

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.  
DISTRICT BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A regular/organizational 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.

Lisette Padilla, 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 6:02 p.m. by Ms. Padilla who led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lisette Padilla, President  
Lilia Rizo, Clerk  
Claudia Cazares  
Lupe Chavez  
Precilla Barrera-Lopez  
Yuriana Macias, Student Board Member

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS:** None

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** Mr. Sánchez, Superintendent, acted as secretary.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mr. Sánchez administered the oath of office to Ms. Lisette Padilla, Trustee Area 3 and Ms. Claudia Cazares, Trustee Area 1.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT FOR 2023:** Ms. Cazares nominated Ms. Padilla for the office of President, seconded by Mr. Chavez. By Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Ms. Padilla was appointed to serve as President of the Board for the year 2023.

**CLERK FOR 2023:** Mrs. Barrera-Lopez nominated Mrs. Rizo for the office of Clerk, seconded by Ms. Cazares. By Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Ms. Rizo was appointed to serve as Clerk of the Board for the year 2023.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR 2023:**

Motion by Mr. Chavez seconded by Mrs. Barrera-Lopez to appoint Mr. Sánchez as Secretary to the Board for 2023. By Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Mr. Sánchez was appointed to serve as Secretary of the Board for the year 2023.

**ESTABLISHMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS FOR 2023:**

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the meeting calendar as presented.

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

*Motion Carried*

Assignment of committee representatives:

1. KCSBA - Mrs. Barrera-Lopez
2. C & I - Mrs. Rizo & Ms. Padilla
3. LCAP Advisory / Budget - Ms. Cazares & Mrs. Barrera-Lopez

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 15, 2022

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

PUBLIC COMMENT: A Kettleman City Elementary School teacher expressed her discontent with the superintendent's majority report that was presented during the 11/10/22 special board meeting. She stated that teachers should feel valued and respected.

### PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives – RSMS & AHS student representatives Hugo Ramirez and Ruby Rivera reported on current and upcoming school activities. A YouTube video of AES and KCES student representatives was shared.

B. WKCTA Representatives – Mr. Silva, CTA President shared salary comparisons from neighboring school districts such as Madera Unified who provided one-time stipends to their teachers showing appreciation for their hard work. He asked that teachers be made a priority and they be treated with respect. Mr. Silva asked that we all work together to help improve student programs and school culture.

C. CSEA Representatives - Mrs. Vieira - None

### STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Members - Miss Macias reported that she visited RSMS and AES where she met and spoke to students. RSMS students expressed concerns with bullying and fights. They would like to see more electives such as ceramic and band. At AES, students expressed that they were getting injured with wood chips at the playground and they would like to substitute the chips with softer material. The AES staff also expressed concerns with the school's intercom system not functioning. Mrs. Rizo reported she attended a workshop on the mental health of preschool age children. She also wished everyone a good winter break. Mr. Chavez reported that he attended the CSBA conference held in San Diego; good networking experience. Dual enrollment at AHS was a positive thing he shared with other districts while at the conference. He also shared that he attended SCDS where he played basketball with students and visited the AHS farm. Finally, Mr. Chavez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ms. Cazares gave the AHS football team a shout out. She saw great community support at the Hanford game where she felt it was very memorable for our student athletes and thanked the coaches for their hard work. She also expressed she was excited to see RAP being involved. Finally, Ms. Cazares thanked all the school staff for their wonderful winter performances and wished everyone happy holidays. Ms. Lopez wished everyone happy holidays. Ms. Padilla reported that she had an insightful conversation with a community member and that their report was shared with the Superintendent. In that conversation, Mr. Smyers had wonderful commendations from the community member for doing a great job at RSMS. Finally, Ms. Padilla encouraged high school seniors and Dream Act students to complete their FAFSA before March and wished everyone happy holidays.

B. Business: Mr. Luna - Reported that the district had received a grant letter awarding the district \$9 million dollars to help build 9 TK-K classrooms. Mr. Luna also reported that the auditors requested an extension for audit review and it was granted. He would be submitting an application to apply for infrastructure for an electric bus. Mr. Luna also reported that the Cafeteria department was working with vendors to increase quality control. Finally, he wished everyone happy holidays.

C. Personnel: Mr. Guerrero - Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

D. Curriculum: Mrs. Carlson - Reported that the health services department had co-hosted vaccine events where COVID and flu vaccines were administered. Mrs. Carlson also reported that she was excited to bring back the district's Spelling Bee in person. She reported that this would be the first year to host a winter intersession program at the elementary schools. She was also happy to report that RAP activities had started at AES/KCES. Mrs. Carlson thanked sites for putting on winter programs and wished everyone happy holidays.

E. Superintendent: Mr. Sánchez - Stated that he respects teachers and would be talking with CTA leadership to work things out and move in the right direction. Mr. Sánchez reported on the Education Foundation brunch that will be held Jan. 26th at the AHS new gym. He also reported that the district office would be closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd due to the holidays. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that he would launch a "Not in Our Schools" campaign and posters would be shared with principals. The goal is to stop vandalism at our school sites.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of November 10 & 17, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Request to Discard Obsolete Items
- E. 2022 Bond Governance Planning Letter from Eide Bailly
- F. Request to Approve the Agreement between RSUSD and School Services of California, Inc.  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Certification of Signatures:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve the certification of signatures.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- B. Request to Approve the First Interim Report:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the first interim report with a positive certification.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- C. Resolution 2022: 28, 2022-23 Budget Revisions - 1st Interim:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the certification of signatures as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- D. Resolution 2022: 29, Investment Policy for Kings County Director of Finance:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve Resolution 2022: 29 as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- E. Request to Approve the Equity Collaborative Proposal:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the proposal as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- F. Request to Approve the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Grant Expenditure Plan:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve the request as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- G. Resolution 2022: 27, Child Care & Development Services for 2023-24:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2022: 27 as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Padilla – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Chavez – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

H. Request to Approve Services with Education Advanced, Inc. for Secondary Master Scheduling:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Rizo to approve the request as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

I. Intent to Employ Teacher on a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP):

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the PIP as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

J. Adoption of October 2022 Special Release of Revised Board Policy, 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements and 6178 Career Technical Education:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the adoption of the October 2022 special release as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Future Agenda Items - Recognition of fall sports teams.

B. Superintendent's Closing Comments - Mr. Sánchez introduced Mr. Wallace who showed a PowerPoint presentation and reported on the AHS sports programs. He recognized HR staff in helping obtain coaches. Mr. Wallace reported that he collaborated with David Price who conducted a First Aid/CPR training refresher course for the coaches. He also reported that he held elementary flag football.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board

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Date