

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Karen Frey, President of the Board, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

Trustees present were Karen Frey, Robert Alcorn, Steve White, Mary Gonzales-Gomez and Mary Wadsworth.

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Pamela Dihel, Steve Berry, Lora Cartwright, Mike Anderson, Elizabeth Mendoza, Chuck Gent, Ken Spencer, Eduardo Ochoa, Robin Feldman, Julie Melendez, Maria Beas, Sindi Arredondo (translating), Brianna Reynoso, Vincent F. Reynoso, David Nava, Susie Nava, Riley Meik, Dianna Reynoso, Felipe Nunes, Jorge Moreno, Brian Garcia, Jose Mejia, Kelsey Spencer, Kenneth Spencer, Chris Spencer, Imelda Villasenor, Donnetta Murray and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Karen Frey welcomed those present and led in the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board voted to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2014.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Mary Wadsworth

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Forum: Diana Reynoso read a letter to the Board of Trustees regarding laptops allegedly damaged by her daughter.

Open Session Item: Parent Maria Beas, speaking through interpreter Sindi Arredondo, stated that she was representing parents that came to the last meeting regarding a high school cafeteria and wanted an update on what the district proposed to do. Board President Karen Frey noted that no decision has been made and the item does not appear on the agenda, but that parents are always welcome to come to meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board voted to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2014 with Mary Wadsworth added as being present at meeting
2. Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 11, 2014
3. Purchase Order Numbers 141150 - 141282
4. Warrant register for March 21, 2014 for \$107,578.06
 March 28, 2014 for \$265,714.87
 April 4, 2014 for \$25,500.27
 April 9, 2014 for \$1,627.08
 April 11, 2014 for \$462,122.07
5. Payroll Warrants Register for February 28, 2014 for \$1,651,739.14

6. Payroll Warrants Register for March 31, 2014 for \$1,473,078.43
7. Agreement with Total Compensation Systems, Inc. for GASB actuarial services
8. Service agreement with Educational Resource Consultants for preparation of competitive grant
9. Speaking agreement with Cedric Crawford to be Keynote Speaker at 2014-15 Welcome Staff Back Event
10. 2014-15 MOU with TCOE for Migrant Education Services
11. Student Trips:
 - a. A trip for 78 High School Corcoran Academy of Arts and Technology students and teachers Carolyn Caselli, Jonathan Carnes, Yolanda Monsivaiz, Evelyn Albert, and Rosemarie Johnson to a College Informational Tour at U.C.L.A. on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in Los Angeles. Student fundraising will pay for requested bus transportation.
 - b. A trip for 18 High School MEChA members and advisors Raymond Lerma and Miguel Alvarez to U.C.L.A. Campus Tour and Student Panel on Friday, May 23, 2014 in Los Angeles. Requested use of two vans to be paid by MEChA Club funds.
 - c. A trip for two High School Rocketry Club members and advisor David Searson to Team America Rocketry Challenge to be held Tuesday through Sunday, May 6-11, 2014 in Virginia/Washington D.C. All expenses to be paid by donations from local businesses, organizations and fundraisers.
 - d. A trip for 13 High School ROTC members and advisor Mike Palmer to March Air Reserve Base located near Riverside on Monday through Wednesday, April 28-30, 2014. The requested use of a van and personal vehicle and off base meals to be paid by Cadet Activities funds. Meals and lodge at March ARB to be paid by Air Force MILPERS funds.
12. Staff Development
 - a. For Bret Harte Preschool teachers Gaylene Barker and Marisela Contreras to Rolling out the California Preschool Learning Foundations and the California Preschool Curriculum Framework Workshop to be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Children's Hospital of Central California in Madera, to be paid by Title I funds.
 - b. For Director of Educational Services Lora Cartwright to Imagine Learning Partnership Forum to be held Wednesday through Friday, May 7-9, 2014 in Provo Utah, to be paid by Imagine Learning.
 - c. For District Staff Rich Merlo, Lora Cartwright, Steve Berry and Chuck Gent to What's Next? Transforming the Future of Learning (Apple) to be held Tuesday through Thursday, April 29 to May 1, 2014 in Garden Grove, to be paid by Superintendent's Staff Development Fund.
 - d. For High School teacher Carolyn Caselli to AP by the Sea English Literature Conference to be held Monday through Thursday, July 7 – 10, 2014 in San Diego, to be paid by Professional Development funds.
 - e. For High School teacher Robert Lerma to AP US History Conference to be held Monday through Thursday, July 21-24, 2014 in San Gabriel, to be paid by Professional Development funds.
 - f. For High School (ratification) staff Alejandra Sanchez and Tracy Chavez to Tools for Success: Common Core, College and Career Conference that was held Thursday, March 27, 2014 in Merced, no fees.
 - g. For High School teacher Silvia Camarena to AP by the Sea Spanish Language and Culture Conference to be held Monday through Thursday, July 28-31, 2014 in San Diego, to be paid by Staff Development funds.
 - h. For John Muir secretary Diana Hernandez to CASCWA State Truancy Summit Conference to be held Friday, May 9, 2014 in Lemoore, to be paid by Site funds.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

