

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 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 5:31 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 (*arrived at 5:33pm*)
Lupe Chavez
Lilia Rizo
Yuriana Macias, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for AHS Case No. 2022/23: 04 along with recommendations was moved by Padilla seconded by Chavez and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for AHS Case No. 2022/23: 06 along with recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2022:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: An RSMS teacher posed questions in regards to the role and funding of the RAP program and the Athletic Activities Director. She also expressed concerns with what she felt was the Superintendent's lack of participation during school events. A community member reported she noticed less office personnel at AHS and RSMS and asked the board to consider adding the needed staff. An AHS teacher reported he attended the Board's study session and expressed discontent with the things mentioned in the Superintendent's majority report. Finally, he expressed his appreciation to the Board and administrators that attend school events.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives - A YouTube video of Avenal / Tamarack Elementary School student representatives was shared. AHS student representative, Ruby Rivera reported on current and upcoming school activities.

B. 2021-22 CAASP Results - Mrs. Carlson showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Student Performance Data in ELA and Math. She expressed that the district needs to focus on our English learners and socially economically disadvantaged students. However, looking at overall results, she expressed that the district exceeded their percentages.

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

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

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Members - Miss Macias reported that the AHS football team would be going to the semi finals. She thanked those students who helped make posters for the team. Mrs. Rizo congratulated all students who made presentations. She also thanked all departments for all their hard work and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving break. Mr. Chavez reported that he attended the AHS

girls basketball game and wished AHS student athletes well. Mr. Chavez also reported that the City rescued some horses. He was grateful to know that the AHS FFA was helping in getting the horses back to good health and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Cazares thanked those who voted for her to serve again on the board and wished everyone a good Thanksgiving. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez wished everyone a nice break. Ms. Padilla thanked AHS for putting on a great Career Day. She asked the district to send a special letter to the Tranquility team for showing great sportsmanship towards one of their student athletes. They gave him a good team experience and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- B. Personnel, Mr. Guerrero - Reported that the Human Resources department was currently interviewing for the safety campus liaison positions. He thanked staff for their hard work in raising student scores.
- C. Business, Mr. Luna - Absent
- D. Curriculum, Mrs. Carlson - Congratulated AHS counseling and administrative staff for putting on a very well put together Career Day. Mrs. Carlson reported on the West Ed review visits. The district will receive their final report with recommendations in December. She reported she was happy to collaborate with Voler on the mental health letter that will be shared with the community. Mrs. Carlson also reported that Mr. Ruiz and middle school representatives attended Sanger schools to see their farms and FFA activities in an effort to continue to plan on how to improve our programs.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez - Congratulated teachers on the improved student scores. He thanked and recognized Mrs. Carlson for putting systems in place. Mr. Sánchez reported that he visited the horses and was impressed to see the improved status of their health. He reported he was proud to have a good partnership with the City; Operation Gobble would be held, Nov. 22nd. He then introduced Mr. Wallace who showed a PowerPoint presentation and reported on his ninety day review as the Athletic Activities Director. Mr. Wallace reported he had been working closely with several directors on improving facilities/transportation issues and was happy to work with RAP as he felt they were an invaluable piece to the athletic program.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of October 20, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Request to Approve the Grant Application for Zero-Emission School Bus Replacement
- E. Request to Approve Renewal of Nearpod Service Agreement
- F. Request to Approve Avenal High School Parent Involvement Policy
- G. 2022-23 Annual Williams Report for RSMS / TES

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. *Revised Consent Calendar Item C to add, Mercedes Serrano, Student Supervisor Aide at TES effective 11/14/22 to the Classified New Hire section. Also added Jessica Romero effective 11/18/22 to the Classified Resignation/Retirement section of the report.*

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval to Set Date/Time of RSUSD's Annual Organizational Meeting:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve the date/time of the organizational meeting as presented.

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Request to Approve the Renewal of Learning A-Z Service Agreements:

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

Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

C. Request to Approve the District Collection Policy & Procedure Manual:
Motion by Cazares seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the manual as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Abstain, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

D. Request to Approve the Purchase of Playground Structures for Kettleman City Elementary School
from Dave Bang Associates, Inc.:
Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the purchase as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

E. First Reading of October 2022 Special Release of Revised Board Policy, 6146.1, High School
Graduation Requirements and 6178, Career Technical Education:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the first reading as presented.
Preferential Vote: Macias - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. AES / AHS Listening Tour Update - Mrs. Barrera Lopez and Mrs. Rizo reported they attended the AES Listening tour where parents expressed concerns with severe discipline issues in one of the classrooms. Parents expressed concern for student and staff safety at RSMS as well, due to increased number of student fights. They also expressed concerns with the cafeteria food not being distributed in a timely manner; students left without eating. Ms. Padilla, Mr. Chavez and Miss Macias attended the AHS listening tour. Ms. Padilla reported that the eachers expressed concerns with the numerous fights held in the restrooms. Parents suggested having a full time SRO on campus to help with the de-escalation of fights. They reported on the blatant disrespect of staff by the students. They asked to bring motivational speakers for the students. On a positive note, they reported that the students were loving the psychology class Mrs. Jones teaches. It was also reported that a teacher in 4th grade had 5 non-readers; which was very alarming to the Board members in attendance. Teachers also expressed that they would like to revisit the Kagan skills as they felt they were more engaging. Suggestion was made to provide a place for an anonymous comment box. Ms. Padilla mentioned she liked to engage with the attendees asking them why they are here or part of the district.
- B. Future Agenda Items - Update on school safety. Possibility of sharing the money game with students/staff.
- C. Superintendent's Closing Remarks - Mr. Sánchez reported that he and Mr. Luna were working with Kings County to try to hold mental health programs through our system. He reported that Mr. Luna was working with Climatec to apply for a grant to obtain electric buses. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that he was working with Chief Nevarez in amending the SRO. Once finalized, he hopes to have a stronger SRO presence at our school sites.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date