was added.*

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Possible Adoption of McGraw Hill Inspire Physics, Chemistry and Biology for Grades 9-12: Dr. Aragon discussed the curriculum and process for the adoption. Hearing opened for comment at 6:11 pm. The board ask clarifying questions about the cycle of adoptions. There being no further comments, hearing was closed at 6:15 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: An RSMS teacher and parent from the community asked if the district was considering holding summer school to assist students who have fallen behind due to distance learning. Mr. Sánchez reported that the district was planning to provide summer school this 2020-21 and would have a report next month.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Tyler Girtman/Rob Reading, Climatec: Attended virtually and showed a PowerPoint presentation on the comprehensive infrastructure modernization and utility savings program for the district. They reported that the district would like to modernize aging energy infrastructure by installing dual-purpose solar PV shade structures and EV charging stations for school and community use. Infrastructure improvements total \$6.1 million with a life-cycle savings of \$9.2 million dollars. Funding sources for the plan were discussed.
- B. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives- Mr. Avina, CTA President reported that he appreciated district administration for working with the union and sharing the plan to return to in class instruction.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mrs. Rizo reported that she was working at the WHC Child Development center in Lemoore. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reminded everyone to stay safe. Mr. Rodriguez gave an update on current and upcoming Avenal High School activities. Ms. Padilla thanked AHS staff and Big Lou from Circle K for helping students with completing scholarships. Ms. Cazares thanked everyone for their hard work in keeping our students engaged. She also reminded everyone about the free COVID testing provided by the Kings County Health Department mobile unit.
- B. Business – Mr. Nguyen reported that the modernization at Avenal Elementary School was almost completed. Also the KCES shade structure was in its completion stages. Finally, he reported that he would be working on the second interim report.
- C. Curriculum- Dr. Aragon provided a PowerPoint presentation on the district's learning services. She provided information on the CA Dashboard. Dr. Aragon discussed the statewide assessments in detail. She also shared a flyer on parent social emotional learning training that will be provided by the district.
- D. Superintendent – Mr. Sánchez reported on the COVID vaccine and stated that Hanford CVS would be a vaccine location. He reported that Kings County had a shortage of vaccines. Because of that shortage, third party administrators - Kaiser and Blue Cross would take charge of the administration of the vaccine. Mr. Sánchez expressed he was hopeful educators get vaccinated and informed everyone to login at myturn.ca.gov, the new place to get registered for the vaccine. Finally, Mr. Sánchez announced the upcoming Board governance workshop.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of January 21, 2021
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Interdistrict Attendance Request
- E. Dispose/Auction of Vehicles & Trailers

Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. First Reading for Adoption of McGraw Hill Inspire Physics, Chemistry and Biology for Grades 9-12:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the first reading as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Resolution 2021: 03, Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2021: 03, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- C. Resolution 2021: 04, Release & Reassignment of Certificated Administrator(s):

Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2021: 04, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

D. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

F. Request to Approve the Furniture Proposal from Culver-Newlin for the New Kindergarten Classrooms at Avenal Elementary School:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to TABLE the item for next month.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

G. First Reading of the District Calendar for 2021-22:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the first reading as amended.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

H. Request to Approve the Professional Services Agreement with SchoolWorks, Inc. for Trustee Area Boundary Analysis:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

I. Adoption of New/Revised December 2020 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Rebranding of District Logo - Rolando Bonilla from Voler Strategic Advisors attended virtually and showed a PowerPoint presentation on the process for rebranding of the district logo. Mr. Bonilla reported that the district had directed Voler to conduct a survey. The majority of the survey responses came from students, followed by staff and community. Mr. Bonilla reviewed questions and answers from the survey. Discussion was made as to next steps. It was decided that the process would be slowed down a little to gather more input. In the meanwhile, we would share the idea and have students enter a logo design contest. Top winning logo would be polished by Voler and finalize by the end of the school year.

B. Future Agenda Items - Report on how are we engaging students outside of class. Report on the 2020-21 summer school plan.

C. Superintendent Closing Comments - Mr. Sanchez encouraged everyone to go to myturn.ca.gov to register for the COVID vaccination.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Cafeteria Report

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date