

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2011
6:31 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 6:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Ed Ochoa, Marie Cates, Chuck Gent, Ken Spencer, Mike Anderson, Elizabeth Mendoza, Mary Taylor and Donnetta Murray.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wadsworth welcomed those present and led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for January 11, 2011 with change of wording in P.3. to Acceptable (Responsible) Use Agreement and addition of iPod Touch User Agreement.

Motion: Steve White Second: Karen Frey Board Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING – SARC EXTENSION WAIVER

The Public Hearing to discuss a General Waiver Request for the Extension of SARC Posting was opened at 6:34 p.m. Due to budget and staffing reductions, the California State Board of Education would not be able to fill in some of the data that typically is provided to districts as they prepare their SARCs. The extension will allow the extra time for the District to obtain the data needed to fill in the forms. The Public Hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 14, 2010
- Approved the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting of December 14, 2010
- Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 23, 2010
- Purchase Order Numbers 110708 - 110779
- Warrant register for December 10, 2010 for \$431,472.21
- December 17, 2010 for \$120,808.44
- December 27, 2010 for \$33,552.90
- January 3, 2011 for \$36,781.24

Motion: Karen Frey Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

QEIA: Superintendent Rich Merlo updated the Board on the QEIA standings. In order to guarantee funds for this year and next year, the District is going to have to make some staffing changes. Fremont and Mark Twain will need additional positions to keep the class size at the required ratio. The High School may need another math teacher and perhaps purchase some prep periods, but the District is not sure at this time. Principal Mike Anderson handed out the flyers that were sent home to parents regarding a "Soaring Eagles" program. If approved by the Board, two new accelerated classes taught by two temporary teachers will be offered to qualifying students. It will be the parents' choice on whether to enroll their students in the new fourth and fifth grade classes. In addition, the Mark Twain resource teacher will team teach this semester to help the school reach its ratio.

AR 4131: Administrative Regulation 4131 – Staff Development adds details to the proposed Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development.

Doug Reeves Conference: Mr. Merlo will be presenting at the upcoming Doug Reeves Workshop in Fresno. He is sharing with the group Corcoran Unified's Vision page and non-negotiables.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT

Chief Business Officer Marie Cates reported that Prison Industry Authority will not be able to help with refurbishing the auditorium seats at this time since this particular program has been cut at the prisons.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey reported that Kings County School Boards Association had elections. Jeff Garner will be the new president, while Vicky Stanfield is the vice president. Mrs. Frey will be serving as treasurer. The Annual Dinner has been set for April 4 with Hanford High School District hosting the event. Dues for the current year are \$100.

STUDENT TRIPS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo

- a. A trip for a group of High School ROTC members and guests, along with Advisors Colonel Palmer and Chief Hamilton to the Central California Junior ROTC Military Ball to be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Fresno. Requested bus transportation and expenses to be paid by Cadet Funds, Air Force or Cadet Fundraiser Funds.
- b. A trip for the third grade Fremont classes of Mrs. Fierro, Mrs. Ramirez, Mr. Connelly, Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Calderon, Mrs. L. Lerma, Mrs. R. Lerma, Mr. Wright, Ms. Williams, Ms. Crane, Mrs. Westbay and Mrs. Smith and chaperones to Kings County Farm Day to be held in Hanford on Thursday, March 10, 2011. Kings County Farm Bureau will pay transportation costs.

EARLY GRADUATION APPROVED

The Board voted to approve an early graduation request from High School student Miriam Lindsey, 11th grade, to graduate in June 2011 provided she meets the District's requirements for graduation at that time.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 5-0

BOARD POLICY 4131 – STAFF DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

The Board held the second reading and voted to approve adoption of Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

WAIVER FOR SARC POSTING APPROVED

The Board voted to approve the General Waiver Request for Extension of SARC Posting (see Public Hearing).

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT USER AGREEMENTS

The Board voted to approve the Acceptable Use Policy (formerly Responsible Use Agreement and Permission Form) for the Use of Computers, Internet, Gmail, Google Application, Mobile Devices and Internet Applications, as well as the Device (formerly iPad) User Agreement and iPod Touch User Agreement. Mrs. Wadsworth informed the Board that she had met with Steve Brown requesting changes on the user policies for student and staff use of technology equipment. Some changes were made in the "damage section" of the iPad agreement. In substance, most of the document is the same with a few changes to verbiage.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

FRESNO PACIFIC STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT

The Board voted to approve a Student Teaching Agreement with Fresno Pacific University.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2010#05

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11#05.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

FREMONT TEMPORARY POSITION

The Board voted to approve one Fremont third grade temporary teaching position (January through June 2011) to be paid by QEIA funds.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 5-0

MARK TWAIN TEMPORARY POSITIONS

The Board voted to approve one Mark Twain fourth grade temporary teaching position and one Mark Twain fifth grade temporary teaching position (both positions from January through June 2011) to be paid by General Fund.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

TEMPORARY HIGH SCHOOL MATH POSITION APPROVED

The Board voted to approve one High School Math temporary teaching position (January through June 2011) to be paid by QEIA funds.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRIP FOR CARLOS-CONTRERAS

The Board voted to approve a trip for John Muir EL Coach Teresa Carlos-Contreras to *Thinking Map Training* to be held Wednesday through Friday, February 2-4, 2011, and Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9, 2011 in Costa Mesa, to be paid by Categorical ELAP funds.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRIP FOR SCHREUDER

The Board voted to approve a trip for Jack Schreuder, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, to *C.A.S.H. Conference on School Facilities* to be held Monday through Thursday, February 21-23, 2011 in Sacramento, to be paid by General Fund.

Motion: Steve White

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS TRAINING FOR SUPERINTENDENT

The Board voted to approve a trip for Superintendent Rich Merlo to *Instructional Rounds Training* to be held Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in Sacramento, to be paid by Staff Development funds.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENTS SYMPOSIUM TRIP APPROVED

The Board voted to approve a trip for Superintendent Rich Merlo to *ACSA Superintendents Symposium* to be held Wednesday through Friday, January 26-28, 2011 in Monterey, to be paid by General Fund.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Karen Frey

Board Vote: 5-0

MEETINGS

1. Human Resource Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
2. Budget Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 4 p.m. in Technology Learning Center
3. Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
4. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room
5. iPads Orientation for Parents and Students, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18 and 19, 2011 in Technology Learning Center

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 7:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:07 p.m. She announced out the following:

EXPULSIONS

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2010-11/24 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2011.

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

2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2010-11/25 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2011.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Karen Frey Board Vote: 5-0

READMITS

EH 2009-10/13
EH 2009-10/14
EH 2009-10/21
EH 2009-10/22
EH 2009-10/30

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

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:08 p.m.

Motion: Karen Frey Second: Steve White Board Vote: 5-0