

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2020
BOARD/STAFF DEVELOPMENT ROOM

A regular meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on this date in the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board Room located at 205 N. Park Ave., Avenal, CA 93204.

Mr. Chavez, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Board convened to closed session. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:03 p.m. and Mr. Chavez led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lupe Chavez, Board President

Lisette Padilla, Board Clerk

Chris Collins

Claudia Cazares

Lilia Rizo(*absent*)

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR AUGUST 20, 2020:

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

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. School Services of CA, Sheila Vickers - RSUSD Organizational, Efficiency, and Comparative Staffing Review – Sheila Vickers and Charlene Quilao attended the meeting via Zoom and reviewed the findings of their study. They provided an analysis for district office departments to improve efficiency and effectiveness. They highly recommend the Technology Department start a life-cycle plan of all IT resources and software. They gave recommendations on how to use technology to keep better track of new employees. They recommended the district go digital with most their forms. Ms. Vickers recommended that the 2 executive secretary positions be restructured. They reviewed next steps and provided timelines to help the district.
- B. Dr. Lori Aragon, CA Dashboard & Accountability System – Dr. Aragon attended via Zoom and gave an overview of the district's performance on the CA Dashboard. She explained that data from the CA Dashboard would assist in determining whether LEAs are eligible for technical assistance. This system supports the local decision making for continuous improvement. Dr. Aragon reviewed the State and local indicators. She explained in detail how to navigate the CA Dashboard. She also discussed in length the criteria for determining level 2 differentiated assistance. Finally, Dr. Aragon answered questions from the Board.
- C. Ms. Sánchez, Superintendent Report and RFP Request for Infrastructure Renewal, Energy Management and Solar PV Program – Mr. Sánchez gave a Power Point presentation and discussed his proposal for a solar and energy management program. He explained that the district's infrastructure needs were great and explained we needed a 10-20 year facility master plan. He explained he would like to provide shade structures with dual purpose. The district would have a cost savings and the structures could be paid by grants, federal incentives and private sector. Mr. Sánchez discussed next steps. The board suggested possibly getting dual pane windows at AHS and AES as well as having shade/solar structures installed at all school sites as well as the district office.

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Board Members- Mr. Collins expressed concerns teachers must be having with Distance Learning during these challenging times. He was sad CIF sports had stopped, however understands the reasoning behind that. Ms. Cazares asked everyone to work together and have patience. She was reminded and stated she missed the student presentations and Board recognitions. Thanked cafeteria staff for their hard work. Ms. Padilla welcomed everyone back and thanked them for adapting to the new norm. She reminded everyone to stay safe, hydrated and wear masks. Mr. Chavez welcomed everyone back to school. He reported that he hears from some parents who like distance learning and others that do not. He asked parents to have patience, especially with technology issues. He stated that the district is not ignoring the issues but that the district is working through it. Mr. Chavez reported that COVID is different for everyone and asked everyone work together.
- B. Mr. Nguyen – Reported that KCOE had to adjust the towers to help with our technology issues. Mr. Nguyen reported that the Food Services Department would be providing five meals for each student on Wednesdays and starting September, students would be required to provide their lunch cards. He reported that the Business Department would provide the unaudited actuals report next month. Mr. Nguyen reported that AHS and SHS had plumbing issues that were getting addressed. Clayton from Hydro-Lud reported via Zoom on the AHS water well. Mr. Nguyen gave an update on the KCES shade structure. Ms. Cazares asked if poor lighting on the basketball courts could be addressed.
- C. Dr. Aragon- Reported that the C&I office had been busy with the process of selecting lead technology teachers at each school site to help support the tech needs of certificated staff. They would be providing instructional and technological support. Dr. Aragon reported that they had over 20 parents who reached out and would be receiving technical support on how to log in and access curriculum programs on their devices. She reported that C&I was looking at stakeholder input to create the new LCAP. Dr. Aragon reported on the learning loss and mitigation funds and how the district can utilize the funds to support our response to COVID. Ms. Cazares asked if Kettleman City students can be provided with Verizon hotspots to help with connectivity issues.
- D. Mr. Sánchez- Asked IT Director, Jared Johnson to give a brief report on the technology issues. Mr. Johnson reported that a lot of the connectivity issues in the community of Avenal/Kettleman City were environmental. He reported that his department would be testing a home unit at one of the homes in Avenal to see if that would work. If successful, the district would obtain 100 devices to give out to the areas in town that are experiencing connectivity issues. Mr. Johnson also reported that he made changes to the internet filter and that seemed to help. Mr. Sánchez encouraged parents to contact their site principals should their student's experience technology issues. Mr. Sánchez reported that he would be delivering Friday Updates to the Board. He also reported that town hall meetings would be initiated at the school sites and would have representation from the district office. Mr. Sánchez reported that he would like to continue to implement the shade structure at KCES. Mr. Sánchez stated that he participated in the food distribution at Kettleman City. He also reported that he would bring a revision to AR 1340 to include CPRA language. Also, the district would be looking to provide translation services during Board meetings. Mr. Sánchez reported that he would like to showcase AHS Lady Buc in the AHS gym. He provided the Board with the 'Culture Code' book. Finally, he reported that he would launch a Zoom class with ambassador students, with Mr. Guerrero, Mr. Ruiz, Dr. Aragon and Ms. Castillo's help. Once established, he plans to hold the class once a week.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of July 23, 2020
- B. Warrants
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- E. Avenal Adult School Courses for 2020-21
- F. Request to Renew the Edgenuity Agreement for 2020-21

Motion by Collins seconded by Cazares to approve the consent calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent
Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Request to Award the Bid Contract to James E. Thompson Inc. dba JTS Construction for the Avenal Elementary School Modernization Project:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the bid contract to JTS Construction as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

B. Request to Approve the Proposal for Inspector of Record from Sirous Rassouli for the AES Modernization Project:

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

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

C. Request to Approve the American Modular Systems Proposal for the DSA Parapet Kindergarten Building at Avenal Elementary School:

Motion by Collins seconded by Cazares to approve the proposal as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

D. Request to Approve Ninyo & Moore for Consultant Services – Hazmat Testing & Soil Contamination Survey for the AES New Kindergarten Construction Project:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the request for consultant services as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

E. Request to Approve the Agreement with Rincon Consultants for CEQA & DTSC Compliance Services for the AES New Kindergarten Construction Project:

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve the agreement with Rincon Consultants as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

F. Resolution 2020: 15, Open Fund 1700 – Special Reserve:

Motion by Collins seconded by Padilla to approve Resolution 2020: 15 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

G. Request to Approve the Exemption from the Required Expenditures for Classroom Compensation:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the request as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

H. Request to Approve the Discovery Education Contract for 2020-21:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the Discovery Education contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

I. Approval of Renaissance Contract for 2020-21:

Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the Renaissance contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent

Motion Carried

J. Request to Approve the Volar Strategic Advisors Agreement for 2020-21:
Motion by Cazares seconded by Collins to approve the Volar Strategic Advisors agreement as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent
Motion Carried

K. First Reading of the New/Revised July 2020 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
Motion by Padilla seconded by Collins to approve the first reading as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Padilla – Yes, Cazares – Yes, Collins – Yes, Chavez – Yes, Rizo – Absent
Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Superintendent's Closing Remarks: Mr. Sánchez reminded and encouraged everyone to make themselves heard by completing the survey on the district website. Mr. Sánchez reported on a personal note stating that his daughter had recently recovered from COVID. Everyone was cleared. Reminded everyone to take COVID serious as it affects everyone.

B. Future Agenda Items – Discussion on AHS reclaimed well water.

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

Secretary to the Board