

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2011
6:34 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 6:34 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Steve Brown, Ed Ochoa, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Mendoza, Chuck Gent, Lora Cartwright, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for October 11, 2011 Board meeting.

Motion: Karen Frey Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM

Valbina Medina and John Coronado spoke to the Board regarding an item in Closed Session regarding a student matter.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board voted to approve the following items:

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
- Purchase Order Numbers 120477 - 120532
- Warrant register for September 23, 2011 for \$247,198.01
- Payroll warrants register for September 30, 2011 for \$1,378,053.35
- Student Long Distance or Overnight Trips:

- a. A trip for approximately 60 High School Academic Achievers and Advisor Curt Rowe to the UCLA College Fair and Football Game on Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Los Angeles. Charter bus and all expenses paid by Academic Boosters.
- b. A trip for nine High School Ag students and Advisor Alisa Gomez to the Cal Poly Fall Preview to be held Friday, October 14, in San Luis Obispo. Requested van transportation and other expenses to be paid by Carl Perkins funds.
- c. A trip for three High School FFA students (two are graduates) and Advisor Alisa Gomez to the National FFA Convention to be held Wednesday through Saturday, October 19-22, 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requested van transportation to Bakersfield airport, air flight, rental vehicle in Indianapolis and all other expenses to be paid by Carl Perkins and Ag Incentive funds.

Staff Development Trips

- a. A trip for CBO Marie Cates to the CASBO CBO Symposium to be held Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, 2011 in Monterey, to be paid by General Fund.
- b. A trip for Bret Harte Principal Elizabeth Mendoza to the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) Training for Administrators on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13, 2011 and Saturday, March 10, 2012 in Fresno, to be paid by Pre-school funds.
- c. A trip for Bret Harte teacher Jennifer Van Essen to the Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing Workshop on Monday through Wednesday, October 24-26, 2011 in San Luis Obispo, to be paid by Special Education Fund and General Fund.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Student representative Mara Cristaldo, a foreign exchange student from Brazil, reported that homecoming week would take place the following week and provided the Board a schedule of activities. The High School is having Club Rush to promote clubs on campus. Both Volleyball and Tennis would be hosting matches, while Football would be playing in Orosi.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Bond Discussion: Director of Educational Services Steve Brown, sitting in for the absent superintendent, started the discussion on the possibility of placing a bond on a ballot in 2012. He informed the Board that Bond Advisor Jon Isom would be willing to come speak to them. President Mary Wadsworth noted that there would need to be a conversation on whether to incorporate those living outside the city limits to be part of the bond. Trustee Robert Alcorn added that there would need to be discussion on what to actually do with the bond monies if it passed. Mrs. Wadsworth gave three examples. GO Bonds could be used to improve the General fund health, which she is against but it could be tied in with a solar system. GO Bonds could be used to offset Deferred Maintenance costs. Mrs. Wadsworth said she would definitely support a bond effort for that area. And lastly, GO Bond dollars could be used to fund technology needs. The Board made a decision to have a bond workshop prior to one of the next two Board meetings.

Principals' Summit Report: Mr. Brown informed the Board that each site's team gave an overview of goals for their site. One of the key issues discussed at the summit was the Problem of Practice for each school.

iPad Training for Staff: Mr. Brown reported that there have been several days of staff development for iPads, including sessions for John Muir seventh grade teachers, and High School's Math and Science teachers.

Of Mice and Men: A trip request for Block 9 students to attend a production for "Of Mice and Men" in Visalia will appear on the next Board agenda as a ratification. The teachers just gained knowledge of the event.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey stated that Instructional Rounds were part of the recent Curriculum Sub-Committee. She would like to see the Board use it as they visit the classrooms in the upcoming future. Additionally, she has been nominated to represent Kings County on the California School Board Association.

Trustee Robert Alcorn: Mr. Alcorn noted that he and Mrs. Frey attended the KCSBA/ACSA Fall Conference. He said it was a very good conference with break-out sessions. He attended a session on Core Standards that was very interesting. He said that it enforced that the District is on the right track with technology as that will become part of State testing. Fremont Principal Lora Cartwright added that school volunteer Cindy Hair was honored at the event.

TRIPS APPROVED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Information Item – Student Trip approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo:

- a. A trip for approximately 60 High School AFJROTC cadets and Advisor Colonel Mike Palmer to the Blue Angels Practice Air Show to be held Friday, October 14, 2011 at Naval Air Station Lemoore. Requested bus transportation and expenses to be paid by USAF Curriculum in Action funds.

SMITH INTERDISTRICT APPROVED

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Alpaugh Unified School District for Mykala Smith, first grade, to attend Bret Harte School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 4-0

TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR LERMA

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Hanford Joint Union High School District for Robert Lerma, 10th grade, to attend Corcoran High School for the 2011-12 school year.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

ADMINISTRATORS ASSIGNED TO EVALUATE

The Board voted to approve the Annual Certification of Competency for Administrators Assigned to Evaluate Instructional Personnel.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 4-0

GASB 45 COMPLIANT VALUATION

The Board voted to approve a contract with Total Compensation Systems, Inc. for a GASB 45 Compliant Valuation.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

OBSOLETE MARK TWAIN EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED

The Board voted to approve discarding obsolete equipment from Mark Twain School.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

AB1200 REPORTS FOR THREE EMPLOYEE GROUPS

The Board voted to approve the AB1200 Report – Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreements for 2011-12 with Corcoran Faculty Association, California School Employees #214, and Confidential/Management Employees. Each group will see a small increase in the Health and Welfare cap. The total amount of expense to the District will be \$9,525.44.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Karen Frey

Board Vote: 4-0

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2011-12 #4

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2011-12 #4.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

MEETINGS

1. Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
2. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
3. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Schedule Bond Workshop.
2. Schedule visitations of school sites.
3. Review traffic laws concerning buses passing on the right and speed of buses.
4. Extra-curricular activities – chaperoning students after events.

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 7:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 7:40 p.m. She announced out the following:

EXPULSIONS

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/06 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services for Anger Management are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0 –1 Abstention (Robert Alcorn)

2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/07 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Counseling services for Anger Management and Gang Affiliation are recommended. The student will be placed on a gang contract at Mission. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 4-0

3. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/08 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services for Anger Management and Gang Affiliation are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2012.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 7:43 p.m.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 4-0