High School ASB member Julie Melendez reported that the school was holding an outdoor rally for two hours and also in the main gym. There would be food vendors, including Jamba Juice, Pizza Factory and tacos by the Spanish Club. The swimming and boys tennis teams will be recognized at a sports rally.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

LCAP Survey Summary: Superintendent Rich Merlo presented the Board with a draft of results from meeting with parents, staff and community, as well as a survey. The results were weighted and he looked for trends in the responses. Under "What Would You Change?" the most prevalent answer in all groups was facilities at 72. The next were electives/pathways, 59; class size, 58; interventions, 44; and neighborhood schools, 40. The top item for Parent Involvement was training/activities/PTA, followed by communications and more welcoming offices. Pathways and awareness led the way for College/Career. The top item for Increasing Student Achievement was class size, followed by interventions, qualified/caring teachers, and support/instructional aides. Interventions led the way for More Students Graduating. To Improve Student Attendance, the largest number said relevance/activities, followed by incentives/recognition, parent education/communication, and lastly, SARB/accountability. Mr. Merlo noted he still needed to meet with the High School.

Cafeteria/Small Gym Status: Mr. Merlo informed the Board that SchoolWorks is not quite ready with their report and the cafeteria/small gym status would be included on that. Currently, there are not many students using it unless the weather has been bad. The architects will be looking at the building soon. Principal Chuck Gent is considering closing the campus to a portion of the students. They are also checking with the food director about possibly moving some of the food service to the small gym.

Career Pathways Trust Program: The District is part of a consortium with a \$14 million grant. The District would receive about \$130,000 for the next few years. The grant has funding for a half-time person with the District providing for the other half. If the grant does not get passed, the Irvine Foundation would probably fund the program. The career pathway would be in the Ag Department for animal and plant science classes.

ERC - IC3 Grant: The District is part of a group applying for a very large grant that is designed to pay for a lot of staff development for grades 4-12 and project-based learning. It has just been submitted. If the grant application makes the first round, then the group will have a good chance to be part of it.

School Research Nexus Seminar: Superintendent Merlo thanked the Board for the chance to attend the seminar, which included about 50 superintendents from across the country. It was a time for him to meet leaders from different states and perspectives. He noted it was refreshing to hear them talk about things outside of California. Nexus paid the fees for the first seminar. Mr. Merlo would like to continue attending the twice-yearly seminars as they provided different and new information from Mr. Merlo's current group participations. He would eliminate one of those with Nexus taking its place.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT

CBO Pamela Dihel reported that she attended the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) Conference. She attended sessions on leadership roles, the State economic outlook, LCAP and Prop 39. She added the revenue is looking good, but they were cautioned to be careful until the Governor's budget has been passed. LCFF is a seven-year plan, but it may slow down in 2018-19 due to Prop 30 ending, but should still meet the 7-year "Target" timeline. There could possibly be one-time additional funds directed toward Common Core, CTE or if the Governor decides, buy-down the deferrals. They were informed that LCFF is designed to improve student outcomes and that is the number one focus. For LCAP, each year the districts will look at the next two years with current changes and make small adjustments. For Prop 39, they discussed the bidding process, extensive application and expenditure plan. CDE will be auditing the process. Funds can roll over to the next year until 2020 when all funds need to be spent.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Gonzales Gomez: Mrs. Gomez attended the Facilities Sub-Committee meeting where Mr. Merlo shared an overview of the Facility Master Plan. They discussed the small gym, cafeteria, SchoolWorks report, auditorium, and other plans. They also talked about maintenance of grounds, solar structures and weed abatement issues, which Washington Gas will address. The District is considering hiring a temporary project manager for the modernization projects.

Trustee Frey: Mrs. Frey attended the Human Resources Sub-Committee meeting where various new staffing positions were discussed and board policies. The positions and policies are appearing on the agenda for either approval or first hearing on the policies.

CFA REPORT

Corcoran Faculty Association sunshined their 2014-15 proposal to Corcoran Unified School District.

FACILITY MASTER PLAN REPORT

SchoolWorks postponed the report until June.

