

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 10, 2012  
6:32 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Wadsworth, President of the Board, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Marie Cates, Ed Ochoa, Ken Spencer, Mike Anderson, Lora Cartwright, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Mendoza, Jack Schreuder, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board approved the agenda for the January 10, 2012 Board meeting.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board voted to approve the following items:

- Approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 9, 2011
- Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2011
- Approved the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting of December 13, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 22, 2011
- Warrant register for December 9, 2011 for \$382,507.91
- December 16, 2011 for \$26,538.51
- December 21, 2011 for \$75,170.02

Williams Quarterly Reports for First and Second Quarters of 2011-12

Student Long Distance and/or Overnight Trip:

- a. A trip for 46 High School Manufacturing Class students and Advisor Alisa Gomez to tour Universal Technical Institute on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Sacramento. Charter bus transportation and expenses to be paid by Ag Manufacturing Monies and WIA Grant.
- b. A trip for 93 Mark Twain students and teachers Gabriela Cruz, Celina Perez and Sara Christie to Hearst Castle in San Simeon on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Charter bus transportation and expenses to be paid by class fundraisers and CAST.

Staff Development Trips:

- a. A trip for District staff members Steve Brown, Chuck Gent, Ken Spencer, Lora Cartwright, Elizabeth Mendoza, Susan Lantz, Shellie Escobedo, Kristina Seaman, Rich Lane and Mandi Powell to the Digging Deeper into the Common Core Standards Workshop to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7 and 8, 2012 in Las Vegas. Transportation will be by District Van and/or personal vehicles and expenses to be paid by Site Categorical and District Instructional Materials funds.
- b. A trip for Fremont teachers Brooke Davis, Janet Hansen, Clara Crane, and Donna Bartron to Common Core State Standards Math to be held Mondays, January 23 and 30, 2012 at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by Title I funds.
- c. A trip for Mark Twain teachers Kellie Jones, Lisa Coleman, Brent Cooper and Leanne Shellhamer to Common Core Standards Professional Development in ELA to be held on Wednesdays, January 25 and February 8, 2012, at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by Economic Impact Aid-LEP.
- d. A trip for Mark Twain teachers John Haley, Celina Perez, Stephanie Gomes and Tiffany Vera to Common Core Standards Professional Development in Mathematics to be held Wednesdays, February 22 and 29, 2012, at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by Economic Impact Aid-LEP.
- e. A trip for Mark Twain staff members RaeAnn Boyett, Susan Lantz, Laurie Martin, Linda Agudo, Tiffany Vera, Stephanie Gomes and Kellie Jones to Next Step...Summary and Persuasive Writing Strategies to be held Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Tulare County Office of Education in Visalia, to be paid by Economic Impact Aid-LEP.

- f. A trip for John Muir teachers Karen Williams, Maria Green, Teresa Carlos, Stephanie Loopstra and Rick Bearfield to Vocabulary: The Key to Unlock Content and Comprehension Grades 6-12 to be held Thursday, February 16, 2012 in Visalia, to be paid by English Language Learners funds.
- g. A trip for John Muir teachers Lupita Fields and Greg Connelly to Next Step...Summary and Persuasive Writing to be held Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Tulare County Office of Education in Visalia, to be paid by Title I funds.
- h. A trip for John Muir teachers Lupita Fields and Greg Connelly to Next Step...Response to Literature and Narrative Strategies to be held Friday, January 27, 2012, at Tulare County Office of Education in Visalia, to be paid by Title I funds.
- i. A trip for John Muir teachers Rick Bearfield and Greg Connelly to Success-Oriented Behavior Management to be held Tuesdays, January 17, 24 and 31, 2012, at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by Title I funds.
- j. A trip for John Muir teacher Teresa Carlos to English Learner Institute to be held Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Visalia, to be paid by English Language Learners fund.
- k. A trip for John Muir teacher Maria Green to Math Common Core Standards Grades 6-7 to be held Thursdays, February 23 and March 1, 2012, at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by English Language Learners fund.
- l. A trip for John Muir staff Wendi Hulbert, Marisa Martin, LeeAnne Lucio and Steve Berry to ELA Grades 6-8 California Common Core Standards to be held Fridays, February 24 and March 2, 2012, at KCOE Lemoore, to be paid by English Language Learners fund.

