

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2021
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.

Mr. Chavez, 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 6:09 p.m. and Mr. Chavez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: Student Discipline (EC 35146): Approval of expulsion for AHS Case No. 2021/22: 01 along with recommended terms was moved by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez and adopted unanimously.

Approval of expulsion for AHS Case No. 2021/22: 02 along with revised recommended terms was moved by Padilla seconded by Cazares and adopted unanimously.

The Board will also reconvene to Closed session at the end of tonight's regular board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 21, 2021:

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

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Energy Infrastructure Renewal Services Contract with Climatec, LLC:

Mr. Sanchez reported that CA Government Code Section 4217.10 etc. requires the district to hold a public hearing regarding the contract with Climatec. Hearing opened for comment at 6:12 p.m. No further comments, the hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: An AHS teacher expressed concerns with infrastructure issues at AHS. He invited the Board to visit AHS. An RSMS teacher expressed concerns with what she feels is lack of clear direction for those students who are sent home due to COVID exposure. She asked the district to invest in a tutoring company to help those students stay on track and additional counseling staff to help address the social-emotional needs of students. An AHS teacher expressed concerns regarding old and deteriorating facilities at RSUSD. She stated that she felt our students deserve better. She also invited the Board to visit AHS and asked them to prioritize.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Student Representatives: AHS student representative Maria Estrada gave a brief report on current and upcoming school activities.

B. Ken Reynolds, SchoolWorks - Showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Trustee Boundary Analysis. He reviewed guidelines and showed percentage and deviation numbers. Mr. Reynolds reported that after reviewing the data, the district exceeded the 10 percent deviation therefore, the district will need to adopt a new trustee boundary map. He discussed the timeline and next steps. Final map will need to be approved by February in order to meet the March deadline.

C. Patty Gonzalez - Reef-Sunset State Preschool- Showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Preschool. She reviewed the philosophy, goals, objectives and curriculum of the school. She thanked everyone who helped get this program started. Finally, she reported that the Preschool would open November 3rd.

D. WKCTA/CSEA Representatives - Mr. Silva, CTA President, reported that everyone had been working very hard. He was excited to know that a new pathway to support the nursing program at the high school was in progress. Mr. Silva also reported that he had been working with Mr. Sanchez to assist with everything related to COVID protocols.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Members - Mrs. Barrera-Lopez reported that she was glad sports had resumed for our students and reminded everyone to stay safe. Ms. Padilla wished Jesus a happy birthday. She also congratulated Mrs. Gonzalez regarding the Preschool. Ms. Padilla reported that she obtained her booster and encouraged everyone to do the same. Ms. Cazares expressed that we needed to come together and find a balance in order to address the needs of our students and employees. She reported that she was on the Sober Grad committee and they were working on raising funds so that they could give students a safe and sober grad. Ms. Cazares also reported how she watched her 6th grade KCES student play against Armona Elementary via Zoom. Mr. Chavez thanked Mr. Santino for the tour of Avenal High School. He reported that he met with 4 AHS students on 10/18/21. He stated that it was nice to meet with them and hear them candidly open up regarding a Facebook post made by an AHS teacher. He reported that the students stated that the teacher was good at complaining but not wanting to fix the issue. Overall the students made comments stating that the teachers didn't mention good things that are offered at Avenal High School. Cracks on the window didn't stop them from learning but bad teachers did. Some of the students reported that they heard a teacher bashing the school and saying that they hated being there. The students also shared that AHS had good teachers, but those that do not want to be there or do poorly should leave.

B. Personnel Report - Mrs. Benson reported that Mr. Guerrero would be starting his new Executive Director of HR position on 10/25/21. She also reported that Mrs. Maldonado would be serving as interim principal at RSMS pending board approval. She reported that one of the counselors at AHS resigned to take another position at a college. Mrs. Benson reported that HR continues to do COVID tracking. Finally, she reported that she was setting up a professional development committee for classified staff.

