

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the District 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 5:00 p.m. and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lupe Chavez, President

Claudia Cazares, Clerk

Lisette Padilla

Lilia Rizo (*arrived at 5:01pm*)

Precilla Barrera-Lopez

Jesus Lopez, Student Board Member (*arrived at 5:01pm*)

PUBLIC COMMENT: AHS students expressed their discontent and embarrassment with AHS facilities. They stated the facilities were outdated and needed to be renovated. An AHS teacher and parent of the community asked the Board to consider placing lights behind the AHS stadium to help light up the soccer field. An RSMS teacher who attended as a parent/community member handed the Board printed pictures of the vandalism by students at RSMS. She expressed concern regarding the vandalism of the restrooms and not allowing for students to use the facilities. She also expressed discontent with current school cafeteria menus. Feels our students deserve hot meals just like in other school districts. A student attending virtually also expressed discontent with current cafeteria food. Finally, the parent/community member expressed that pictures on the district website were political and that the district should focus on having more images of our students/staff/parents.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Avenal High School Visit Updates - Mr. Sanchez reported that the district plans to bring renovations to AHS. He asked the Board to share what they saw when they visited AHS. The four board members reported different things they encountered; some good, like the music room and some bad such as the lack of lunch/brunch student seating, need for window upgrades, better flooring, etc. They also shared safety concerns, such as large cracks in the pavement. Some felt that the things that needed to be addressed were more of a cosmetic issue. They all agreed that Avenal High School needs to be renovated. Student board member, Jesus Lopez reported that he would like to create a council composed of 8-10 students and 2 board members to help with the communication between students and administration. An AHS teacher expressed that upgrading the auditorium would also be a good idea and thanked the Board for having the conversation to make AHS better. Finally, Mr. Sanchez stated that he was in the process of upgrading the district's facility master plan. The plan is to look at all our campuses then create a priority list.

B. Trustee Boundary Analysis Options - Mr. Sanchez reminded the Board and community to look at the redistricting maps that are posted on the district website.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary to the Board

Date