

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 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 6:02 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 (*absent*)
Yuriana Macias, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for revisited RSMS Case No. 2022/23: 02 along with new stipulations was moved by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2022/23: 03, along with added recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Cazares and adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 20, 2022:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: The City Manager shared a handout on the City's upcoming Measure A & C which he feels will bring additional revenues for the City of Avenal. The AHS Principal thanked the Board and district administration for putting students first and for their continued support of AHS. An RSMS teacher/parent expressed concerns with transportation of students in our school buses. She also expressed concerns in regards to HR hiring practices. An AES teacher expressed concerns with what she felt was the absence of district leaders at school calendared events. She also expressed safety concerns in regards to the inoperative fire alarm and PA system at AES.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Student Representatives - RSMS and AHS student representatives Hugo Ramirez and Yuriana Macias reported on current and upcoming school activities. AES students presented via a YouTube video.
- B. KCES STEM Program Update - Mr. Silva was excited to report that he had completed his training on Project Lead the Way. He was happy to bring STEM education to KCES students and elaborated on the STEM activities conducted thus far. Mr. Silva reported that he was working on applying for the Farm to School grant next.
- C. WKCTA Report - Mr. Silva, WKCTA President: Reported that KCES was going to celebrate their athletes on 10/21/22 and invited everyone to the event. He also reported that he was happy to hear that the district received a Community Schools grant and would have liked to have the opportunity to review the grant with their teacher's unit.
- D. CSEA Report, Elisha Vieira, CSEA President - None

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members - Mr. Chavez reported he was looking forward to attending Homecoming on 10/21. He also reported that he was able to conduct CTE tours at other neighboring school districts; it provided him with ideas for growth. Ms. Cazares reported that she attended the KC vaccine drive event; she felt that was a good venue for the district to attend and share information in the future. She also attended the ACSA Fall Conference on 10/19. She reminded everyone to take time to focus on the positive. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported that she attended the GEAR Up program; she was impressed with our RSMS students who were very respectful. Ms. Padilla shared that she was proud of her small accomplishments for the day and welcomed Yuriana. She also thanked our AES students for their presentation. She reminded everyone to vote and encouraged all senior students to apply for all the available scholarships. Finally, she reminded those with student loans to apply for the Loan Forgiveness program.
- B. Personnel, Mr. Guerrero - Gave a brief report on the new AES library position. He reported that all our bus vacancies had been filled and that the district would be assisting the new transportation employees with bus driver courses.
- C. Business, Mr. Luna - Reported that the Business department had worked on the unaudited actuals and thanked his staff for all their hard work. Mr. Luna reported that the first initial numbers for CBEDS reporting day was 2723. He reported that MOT would start construction at AES with new playground equipment. Mr. Luna also reported on the unfortunate ongoing vandalism occurring at most of our school sites. He reported that the Cafeteria department would be supplementing the afterschool programs. Sarina and her staff will be working on new menu software. Their goal is to start implementing a better point of service at the middle and high schools.
- D. Curriculum, Mrs. Carlson - Recognized all site principals for taking the time to become certified trainers. Mrs. Carlson also reported that the district offered active shooter training to our staff, and thanked Mr. Ruiz for taking the time to take the lead with this. Mrs. Carlson then presented David Price, who reported that we were in a much better position than last year in regards to COVID numbers. The district is still seeing single digits. Mr. Price reported that a vaccine clinic was held in Avenal last Friday and it was well attended. He reported that he plans to send COVID tests to all district students during Thanksgiving break. Mrs. Carlson then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Schools Grant and reported it would be posted on the district website.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez - Reported that Kings County Supervisor Richard Valle confirmed that construction of the pedestrian bridge at Kettleman City would start December 2024. Mr. Sánchez reported that he was excited to start the Ed Foundation; funding received would be used for our students. He also reported that the district was working on hiring campus safety staff. Mr. Sánchez reported that the shade structure at AES was almost completed. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that the district had undergone a great deal of vandalism at all of our sites. He is working on a campaign to start with our community to help the district address this issue called 'Not Our Schools'.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of September 15, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Request to Approve the 2022-23 LCAP Revisions
- F. Request to Approve the Revised After School Education and Safety Program Plan
- G. Request to Approve the RSUSD English Learner Master Plan Revisions
- H. Request to Approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Revisions
- I. Request to Approve the Renewal of Ellevation Subscription for 2022-23
- J. Request to Approve the Surplus List for Technology E-Waste Disposal

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request to Approve the Appointment of the Board President to the RSUSD Education Foundation:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Request to Approve the Responsible Athletes Program Services Contract:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve the 8-Year Adoption of TWIG Science for Grades TK-5:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the 2022-23 CA Teaching Fellows Foundation Agreement:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- E. Request to Approve the Adoption of AR 3260, Fees and Charges:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the adoption of AR 3260 as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- F. Request to Approve the Service Agreement with ERC:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the ERC service agreement as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- G. Approval of New Job Description for Community School Project Manager:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve the new job description as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- H. Approval of New Job Description for Community School Intervention Coordinator :

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- I. Approval of New Job Description for Campus Safety Liaison:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the new job description as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

J. Request to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between KCOE and RSUSD for Classified Professional Growth Training:
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the memorandum of understanding as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

K. Request to Approve the 2022-23 Wonderful Ag Career Prep Program Charitable Pledge Agreement between the Wonderful Company and RSUSD:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the pledge agreement as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

L. Request to Approve the Purchase of Four Passenger Vans:
Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the purchase as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

M. First Reading of New/Revised September 2022 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Chavez to approve the first reading as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Possible Facilities Study Session - Mr. Sánchez reported that he would like to schedule a facilities study session with the Board. He also reported that Mr. Cunha was working on putting together a 3-year facilities master plan he will present to the board.

B. AHS Board Listening Tour Update - Ms. Cazares and Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported that they attended the tour. One of the main concerns they heard was student and staff safety. Parents expressed concerns with all the fights that have been happening at AHS. The community suggested possibly having a full-time SRO and de-escalation training. The community also inquired about the construction of the CTE building. Another concern was the shared space with the City. The community expressed that the district should focus on updating school sites instead. Mr. Sánchez reported he was in the middle of revisiting the SRO agreement with the City. He has been working on clarifying the duties of the SRO and site principals. He reported that he authorized Ms. Maldonado to begin researching assemblies to help with discipline issues as well as providing campus security.

C. Future Agenda Items - CTE building report.

D. Superintendent's Closing Remarks - Mr. Sánchez thanked everyone for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date