

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Robert Alcorn, President of the Board, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT**

Trustees present were Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth and Robert Alcorn.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were Rich Merlo, Pamela Dihel, Steve Berry, Dave Whitmore, Antonia Stone, Lora Cartwright, Mike Anderson, Mary Taylor, Keith Airheart, Elizabeth Mendoza, Marty Raeber, Jeannine Robinson, Pearl Prins, Ian McDonald, Susan Calhoun, Arnoldo Villanueva, Fabian Nuñez and family, Mya Gallegos and family, Enaliesse Burnias and family, Carlos Perez, Bradley Cooper, Jaqui Condoll, Demario Ortega, Marc Navarro, Juan Hidalgo, Norman Mana, Isaac Butler, Victor Avila, Joe Jimenez, Alexi Ramos, Miguel Solorio, Zackery Cardenas, Julia Avila, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Alcorn 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 January 12, 2016.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Bobby Toney*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

**CUSD STARS PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Rich Merlo introduced and presented certificates to the Second Quarter CUSD Student Stars: Fabian Nuñez, Bret Harte Elementary School; Mya Gallegos, John C. Fremont Elementary School; Enaliesse Burnias, Mark Twain; Carlos Perez; John Muir Middle School; and Arnoldo Villanueva, Corcoran High School. Jessica Franco, Kings Lake Education Center, was unable to attend.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board voted to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2015
2. Approved the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting of December 8, 2015
3. Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2015
4. Purchase Order Numbers 160854 - 160961
5. Warrant register for  
December 4, 2015 for \$690,527.16  
December 11, 2015 for \$489,013.54  
December 18, 2015 for \$182,447.85
6. Contract with Troxell for School Asset Manager License Fee and One-Time Setup Fee for \$7,128.00
7. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Reports for First and Second Quarters (July-Sept./Oct.-Dec.)
8. Staff Development
  - a. For District staff Lisa Coleman, Candace Rea-Rodrigues, Angela Schalde, John Arriola, Jari Stokes, Valerie Montejano, Dave Whitmore, Sarah Howard, Brett Miller, Gonzalo Solis, Roberta Andrada, Mandi Powell, Dory Pearce, Mel Parker, Joan Tumaque, Leanne

Shellhamer, Patricia Jacobsma, Lora Cartwright, Elizabeth Mendoza and J.J. Albert to the CUE Conference to be held Wednesday through Saturday, March 16-19, 2016 in Palm Springs. Requested use of three vans and other expenses to be paid by Educator Effectiveness Funds.

- b. For Superintendent Rich Merlo to the Apple Leadership and Learning Event to be held Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23, 2016 in Riverside, to be paid by Apple Computer.
  - c. For Superintendent Rich Merlo to the ACSA Superintendents' Symposium to be held Wednesday to Friday, January 27-29, 2016 in Monterey, to be paid by Staff Development funds.
  - d. For High School staff Alisa Gomez, Isaias Ramirez and Belinda Duran to the Health, Science and Medical Technology Industry Sector Summit to be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Visalia, to be paid by Perkins funds and KCOE (for Belinda Duran).
  - e. For High School staff Antonia Stone, Evelyn Albert, Tiffany Vera and Crystal Salinas to the Tulare County Literacy Symposium to be held Friday, March 4, 2016 in a Tulare County location TBA, to be paid by Site funds.
  - f. For High School staff Antonia Stone, Evelyn Albert and Tiffany Vera to the Long Term English Learners Workshop to be held Monday, June 13, 2016 in Visalia, to be paid by Site funds.
9. Student Trips
- a. A trip for 24 High School Academic Decathlon Team members, Advisor Mike Pankratz and two staff members to the Kings County Academic Decathlon to be held Saturdays January 30 and February 6, 2016 in Lemoore. Requested use of three vans and other expenses to be paid by Site funds.
  - b. A trip for 16 High School Poetry Club members and advisors Crystal Salinas and Angelica Ceja to the Writers Workshop and Christine Poreba Poetry Reading to be held Friday, February 26, 2016 at California State University-Fresno. Requested use of two vans and other expenses to be paid by Poetry Club.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Mary Wadsworth*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

ABSTAIN: Patty Robertson

## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Corcoran High School ASB representative Julia Avila informed the Board that ASB has set a goal this year to raise school spirit and they are doing a really good job of it. It was evident at a recent rally for the wrestling and basketball teams. ASB is bringing back the Panther News. It became defunct spring semester of last year. Advisor Kellen DeVaney suggested ASB take over the project and the group agreed. They will begin filming and the news will be sent out by email to all first period teachers. Other events are the Pennies for Patients fundraiser for Leukemia. It will be a class competition amongst the intervention classes.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**New District Office Employee:** Mr. Merlo asked CBO Pamela Dihel introduce Jeannine Robinson to the Board. Jeannine is the District's new Account Clerk/Assets Analyst. The Board welcomed her to the District.

