

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MARCH 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 District 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 6:06 p.m. by Mr. Chavez and Student Board Member, Jordi Rodriguez led the audience in the flag salute.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lupe Chavez, President  
Claudia Cazares, Clerk (*attended via Zoom*)  
Lilia Rizo  
Lisette Padilla  
Precilla Barrera-Lopez  
Jordi Rodriguez, Student Board Member

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 18, 2021:**

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the agenda as amended. *Revised agenda to add Action Item P. Request to Approve the 2021 Agreement for Professional Services between RSUSD and Dannis Wolliver Kelley, Attorneys at Law. Also, revised Consent Calendar Item C – Personnel Report. Under the Certificated/Classified New Hire section added, Caroline Carlson - Principal to Director of Student Services and Patricia Gonzalez - Preschool Director/Teacher*

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. CSEA Initial Bargaining Openers for 2020/2023 Successor Negotiations and 2021/2022 Reopener Negotiations:

Mrs. Green briefly explained that the purpose of the hearing was to inform the public that the district had received CSEA's initial openers. Hearing was opened for comment at 6:10 pm. RSMS staff expressed concerns regarding classified staff layoffs. There being no further comment, hearing was closed at 6:18 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A parent and community member reminded the Board that they were appointed by the community to look out for our students and their safety and suggested they think twice when considering laying off classified positions, especially LVN's.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

A. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives: Samuel Avina, CTA President expressed the importance of safety in schools despite the cost. Tammy Ware, CSEA President mentioned that the one-year anniversary of COVID-19 had passed. She thanked all classified staff for their hard work and dedication during these hard times. She also thanked the teachers for their work and support. Finally, Mrs. Ware reported on the Personnel Report and expressed concerns regarding the district's decision for all the classified transfers.

#### STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members – Mr. Rodriguez gave an update on current and upcoming school activities at Avenal High. Mrs. Rizo wished everyone well and congratulated Jordi on his birthday. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reminded everyone they were there for the students. Ms. Padilla expressed concerns with racism in our communities and lives. Feels no one should live in fear due to their culture or skin color. She reminded everyone to check on each other and to be mindful of everything going on around us. Finally, she wished Jordi a happy belated birthday. Ms. Cazares reported she was happy to see the district had over 100 people join their meeting. She stated that her main role as a Board member was to have students in the forefront. Finally, she congratulated Dr. Aragon for providing the parent Zoom meetings. Mr. Chavez gave a report on the year anniversary of COVID-19 and how things were crazy then and continue to be. He reported his role as a Board member is to represent our students and give them a voice. Finally, he expressed he was hopeful to start coaching basketball.
- B. Business: Mr. Nguyen – Reported on current projects at Avenal Elementary School.
- C. Curriculum: Dr. Aragon – Welcomed the district's new coordinator of Special Education. She reported that the LCAP survey was currently on the district website and would be open through March 26 as the district is seeking feedback. Dr. Aragon gave an update on the upcoming plans for the district's Preschool program. She also gave an update on the district's summer school program. Dr. Aragon reported she submitted flyers for certificated/classified staff recruitment. She stated that the district was prioritizing identification of students who were at risk, however; would also service those students who need enrichment activities. Finally, Dr. Aragon reported on other site activities for students.
- D. Superintendent: Mr. Sánchez – Showcased the new Board of Trustees page with our Board of Trustees photos. He reported that on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm the district would have a Joint City meeting at RSMS NextGen2 Building to discuss shared space. He expressed excitement in collaborating with the City. Mr. Sánchez would be requesting a special meeting of the Board next Thursday to discuss negotiations. Finally, he reminded the Board to submit their goals.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of February 18 & March 10, 2021
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Approval of Job Description: Executive Director of Business Services
- E. Adoption of McGraw Hill Inspire Physics, Chemistry, and Biology; for Grades 9-12
- F. Request to Dispose of Obsolete Band Instruments

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

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2021: 05, Notice of Layoff or Reduction Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work: Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2021: 05, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- B. Request to Approve the CSEA and its Kettleman Hills Chapter 332 for 2020/23 Successor Negotiations and 2021/2022 Reopener Negotiations:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the CSEA request as presented.

Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

C. Resolution 2021: 06, Establishment of Supplemental Early Retirement Plan (SERP):  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2021: 06, as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

D. Request to Approve the RSUSD COVID-19 Safety Plan:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the safety plan as amended. *Revised date on page 73*  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

E. Request to Approve the 2021-22 MOU between RSUSD and Kings County Office of Education  
for ROP Staff and Administrative Oversight Services:  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the MOU as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

F. Approval of the Family Engagement Agreement with Joe Smith (LinebackerDAD):  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve the agreement as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

G. Request to Approve the Second Interim Report:  
Motion by Barrera seconded by Padilla to approve the second interim report as a positive certification.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

H. Resolution 2021: 07, 2020-21 Budget Revisions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2021: 07, as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

I. Request to Approve the Revised Furniture Proposal from Culver-Newlin for the New  
Kindergarten Classroom at Avenal Elementary School:  
Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the revised proposal as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

J. Request to Approve the Proposal from Tarlton and Son Inc. to Repair Ceilings at Avenal  
Elementary School:  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Rizo to approve the proposal as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

K. Request to Approve KYA Services LLC for Work at Avenal High School:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

L. Request to Approve KYA Services LLC for Work at Avenal Elementary School:  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

M. Request to Approve FaciliServ for Work on Bleachers Districtwide:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

N. Request to Award the Bid Contract to Newton Construction & Management, Inc. for  
Construction Site Work Associated with Avenal Elementary School:  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Rizo to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

O. Adoption of the District Calendar for 2021/22:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the district calendar as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

P. Request to Approve the 2021 Agreement for Professional Services between RSUSD and Dannis  
Woliver Kelley, Attorneys at Law:  
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Rodriguez - Yes  
Roll Call – Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

#### REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Suspension Report

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Future Agenda Items- Report on ESSER funds – amount and what funds may be used for.
- B. Superintendent Closing Comments – Mr. Sánchez reported that he would be meeting with secondary counselors and Principals to look at data. He expressed concerns with high school and middle school students having 1 or more F's. Mr. Sánchez reported he would be looking into learning loss with those principals and would have an agenda item in the coming months to address that concern.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board

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Date