

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 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 5:00 p.m. and the Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:10 p.m. and Ms. Padilla led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for RSMS Case No. 2022/23: 08 along with recommendations was moved by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

Due to time constraints the Board reported that they would reconvene to closed session at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2023:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Cazares to approve the agenda as amended. *Removed Action Item B*

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: An RSMS teacher/parent/community member expressed discontent with the outcome of the 2/9/23 special board meeting and asked the Board to vote on their own. Student Board member asked about the timeline in regards to the AHS weight room.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives - KCES & AHS student representatives Natalie Castro, Brittney Morales and Ruby Rivera reported on current and upcoming school activities.

B. Mrs. Carlson, RSUSD Dashboard Results - Showed a Power Point presentation on the school Dashboard results and reviewed the state and local indicators; academic performance, academic engagement and conditions and climate. She reported that RSUSD's landing page indicated that chronic absenteeism and suspension rates were high.

C. WKCTA Report - Mr. Silva, CTA President, reported that their union focused on 2 aspects of the CTA contract. When they agreed on the contract they talked about adding another professional development day. He expressed they would like to meet and further discuss this. Mr. Silva also reported on the importance of having staff get Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI) training due to concerns with increased student school fights. Staff and students reporting they are feeling unsafe. Mr. Silva expressed that we needed to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone and would review handbooks, board policy and procedures in an effort to find a solution.

D. CSEA Report - Ms. Lournaga, CSEA President, nothing to report.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members - Miss Macias thanked Ms. Rosas for welcoming her at KCES. She expressed that the students she interviewed were very special. Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported that she attended the 6th grade outdoor education meeting and was happy to see that students demonstrated enthusiasm to attend. Ms. Cazares congratulated all district sports teams. She invited the community to attend the Avenal Community and Family Night event to be held on 2/18/23 at RSMS. Mr. Chavez expressed that Board members do their best with what they are given. For once he would like to hear positive things. He feels he is there for the district and the City and at times helps out without asking for compensation. Mr. Chavez reported he had attended the AHS soccer games and congratulated AHS for being recognized for their dual enrollment program. However, he felt that the district could do better with the Spelling Bee program. Ms. Padilla congratulated AHS for their dual enrollment program. She mentioned how she is on social media where she posted a quote thanking people and tries to participate during the school's dress up days.
- B. Human Resources, Mr. Guerrero - Absent.
- C. Business, Mr. Luna - Reported that the district hired a company to treat the floor at the AHS new gym. Mr. Luna also reported that the district had two big kick-offs with the help of CFW in moving to obtain bids for the TES kinder wing and with the RSMS STEM project with the possibility of obtaining a \$2 million dollar reimbursement that can be used for the AHS CTE building. The district plans to re-bid the CTE project. Mr. Luna reported that they were busy working on getting KCES new playground equipment. He reported that he attended the WHC Lemoore campus to look at their culinary program. They would like to mimic the same layout for the AHS culinary classroom. Finally, Mr. Luna reported that he would have vendors come out and fence the farm at AHS.
- D. Curriculum, Mrs. Carlson - Reported that the district's Spelling Bee was held in January. The winners will go and participate at the local county Spelling Bee on 2/28-3/3/23. Mrs. Carlson also reported that the district was in its planning stages of bringing the Math Bowl in April as well. She reported that the 1st Community Schools leadership meeting was held yesterday. A follow-up meeting will be held in March. Finally, Mrs. Carlson reported that the Learning Services department would be introducing a parent night for all incoming Preschool and TK students.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez - Reported that the Education Foundation brunch was well attended. The foundation presently raised a little over \$10,000. Mr. Sánchez congratulated AHS for their exemplary dual enrollment program. He recognized Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Maldonado who helped build that system. They will be attending a luncheon on February 27th in Sacramento. Mr. Sánchez reported he would work with Mr. Silva on CPI training. He also reported that district leaders and the Board would attend equity training on March 30th. Finally, Mr. Sánchez reported that the district would work hard on constructing a better farm at AHS to help house and protect the farm animals.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of January 19, 2023
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Request to Approve the 2022-2023 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Each of the Six Schools in Reef-Sunset Unified School District
- E. Request to Approve School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) and Budgets which Reflect the 2022-23 Preliminary Entitlements
- F. Request to Approve the AHS FFA Overnight Trip to the State FFA Leadership Conference in Ontario, CA / March 16-19, 2023

Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. *Removed Item D to discuss separately.*

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the 2022-2023 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Each of the Six Schools in Reef-Sunset Unified School District:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2023: 01, Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2023: 01 as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Resolution 2023: 02, Release of Certificated Administrator(s) - REMOVED

- C. Request to Approve the Pathway Addendum to the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership (CCAPP) Agreement between RSUSD and West Hills Community College Coalinga:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the request as amended. *Revised BIO 10 - to read: Fundamentals of Biology*

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Request to Approve the First Reading of the 8-Year Adoption for World Language for Grades 9-12:

Motion by Chavez seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve first reading as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- E. Request to Approve the Agreement with Nancy Akhavan Consulting, Inc.:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- F. Request to Approve the 2022-2023 MOU between Kings County Office of Education and RSUSD for English Language Development and Support:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- G. Request to Approve the First Reading of the 8-Year Adoption for Amplify Science for Grades 6-8:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez 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 – Absent, Cazares – Yes

Motion Carried

- H. First Reading of the District Calendar for 2023-24:

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

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

I. Adoption of New/Revised December 2022 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
Motion by Chavez seconded by Padilla to approve the adoption as presented.

Preferential Vote: Y. Macias - Yes

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

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. TES Board Listening Tour Update - Ms. Cazares and Mr. Chavez reported on the KCES board listening tour. They reported that the attendees asked for additional instructional aides. They inquired about having the KCES pool enclosed and asked if the district could bring back student incentives for good attendance. Other concerns were addressed with Mr. Sánchez. Another item that was brought up was the possibility of hiring reading specialists to help students read at grade level. Ms. Padilla and Ms. Rizo attended the TES board listening tour. Mrs. Padilla read some of Mrs. Rizo's notes where she wrote that a parent expressed that he found it difficult to communicate via telephone with RSMS. They also reported that a lot of food was going to waste. They suggested having a student survey to see what they would like to see on the menu. Another issue that was brought up was that students were not reading at grade level and teachers were upset that they did not have the ability to view their student's discipline. Staff complained that the old classroom modules had a bad odor. They also asked if TES cafeteria could have a full kitchen. Teachers also requested CPI training and thanked Mr. Ruiz for hosting active shooter training. They thanked TES custodial staff for keeping aging buildings clean. Finally they shared RAP program funding concerns.

B. Future Agenda Items - Update on food service, sharing disciplinary information, RAP program status report.

C. Superintendent Closing Remarks - Mr. Sanchez recognized district staff for their work.

The Board took a ten minute break and reconvened to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTION: No action taken; no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date