C. Business, Mr. Luna - Reported that the Business department had completed the unaudited actual site visit for the 2021 internal fiscal controls as well as the insurance provider audit. Mr. Luna reported that the Business department was reviewing initial attendance and enrollment numbers. He noticed attendance was down due to COVID related absences and would be working with staff to make sure the district is accurately tracking attendance. Mr. Luna also reported that he and Chad had attended the CASH conference where they obtained valuable information. He reported that the Food Service department was waiting for a freezer to be delivered at TES. They have also been working on updating cafeteria equipment. Cafeteria staff received technology to help take inventory. They have also been looking to purchase outside tables for student seating. Mr. Luna also gave an update on the AES modernization and reported that there was property damage at AHS. He also reported on the KCES vandalism; students breaking windows. They are looking to see what they can do to deter this type of activity. Maintenance was also working on trying to replace damaged playground structures. Mr. Luna reported that he would work on scheduling a district auction for used Home Ec items. Finally, he reported that they were waiting on KYA to set a date for the KCES pool resurfacing.

- D. Curriculum, Dr. Aragon - Acknowledged Patty Gonzalez for her help with the Reef-Sunset State Preschool. The District was excited to have this come to fruition. Dr. Aragon reported on the team of five who attended a certification training in the achievement team process. Protocol centered around teacher efficacy. This will help provide structure on how the district looks at data. Dr. Aragon reported that next week would be Red Ribbon Week.
- E. Superintendent, Mr. Sánchez – Reported on the release of the October Newsletter in which it highlights the work of the district. Finally, he asked for one board member to volunteer and serve in the Music Advisory Council to help with the district music program. Mrs. Cazares volunteered.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of September 16, 2021
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Request to Approve Agreement with Total Compensation Systems, Inc.
- F. Request to Approve the Learning A to Z Contract for 2021-2023
- G. Request to Approve Contract for Services with KCOE for Trainings on Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)
- H. Request to Approve the 2021-22 MOU between KCOE & RSUSD for Consultative Services/ Academic Learning Support for CTE:

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

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 2021: 18, Related to Phase II Energy Infrastructure Renewal Services Contract with Climatec, LLC:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve Resolution 2021: 18, as presented.

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- B. Resolution 2021: 19, 2020-21 Budget Revisions - Unaudited Actuals:

Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2021: 19, as presented.

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- C. Request to Approve the Certification of Signatures:

Motion by Cazares seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the certification of signatures as presented.

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- D. Intent to Employ Teacher on a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) - Christine Rose:

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

Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes

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

Motion Carried

- E. Request to Approve the Contract with Gaggle for 2021-22:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the contract as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- F. Request to Approve EKC’s Proposal for the Purchase and Installation of New Play Structure & Synthetic Turf Surfacing at the Avenal State Preschool:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the proposal as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- G. Request to Approve the TechNet Partners Proposal for New District Camera System:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the TechNet Partners proposal as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- H. Request to Approve the KYA, LLC Proposal for Parking Lot Modernization by the Preschool at AES:
Motion by Cazares seconded by Padilla to approve the proposal as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- I. Request to Approve the KYA, LLC Proposal for the Installation of New Play Structure & Synthetic Turf Surfacing at the Avenal State Preschool:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the KYA, LLC proposal as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- J. Request to Approve the Beynon Sports Company Proposal for Work at Avenal High School:
Motion by Barrera seconded by Cazares to approve the proposal as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- K. Request to Approve 2021 Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the ESSER plan as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried
- L. Request to Approve the Agreement for Special Services between Aspiranet & RSUSD to Provide Specialized Mental Health Services:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the agreement as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

M. Approval to Set Date/Time of RSUSD's Annual Organizational Meeting:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Barrera-Lopez to approve the set date/time as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

N. Request to Approve the Adoption of Updated Policy Titles:
Motion by Barrera-Lopez seconded by Padilla to approve the adoption as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

O. First Reading of the New/Revised September 2021 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Cazares to approve the first reading as presented.
Preferential Vote: J. Lopez - Yes
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Barrera-Lopez – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent, Cazares – Yes
Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Future Agenda Items: Enhancing data security. Update on youth sports program.
- B. Superintendent's Closing Remarks - Mr. Sánchez reported he was working closely with the City regarding Open Gym. He reported he was excited to build a partnership with the City.

The Board took a ten-minute break then reconvened to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date