

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2023  
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 5:30 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  
Lilia Rizo, Clerk  
Lupe Chavez  
Claudia Cazares  
Precilla Barrera-Lopez  
Yuriana Macias, Student Board Member

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 19, 2023:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

PUBLIC COMMENT: An AHS student expressed how Coach Vallem had made a positive impact in her life and asked the Board to sympathize and reinstate him. An AHS senior expressed he felt responsible for Coach Vallem's dismissal. He stated he couldn't comprehend the situation and implored the Board to reconsider reinstating him. A parent expressed that it was heartbreaking to listen to the pleading of the AHS senior and spoke on behalf of Mr. Vallem. A community member expressed her appreciation for the added work hours to the clerk registrar position. The parent to the AHS senior stated that his son was the student who got injured. He expressed how the dismissal of Coach Vallem had affected his son and the other students. He spoke on behalf of Mr. Vallem and asked the Board to make a conscious decision; he blamed no one for his son's accident. A mother and community member asked the Board questions as to Coach Vallem's dismissal. She expressed how it hurt her to see a child in pain and guilt-ridden. An AHS alumni thanked the community for their support to Mr. Vallem and asked the Board to reconsider their decision. An AES employee and mother reported an incident about her son being injured while playing football during an AHS game a few years ago. She expressed that no one at the school site had contacted her to check on the status of her son. She spoke on behalf of Mr. Vallem and asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives - RSMS & AHS student representatives reported on current and upcoming school activities. Adult Ed student representatives showed a Power Point present on the various classes, programs and activities held at Adult Ed. A YouTube video of KCES student representatives was shared.

*(The Board took a small break and resumed the meeting)* Ms. Padilla stated to the AHS senior who blamed himself for Mr. Vallem's dismissal, that what happened to Mr. Vallem was not his-the student's fault.

B. WKCTA Report - Mr. Silva, CTA President mentioned that protocols need to be put in place and the community had the right to be heard. He also stated that he understood the district was to schedule a meeting to discuss certificated compensation.

C. CSEA Report - Ms. Lournaga, CSEA President introduced herself and new CSEA officers. She reported that she looked forward to serving her unit members.

#### RECOGNITION:

Mr. Sánchez and the school principals recognized the Board for their service to RSUSD with flowers and a small token of appreciation.

#### STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members - Miss Macias thanked all the students who attended tonight's meeting and to those who advocated for their coach. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez congratulated Ms. Lournaga for her new role as the CSEA President. Ms. Cazares welcomed everyone back and reported she was glad to hear about the various parent programs offered at Adult Ed. Finally, she wished everyone a happy new year. Mr. Chavez mentioned that it was great to see the board room full and wished the audience had stayed. He apologized for using his phone as he uses it for note-taking. He was glad to report that the horses have a temporary home at AHS. He thanked the City of Avenal for lending the district heavy equipment to help during the rain storm. He reported that his main focus as a board member was to keep students safe. Mrs. Rizo wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the administration for the recognition. Ms. Padilla, thanked Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Chavez and City staff for their help with the flooded gym. She reported that the resolution she made this new year for herself was to read a little more on social justice. She encouraged everyone to read and reach out to their employee assistance program if need be.
- B. Human Resources, Mr. Guerrero - Congratulated the board for January being board member month. He also congratulated new CSEA members.
- C. Business, Mr. Luna - Reported that he attended the Governor's workshop in Sacramento. They received good news and guarantees. The governor highered the COLA to 8%, however, most of the one-time funding would be eliminated. Mr. Luna also reported that he was working with SISC, the district's insurance company to work on treating and finding ways to save the AHS new gym floor and replacing the damaged mats in the workout room.
- D. Curriculum, Mrs. Carlson - Reported that the Learning Services department had provided administrators with police science institute training. Mrs. Carlson also reported that the district Spelling Bee would be held Jan. 24-26th. Finally, she recognized the Board for their service.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez - Introduced School Resource Officer Rodrigues, from APD and thanked him for his support. He reported on the anti-vandalism posters provided to all school sites. Mr. Sánchez reported on the Tulare/Kings CTA School Board Appreciation dinner to be held on 2/9 at 6pm. He also spoke to the Board on equity training. The Board agreed to do the training on March 30th. Finally, he thanked Antony Lopez and Mr. Chavez for helping him and MOT staff in their effort to help save the AHS new gym floor.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of December 15, 2022
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints - 2nd Quarter
- E. Approval of the 2022-23 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for the Six School Sites within Reef-Sunset Unified School District

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2023: 03, Application to the OPSC California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten & Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - KCES Kindergarten:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2023: 03 as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

- B. Resolution 2023: 04, Application to the OPSC California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten & Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - KCES Full-Day Preschool:  
Motion by Rizo seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2023: 04 as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- C. Resolution 2023: 05, Application to the OPSC California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten & Full Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program - KCES Transitional Kindergarten:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2023: 05 as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- D. Resolution 2023: 06, Authorizing Repairs to Avenal Elementary School Caused by Vandalism, December 2022:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2023: 06 as amended. *Revised date on resolution to read: 19th day of January, 2023.*  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- E. Resolution 2023: 07, Authorizing Repairs to Avenal High School Caused by Flooding Due to Rain Storm.:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve Resolution 2023: 07 as amended. *Revised date on resolution to read: 19th day of January, 2023.*  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- F. Intent to Employ Rafael Trejo for CTE Teacher - System Diagnostics, Service and Repair for Grades 9-12 on a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development Waiver:  
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the staff development waiver as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- G. Request to Approve the MOU between UMass Global and RSUSD for Supervised Internship in School Psychology:  
Motion by Rizo seconded by Chavez to approve the MOU as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*
- H. Request to Approve the MOU between Fresno State University and RSUSD for Supervised Internship in Experiential Education:  
Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the MOU with Fresno State University as presented.  
Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes  
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Yes, Cazares – Yes  
*Motion Carried*

I. Request to Approve the RSUSD Naloxone Procedure Handbook:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

J. First Reading of New/Revised December 2022 Board Policies & Administrative Regulations:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the first reading as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

*Motion Carried*

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Future Agenda Items - None

B. Superintendent Closing Remarks - Mr. Sánchez announced that he plans to work on a longer closed session for next month. He expressed he was deeply troubled by the student who blamed himself, because he did nothing wrong. He shouldn't feel like that was his fault. The district will support him through this year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board

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Date