

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
KETTLEMAN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the Kettleman City Elementary School Library located at 701 General Petroleum., Kettleman City, CA 93239 and live streamed via the district website.

Mrs. Barrera-Lopez, Board Clerk 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 6:00 p.m. and Mrs. Barrera-Lopez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisette Padilla, President (*absent*)

Precilla Barrera-Lopez, Clerk

Claudia Cazares

Lupe Chavez

Lilia Rizo

Yuriana Macias, Student Board Member

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2022/23: 01 along with added recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Cazares and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2022/23: 02, along with added recommendations was moved by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Rizo with 3 - Yes, 1 - Abstain, 1 - Absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2022:**

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the agenda as amended. *Removed Action Item I.*

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

*Motion Carried*

**APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER / OATH OF OFFICE:**

Newly elected Student Board Member, Yuriana Macias was given the oath of office by Mr. Todd Barlow, KCOE Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Sánchez and the Board welcomed Yuriana with flowers.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Sufficiency of Instructional Materials:

Mrs. Carlson briefly explained that the public hearing was required concerning the district's report that it will have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials in each content standard for core materials.

Hearing opened for comment at 6:08 p.m. No further comments, the hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** An RSMS teacher expressed concerns with what she felt was an absence of the Superintendent during calendared school events. Avenal Thunder Softball girls traveling team parents expressed concerns regarding the poor state in which the softball fields are and asked the Board to consider improving them. An Avenal community member thanked the Board for providing extra help at the AES library. She also expressed her thoughts regarding the HR department's hiring practice. KCES Principal thanked everyone for their continued support in regards to the KCES students involved in the tragic traffic accident.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Student Representatives- AHS Student representative, Denise Merino gave an update on current and upcoming events. A YouTube video of Avenal Elementary School student representatives was shared with the Board.

B. WKCTA Report - Mr. Silva, WKCTA President, requested a moment of silence for the KCES students that passed away in the traffic accident and asked we keep them in our thoughts. He asked everyone to advocate for the expansion of Highway 41.

C. CSEA Report - Elisha Vieira, CSEA President - None

#### STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members - Mrs. Rizo congratulated Yuriana and expressed condolences to the families of the KCES students. Ms. Cazares expressed condolences for the loss of the KCES students and to Nicky Macias, RSUSD employee. Mr. Chavez reported he was involved in coaching the basketball team and attended the RSMS Back-to-School. He stated that Avenal was a small community and was glad to see alumni return to the district; giving back to our schools/community. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported she had attended the Avenal Thunder softball team games and congratulated them. She also attended the Back-to-School nights and the RSMS GEAR Up program event.
- B. Human Resources, Mr. Guerrero - Congratulated Yuriana and our student athletes. He also reported that the professional classified committee would start the next cohort of professional development soon.
- C. Business, Mr. Luna - Reported that the business department had been busy with audits. They are working on securing new software to go out to bid and receive quotes. MOT had been working hard towards updating facilities. Mr. Luna reported that Sarina was working with her staff to prepare food from scratch. She has been training her staff on meeting student needs - especially those who have food allergies. Mr. Luna then introduced Chad, MOT Director and new Project Manager, Isai Lopez who showed a PowerPoint presentation on all the completed facility projects at RSUSD.
- D. Curriculum, Mrs. Carlson - Reported that the CA Dept of Public Health had removed PCR testing. She stated that the district would have staff to assist with contact tracing as the district continues to experience COVID. The district has cooperated with agencies to bring back vaccine clinics. She also reported that Language Line, a translation service company, would be providing services to our district to address some of our non English/Spanish speaking population. Mrs. Carlson reported that the district team was able to attend Back-to-School nights at most of the sites. She introduced Mr. Wallace, new District Athletic/Activities Director. Mr. Wallace gave a brief report on his activities and connections he has made thus far. He reported that he would reach out to some staff on how to improve the softball fields.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez – Briefly reported on the embargoed academic scores. He was happy to report that we had air conditioning at both AHS and RSMS gyms. He feels our students deserve to be somewhere where it's cool and comfortable when we experience hot temperatures. Mr. Sánchez reported that the district had received money from the Community Schools grant. The ultimate goal is to obtain a one-stop shop, family engagement center. He also stated he was glad to have people here who advocate for softball. Mr. Sánchez hopes to bring curb appeal and restrooms for our softball field. Mr. Sánchez also reported that the district was looking at purchasing new vans and possibly even a charter bus. He reported that Kettleman City Elementary School should start using their water; the district would contract a company to help test the drinking water. Mr. Sánchez reported that he was close to bringing formal resurrection of the Education Foundation where monies can be used for our students. He reported that he met with RSUSD employees and asked they work on their vision-mission statements. Mr. Sánchez reported that he was making progress on Goal 4 - board's goal in regards to equity and mandatory training to improve our customer service. First training will be held in October. He thanked Mr. Silva for mentioning what has been going on with the KC tragedy. Mrs. Rosas and Mrs. Castillo will be addressing the families when appropriate. He reminded everyone that we should be kind to each other. Finally, he asked everyone for a moment of silence.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of August 18, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Approval of Consolidated Application (ConApp) 2022-23
- E. Request to Approve the MOU between Kings County Office of Education and RSUSD for

- Services to Students with Special Needs
- F. Request to Approve the MOU between Kings County Office of Education and RSUSD for Positive Discipline Training for Paraprofessionals
  - G. Request to Approve the Amended MOU between Kings County Office of Education and RSUSD for Special Education Coaching and Support
  - H. Request to Approve the Revised 2022 LCAP Federal Addendum
  - I. Approval of Revisions to Existing District Librarian Job Description
  - J. Request to Approve the MOU between alliant International University and RSUSD
  - K. Request to Approve the MOU between UMass Global and RSUSD
  - L. Request Approval to Attend the Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational at Walnut, CA - October 21, 2021

Motion by Cazares seconded by Rizo to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. *Removed Consent Calendar I to discuss separately.*

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### CONSENT CALENDAR:

- I. Approval of Revisions to Existing District Librarian Job Description:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the job description as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2022: 24, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2022: 24, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- B. Resolution 2022: 25, Gann Limit:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2022: 25, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- C. Resolution 2022: 26, 2021-22 Budget Revisions - Unaudited Actuals:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2022: 26, as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- D. 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the report as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- E. Intent to Employ Teacher on a Short-Term Staff Permit (STSP) - Erin Pereira:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- F. Request to Approve the Responsible Athletes Program Services Contract: *REMOVED*

G. Request to Approve the Proposal for Codelicious Subscription:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

H. Adoption of New/Revised June 2022 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve the adoption as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Active Shooter Update - Mr. Ruiz reported that he had contacted Brian from the District Attorney's office to conduct a four hour training on 9/20 from 9am-12pm.

B. Future Agenda Items - RAP presentation, softball fields/CTE building updates.

C. Superintendent Closing Remarks - Thanked all staff and teachers and congratulated them for some of the academic gains. Mr. Sánchez reported he was proud of all RSUSD employees who helped create vision-mission statements.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board

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Date