**Principal's Summit:** Mr. Merlo advised the Board that the Principal Summits will be taking place soon. It is a time where principals spend a dedicated amount of time to share how their schools are progressing. It provides a benchmark on how the schools are doing. He added that it has become a professional learning community amongst the administrators so they can learn from one another and see how their goals are coming along.

**Coach Doug White:** Mr. Merlo noted that Girls Basketball Coach Doug White is nearing becoming the Valley's girls' basketball coach with the most wins. There will be a rally and presentation after he attains that honor. They will be contacting former players and inviting them to be part of the celebration. Mr. Merlo added that the District is really proud of him.

**Education Elements Proposal:** Mr. Merlo advised the Board that Education Elements is the company that provided fellowship for Personalized Learning. They are working with other districts in the nation and helped the District's leadership team know what personalized learning is all about. They assisted the District administrators at the conference in New Jersey. The proposal is for the company to provide their expertise in what personalized learning should be in Corcoran and help to make it systemic in the classrooms. The cost will be about \$36,000. Mr. Merlo did not want the fellowship to be in limbo, but to take it to the next level. He added that the District is ready now for the next step.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Bobby Toney** reported that he had attended the choir concert and that the students were raising money. He questioned why they were raising funds. CHS Principal Antonia Stone stated she believed it was for a field trip.

**Trustee Karen Frey** said that the KCSBA President's Dinner will be held either March 7 or 14. The group has not yet confirmed where it is going to be held.

## **CFA REPORT**

## **CSEA REPORT**

## **INTERDISTRICT APPROVED FOR LEBER**

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement for David Leber III, second grade, to attend Martin Luther King School in Hanford Elementary School District through June 30, 2016.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Patty Robertson*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

## **FIRST HEARING OF BP 6152.1 – PLACEMENT IN MATHEMATICS COURSES**

The Board held the first hearing of Board Policy 6152.1 – Placement in Mathematics Courses.

## **FREY CHOSEN AS KCSBA REP**

Mary Wadsworth nominated Karen Frey and the Board voted to approve appointing Mrs. Frey as a representative to the Kings County School Board Association.

*Motion: Mary Wadsworth*

*Second: Robert Alcorn*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1174 – INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES**

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1174 – Informal Bidding Procedures.

*Motion: Mary Wadsworth*

*Second: Karen Frey*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1175 – KINGS COUNTY FINANCE STATEMENT**

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1175 – Kings County Director of Finance's Statement of Investment Policy and Delegating Investment Authority to the Kings County Director of Finance.

*Motion: Bobby Toney*

*Second: Mary Wadsworth*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1176 – EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT**

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1176 – 2015-2016 Education Protection Account.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Bobby Toney*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

### **PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2015-16 #10**

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2015-16 #10.

*Motion: Mary Wadsworth*

*Second: Patty Robertson*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

### **ADDED TIME FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER'S HOURS**

The Board voted to approve ratification of the Recommendation of the District Superintendent Concerning Addition of Particular Kinds of Service: Increase one (1) 0.72 FTE to 0.75 FTE, 6 hours/180 days, Sign Language Interpreter.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Bobby Toney*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

### **MEETINGS**

1. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the Tech Building
2. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room
3. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
4. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION at 6:41 p.m.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Alcorn returned the Board meeting to open session at 7:28 p.m. He announced out that:

### **EXPULSIONS**

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2015-16/04 for the remainder of the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters and then suspend the expulsion with placement at Corcoran Academy. Counseling is recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2016.
2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2015-16/05 for the remainder of the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Transportation to and from school is the parent's responsibility. Counseling is recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2016.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Bobby Toney*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn

**ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 7:29 p.m.**

*Motion: Mary Wadsworth*

*Second: Bobby Toney*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Karen Frey, Patty Robertson, Bobby Toney, Mary Wadsworth, Robert Alcorn