*Motion: Steve White*

*Second: Karen Frey*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Solar Project:** Superintendent Rich Merlo reviewed the updated Google maps outlining areas that would include proposed solar panels and equipment. The District had previously reviewed proposed placement of the panels with the Board of Trustees and principals. While the Board and District would prefer more roof placement, receiving permission from DSA to place panels on any roofs over buildings that contain children would be a difficult and long process. In the new maps, there would be panels on the roofs over the District Office boardroom and portions of the maintenance building. The boardroom and maintenance building roofs would need to be repaired before panels are placed on them, but that is something that already needed to be done due to leaks. At Bret Harte, the trees on the east side of the parking lot will need to be removed, but hedges will be planted to add to the aesthetics of the campus. A ground installation is being proposed just north of and alongside the Sherman Ave. fence. It will be bordered by hedges and fence. Jack Schreuder, Director of MOT, noted that the District is trying to take up the least amount of ground space in placing the units. Changes made to the High School plan include a large shade section in the quad and enlarging the one planned for the triangle section of the quad. They will allow more shaded areas for the students to gather. One issue to the largest section is that the large, old Eucalyptus tree will need to be removed. Mr. Schreuder said that while no one wanted to have the tree removed, there are also issues of its roots causing problems in the nearby buildings. At Fremont, there are two proposed shade sections over the paved play areas at the north side of the grounds. A ground installation is also being planned along the North Ave. fence at the northern section of the campus. Again, the ground units would be bordered by fences and hedges. The company is unable to place shade units over Fremont's parking lot in front of the school as there is not enough room between the street and the parking lot. John Muir's site will include a shaded structure just north of the K wing and a ground installation in a large area west of Cooper Hall. Board members inquired about the expense of changing that area to a shaded structure with parking provided underneath the carports. There was a change for the Technology Learning Center meter. The proposal is for a shade structure to be installed on the south side of the Ag welding building that would feed that meter.

**AFJROTC Nationals:** Mr. Merlo announced that Corcoran High School's Air Force Jr. ROTC Marksmanship Team qualified to compete in the Air Force National Finals at Camp Perry in Ohio this February.

**Apple Distinguished School:** Mr. Merlo revealed that John Muir Middle School has been selected as one of 56 schools nationwide to be an Apple Distinguished School. They will be receiving the honor from Apple dignitaries at the next Board meeting.

**Bond:** Mr. Merlo advised the Board that the District is under a deadline to have a map drawn outlining an area within the District that would be included on a bond measure. He asked the Board if the project continued would they prefer the measure being included on the June or November ballots. Karen Frey and Robert Alcorn preferred the November ballot stating it would be a bigger draw due to the presidential election, while Mary Wadsworth preferred the June ballot as she felt it had a better chance of passing at that election.

## CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT

CBO Marie Cates reported that the kick-off E-Rate meeting between CUSD staff and representatives from AMS.net took place. The project will include re-cabling at all the sites. Mr. Brown noted that all work will be done after 4 p.m. so there will be a minimal loss of service.

## TRUSTEES REPORTS

**Trustee Karen Frey** reminded the Board members to save the date of March 26 at 6 p.m. for the Kings County School Board Association's annual dinner, which will be held in Lemoore this year.

**Trustee Mary Wadsworth** read correspondence from West Hills Community College for an event and also a request for donations to West Hills Community College scholarships. She also stated there would be a California Teachers Association dinner recognizing Board members on February 23.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo:

- a. A trip for 64 High School AFJROTC members and guests along with advisors Colonel Palmer and Master Sergeant Guevara to the CECA Cadet Military Ball to be held Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno. Requested bus transportation and expenses to be paid by Cadet Activities funds.
- b. A trip for 255 Fremont third grade students and teachers Mrs. Ramirez, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Fierro, Ms. Williams, Miss Calderon, Mrs. Lerma, Miss Crane, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Bartron and Mr. Parker to Farm Day at Kings County Fairgrounds in Hanford on Thursday, March 8, 2012. Bus transportation to be paid by Kings County Farm Bureau.

## RESOLUTION NO. 1066 – INFORMATION BIDDING PROCEDURES

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1066 – Informal Bidding Procedures.

*Motion: Robert Alcorn                      Second: Steve White*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

## RESOLUTION NO. 1067 – CUSD 457 PLAN AMENDMENT

The Board voted to approve ratification of Resolution No. 1067 – Amendment to Corcoran Unified School District 457 Plan. There will be no fiscal impact to the District.

*Motion: Karen Frey                      Second: Robert Alcorn*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

## RESOLUTION NO. 1068 - MID-YEAR TRANS

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1068 – Mid-Year TRANS. Mrs. Cates noted that the amount of the TRANS appears to be \$4,390,000 and will help provide cash to finish the year. The need of cash is due to the large number of deferrals from the State.

*Motion: Karen Frey                      Second: Steve White*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

## PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2011-12 #8

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2011-12 #8.

*Motion: Robert Alcorn                      Second: Steve White                      Board Vote: 5-0*

## MEETINGS

- ~~1. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3. Cancelled due to lack of need.~~
2. Board site visit to High School and Kings Lake on January 24, 2012 at 8 a.m.
3. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room
4. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3
- ~~5. Human Resources Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room Postponed -- TBA.~~

## THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:05 p.m.

### CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:30 p.m. She announced out that the Board reviewed Personnel Matters and gave direction to the Superintendent.

### EXPULSIONS

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/13 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Anger management counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.
2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/14 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Anger management and drug counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.
3. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/15 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.

*Motion: Robert Alcorn*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

### ADJOURNMENT was at 8:32 p.m.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez*

*Board Vote: 5-0*