

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2022
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 live streamed via the district website.

Ms. Padilla, 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 at 6:09 p.m. and Ms. Padilla led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lissette Padilla, President
Precilla Barrera-Lopez, Clerk
Claudia Cazares
Lupe Chavez
Lilia Rizo
Jesus Lopez, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2021/22: 05 along with recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Padilla and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2021/22: 06 along with recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Padilla and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2021/22: 07 along with recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for AHS Case No. 2021/22: 08 along with Board suggested recommendations was moved by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 17, 2022:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Chavez to approve the agenda as amended. *Added Emergency Action Item L*
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

RECOGNITION:

Mr. Guerrero, Executive Director of HR recognized Certificated/Management & School Employee of the Year, David Price and Michelle Horn with a plaque.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A RSUSD retiree made an apology regarding a comment she made in reference to an RSMS ASB miscalculation. She also expressed she would like to work with the Superintendent in hopes to resolve issues. An RSMS teacher and parent recognized the nursing staff. She also expressed concerns with the district PR. Another RSMS teacher recognized the district nurse. She also asked the District to hold staff promotions for the end of the school year.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives - AHS student representative, Ruby Rivera gave an update on upcoming and current school activities. Jesus Lopez, Student Board Member gave an update on the Student Advisory Council meeting. He reported on the concerns students had expressed to the advisory council.
B. David Price / Health & COVID Updates - Thanked KCHD staff for attending. Mr. Price reported that in the last 2 weeks they had a total of 6 COVID cases districtwide. Students are no longer mandated to use masks but are highly encouraged to wear them. He also reported that the COVID-19 mitigation plan had been updated. Mr. Price showed a video on cardiac arrest as he felt it was important to learn how

to use an AED. Finally, he showed a PowerPoint presentation on Narcan. He reviewed the policy and reported that the district would have Narcan available in need of an emergency.

C. WKCTA Report - Mr. Silva, CTA President - None

D. CSEA Report - Mrs. Vieira, CSEA President - Reported that they were working with a professional growth committee. Classified staff will start courses on Google and receive a certificate upon completion.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members - Ms. Padilla reported that she attended Board President's training late February. She recognized Mr. Ruiz and his staff for the manner in which they conducted the Home Ec room fire. She also congratulated Jesus Lopez for being accepted to UC Irvine. Jesus reported that he was extremely happy to be accepted at UC Irvine and study Economics. Mrs. Rizo reported she attended a training on COVID prevention. She also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the WHC Lemoore Pantry. Mr. Chavez witnessed the AHS fire. He reported that students and staff handled it well. Ms. Cazares commended AHS staff for handling the fire situation well. She thanked district staff for the upgrades at KCES. Ms. Cazares was happy to announce that KCES held a basketball tournament. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported that she had the opportunity to attend the AES library to participate in Dr. Seuss week and was happy to read to the students. She also encouraged people to attend the local county public library.
- B. Personnel: Mr. Guerrero reported that the district acknowledged the Excellence in Education recipients last week at RSMS and thanked everyone for their help and for attending the event.
- C. Business: Mr. Luna reported that the district had started the process to address the fire damage at AHS. He also reported that the Business office had reconciled the ASB RSMS item that was brought up last week. He reported that the district had begun to develop a plan for the CA community partnership grant. Mr. Luna also reported that the AHS CTE drawings had been approved by DSA. The district will start the bidding process with the architects. He reported that the Maintenance department had been busy securing vendors to address the water well issues at TES and AHS. Finally, he reported that the Cafeteria department had been working on the high school lunch and brunch programs.
- D. Curriculum: Mrs. Carlson reported the district was going to partner with non-profit organizations such as WestCare to help current staff with mental health services. Mrs. Carlson also reported that Summer School would be provided this year, including special education programs. She then introduced Mr. Silva who gave an update on the Sanger CTE visit.
- E. Superintendent: Mr. Sánchez introduced Ms. Soto who reported on the Spring Festival community event to be held on April 27th, from 2-6pm at Rice Park. The festival will be held in collaboration with the City of Avenal. Mr. Sánchez recognized AHS staff for their work in following protocol during the fire situation. He gave an update on the district's academic achievements and reported that he held conversations with CTA leadership on how to hold enrichment programs for all students. He reported that the main focus would go towards TES and SHS as they are designated CSI schools. The district is looking at restructuring options as well as providing and having students attend Summer School. Mr. Sánchez reported that the district had been working on drafting letters for those students who have low grades or are behind in credits. He stated that the district was looking at expanding technology and increasing rigor. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that he received a monetary donation from Voler and contributed \$1,000 to the AHS Sober Grad committee. Ms. Cazares reported on the Sober Grad Spring raffle and encouraged everyone to purchase tickets.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of February 17, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Request to Discard Obsolete Materials

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. *Revised Consent Calendar Item C - Personnel Report, added Eric Smyers, RSMS Principal effective July 1, 2022.*

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to Approve the MOU between the Kings County Office of Education and RSUSD for Classified Professional Training:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve the MOU as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Approval of Advanced Collaborative Solutions Professional Learning Services:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve the professional learning services as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve the Updates to the RSUSD Prevention Plan Addendum COVID-19 Prevention Program:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the plan addendum as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Policy Manual:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the policy manual as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- E. Resolution 2022: 06, Application to Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - Full Day Preschool:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2022: 06, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- F. Resolution 2022: 07, Application to Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - Full Day Transitional Kindergarten:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2022: 07, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Absent

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

Motion Carried

- G. Resolution 2022: 08, Application to Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - Full Day Kindergarten:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2022: 08, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Absent

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

Motion Carried

- H. Request to Approve the Second Interim Report:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the Second Interim report as presented.

Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

I. Resolution 2022: 09, 2021-22 Budget Revisions - 2nd Interim:
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2022: 09, as presented.
Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

J. Request to Approve the AMS.Net Network and UPS Upgrade Project:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Rizo to approve project update as amended.
Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

K. Adoption of the District Calendar for 2022-23:
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve district calendar for 2022-23 as presented.
Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

L. Resolution 2022: 10, Declaration of Emergency Requiring Contract for Repairs Without Advertising for or Inviting Bids for Avenal High School:
Motion by Cazares seconded by Chavez to approve Resolution 2022: 10, as presented.
Preferential Vote: Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Virtual / In-Person Board Meetings - Mr. Sánchez asked the board if they would like to hold in-person board meetings. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the Zoom option available. However, all Board members, district staff, presentations and any public comment would be in-person and everyone attending in-person would be highly encouraged to wear a mask.

B. Listening Tour Update - Ms. Padilla shared updates from their Listening Tour. She reported that they heard a lot of great things. She recognized Ms. Jimenez, teacher at RSMS. The parents that attended the tour praised Ms. Jimenez for always helping students. Another suggestion made by parents was to have parent notifications made via social media such as Facebook, Instagram.

C. Turnaround Update - Mr. Sánchez reported that the Turnaround plan was initiated to support or change our schools. He suggested that the district should use the Transformational model. He gave suggestions on how the district can raise awareness about the academic status and how to best address it.

D. Future Agenda Items - None

E. Superintendent Closing comments - Mr. Sánchez reported that our Climatec partner was working with administration to give the district a significant donation to help with the district logo. Ms. Cazares thanked Mr. Chavez for volunteering as a referee at the KCES basketball tournament.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date