K-8 DRESS CODE MODIFICATIONS

Fremont Eduardo Ochoa, representing the K-8 principals, reviewed an updated K-8 dress code. He said they contacted parents for feedback on whether to keep the current policy or make some changes. The dress code for next year is nearly completed. He noted that one thing that came through clear was that they still want students to come to school with collared shirts, to be very presentable and clean, as they feel that looking good affects the way students are in class. There still needs to be structure, but the elementary schools would like to open up to more colors such as John Muir did last year. There still will be no red, royal blue or blue denim allowed. With all four schools aligned in their dress codes, students will go from school to school with consistent dress codes. Trustee Wadsworth asked why there was not a dress code for the high school. Mr. Merlo answered that at the K-8 levels the code is more structured and stricter. Once students are older they become freer, but they still have some restrictions such as sagging pants and some colors. Mrs. Wadsworth also asked who enforces the dress codes. Mr. Ochoa says it is done at the beginning of the day by campus supervisors, office staff and teachers when the kids come in. Anything questionable is taken to the principal who makes a call on it. After the first few weeks of school, the kids and parents realize there will be problems if they do not adhere to the dress code and then there are very few infractions. Principal Ken Spencer said that John Muir has issues every day. Staff and teachers refer students to the office. Principal Mike Anderson noted that at Mark Twain students couldn't participate in recess if they have violated dress code. Principal Elizabeth added that they have older cleaned clothes at Bret Harte for students to change into.

STUDENT TRIPS APPROVED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo:

- a. A trip for 146 Bret Harte Kindergarten students, teachers Karen Yamashita, Kristy Beam, Hannah Groenenbeg, Elizabeth Guerrine, Amber Urias and Joan Tumaque and parent chaperones to the Chaffee Zoo in Fresno on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Requested bus transportation and other expenses to be paid by CAST and Site fundraisers.
- b. A trip for 149 Bret Harte Kindergarten students, teachers Robin Feldmann, Connie Cooper, Maricela Lerma, Jackie Miller, MaryAnn Orosco and Rafael Mendoza and parent chaperones to the Chaffee Zoo in Fresno on Thursday, May 1, 2014. Requested bus transportation and other expenses to be paid by CAST and Site fundraisers.
- c. A trip for 18 High School ROTC members and advisors Mike Palmer and Carlos Guevara to the CECA Combat Dodge Ball Tournament to be held Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Sanger. Requested use of two vans and other expenses to be paid by Cadet Activities funds.
- d. A trip for eight High School Student Voice members and advisors Raymond Lerma and Evelyn Albert to the Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute (CVELI) Conference to be held Thursday, May 15, 2014. Requested use of a van to be paid by District funds.
- e. A trip for 46 High School Student Voice members and advisors Raymond Lerma and Evelyn Albert to campus tours of Fresno Pacific University and Fresno State University, and Fresno Chaffee Zoo on Friday, May 16, 2014. Requested bus transportation and other expenses to be paid by Student Voice funds.
- f. A trip for 11 High School Talent Search students and advisor Maria Silva to a College and Career Conference to be held at the University of California Center in Fresno on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Charter bus transportation and other expenses to be paid by U.C. Merced, Center for Educational Partnerships.

RESOLUTION NO. 1133 – DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1133 – Declaring Intention to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Obligations to be issued by the Corcoran Joint Unified School District.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2013-14 #13

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2013-14 #13.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY COACH

The Board voted to approve a Recommendation of the District Superintendent Concerning Addition of Particular Kinds of Service: add one (1) FTE District Academic Technology Coach (Certificated) Position.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth Second: Steve White

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF NEED FOR 30-DAY SUBSTITUTES

The Board voted to approve the 2014-15 Annual Statement of Need for 30-Day Substitute and Designated Subjects Vocational Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Mary Wadsworth

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

The Board vote to approve the 2014-15 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Motion: Steve White Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS APPROVED

The Board voted to approve the Recommendation from the District Superintendent Concerning Addition of Particular Kinds of Service:

- a. Add three (3) Health Care Nurse (5 ¾ hours x three positions = 2.16) FTE Classified positions, and
- b. Add four (4) FTE Intervention Certificated Teacher positions.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

MEETINGS

1. HR/ Policies Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room.
2. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room.
3. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3.
4. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Follow-up on Laptop/Device Assignments
2. Crossing Guard Recognition

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION at 7:59 p.m.

Mrs. Frey returned the Board meeting to open session at 8:43 p.m. She announced out that:

EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

The Board held an evaluation of the Superintendent and gave direction.

NEGOTIATIONS

The Board:

1. Reviewed Corcoran Faculty Association Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.
2. Reviewed California School Employees Association No. 214 Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.
3. Reviewed Management/Confidential Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.

READMITTANCE

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Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Robert Alcorn

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey

ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 8:44 p.m.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Mary Wadsworth, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, Steve White, Robert Alcorn, Karen Frey