

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 13, 2011  
6:35 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 6:35 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, Chuck Gent, Elizabeth Mendoza, Mary Taylor, Lora Cartwright, Belle Leal, Pamela Dihel, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board approved the agenda for the December 13, 2011 Board meeting.

*Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez                      Second: Karen Frey                      Board Vote: 5-0*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board voted to approve the following items:

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 22, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 8, 2011 at 5 p.m.
- Purchase Order Numbers 120697 - 120759
- Warrant register for November 18, 2011 for \$203,820.33  
December 2, 2011 for \$157,861.94
- Payroll warrants register for November 30, 2011 for \$1,494,507.52
- Student Long Distance and/or Overnight Trip:
  - a. A trip for 24 High School Theatre Club students and Advisors Margie Hemans and Monica Toriz to see "Wicked" at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Charter bus transportation to be paid by Theatre Club with students paying for theatre tickets.
  - b. A trip for 12 High School Girls Basketball Team members, Coach White and two parents to the West Coast Jamboree Girls Basketball Tournament to be held Tuesday through Friday, December 27-30, 2011 in Antioch. Rooms to be paid by Boosters Club and entry fees to be paid by High School Athletics Fund.
  - c. A trip for 62 Mark Twain fourth grade students and teachers RaeAnn Boyett and Melissa Brewer to Sacramento Field Trip on Thursday, January 29, 2012. AMTRAK transportation and other expenses to be paid by fundraiser and CAST.
  - d. (Ratification) A trip for two High School Cross Country runners and Coach Isaias Ramirez to the Footlocker West Regionals XC Championships for Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 2011 in Walnut. Cross Country funds paid hotel rooms, students paid own entry fees and High School General Fund paid for substitute teacher.
- Staff Development Trips:
  - a. A trip for Chief Business Officer Marie Cates to the Governor's Budget Workshop to be held Monday and Tuesday, January 16-17, 2012 in Sacramento, to be paid by General Fund.
  - b. A trip for Fremont staff members Ximena Schimpf, Jan Westbay, Diana Calderon, Amy Perryman, Susan Williams, Judy Fierro, Pearl Prins and Mandi Powell to the California Common Core State Standards Professional Development in Lemoore on Monday, February 6, 2012 and Thursday, February 9, 2012, to be paid by Title I funds.
  - c. A trip for High School Band Director Chad McCoy to the All State Band Convention to be held Thursday through Sunday, February 16-19, 2012 in Fresno, to be paid by District Music Budget.

*Motion: Robert Alcorn*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Instructional Rounds:** There was not an update on Instructional Rounds.

**Music Programs:** Superintendent Rich Merlo reported that High School Band Director Chad McCoy has done an excellent job of building the music program in the District. The High School recently had its Winter Concert. The new John Muir Band Director Gerard Perrault has been very enthusiastic and has been able to get parents involved as well as students excited about band. There is also a large group of students in Mark Twain's program.

## **CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT**

CBO Marie Cates introduced Pam Dihel, who is the new Administrative Assistant for Fiscal Services. Mrs. Dihel had been in the payroll and budget analysis position at Reef Sunset School District in Avenal. She has also participated in CBO Boot Camp. President Mary Wadsworth welcomed Mrs. Dihel to the District.

## **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN REVIEW**

Bret Harte Principal Elizabeth Mendoza reviewed the new State mandated Transitional Kindergarten Program. California is one of only four states where students are allowed to start school with fifth-year birthdates as late as December. Not all students are ready for kindergarten at age four and in an effort to eventually have September 2 as the cut-off date for students to turn five years, the State has established a transitional kindergarten program beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. For 2012-2013, students turning five years between November 2 and December 2 will be in transitional kindergarten, which is the first of a two-year kindergarten program for those students only. The classes will offer developmentally appropriate curriculum that is aligned with Kindergarten standards and will be taught by credentialed teachers. It gives the younger students an additional year of preparation so they enter kindergarten more prepared to learn and succeed. The program will be phased in over three years and will be fully implemented by 2014 when all starting kindergarten students will need to be five years by September 1. For 2012-13, all students turning five in November must go into Transitional Kindergarten, while those with fifth-year birthdates in September and October may start Transitional Kindergarten but are not required. Mrs. Mendoza said the program does not "compete" for students with pre-schools because of the eligibility age requirements. Mrs. Mendoza expects 20-30 students from the month of November to qualify for transitional kindergarten next year. The curriculum, which will be designed locally, will be based on California pre-kindergarten and kindergarten standards. It will be a more developmental approach with no time pressures, but also focused on the skills needed to be successful the following year in regular kindergarten. The curriculum will feature a focus on reading and writing skills, number sense and problem solving for math, physical development with large and fine motor skills, social/emotional development in a supportive environment, and assessments. Parent involvement will be an important aspect of transitional kindergarten. Mrs. Mendoza said they will work to build a parent-to-parent communication system and provide opportunity for parent involvement in the program. DIBLES will confirm the placement of students and provide guidance for interventions. She added that selecting a qualified teacher willing to be a pioneer with high expectations, but mindful of child development pedagogy will be a priority.

## **INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENTS APPROVED**

The Board voted to approve interdistrict agreements for Yadira Mendoza, fifth grade, Annahi Gomez, fourth grade, and Yazmin Murillo, first grade, to Tipton School for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

## **INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENTS FOR TORRES FAMILY**

The Board voted to approve interdistrict agreements for Fraida Torres, fourth grade, and Enrique Torres, kindergarten, to Tipton School for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

## **NOMINATION OF KAREN FREY FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

The Board voted to approve nomination of Karen Frey as a delegate to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014.

*Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez                      Second: Robert Alcorn                      Board Vote: 5-0*

## **CERTIFICATION OF COACHES**

The Board voted to approve John Muir Middle School and High School Certification of Coaches for 2011-2012.

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

## **SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

The Board voted to approve Single Plans for Student Achievement for Bret Harte School, John C. Fremont School, Mark Twain School, John Muir Middle School and Corcoran High School.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

## **DONATIONS APPROVED**

The Board voted to approve acceptance of the following donations: Kings County Office of Education, \$500 for band program; Corcoran Community Foundation, \$750 for tickets to hear Former First Lady Laura Bush at West Hills College for High School students; and Classroom Jeopardy, \$500 for Classroom Jeopardy Electronic Game.

*Motion: Robert Alcorn*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

## **BOARD APPROVED FIRST INTERIM OF 2011-2012 BUDGET**

The Board voted to approve the 2011-2012 First Interim Report. The First Interim received a positive certification, which means the District will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. In the combined Unrestricted/Restricted budget, revenues are predicted to be \$304,335 less than originally budgeted, while expenditures are expected to be \$1,127,517 more. Mrs. Cates noted that she had just received information that the expected mid-year cuts for ADA of \$803,364 were reduced to about \$40,000. There was an increase in the District's ADA of 30 students to total 3,082. It is projected that the District will receive only 80 cents on the dollar for money owed by the State. The First Interim estimate for the fund balance shows a decrease of \$2,284,419, but that is with the larger amount for the mid-year trigger for ADA cuts. The projected fund balance for 2012-13 is >\$37,879, but that does not include an anticipated trigger from the State. With the loss of QEIA revenue but retaining the QEIA teachers, the projected fund balance for 2013-14 is >\$1,716,072. Cash flow for the current year could become a problem as the District is expected to be short >\$4,533,150 in June and will not be able to make payroll because of State deferrals. Mrs. Cates is working on a mid-year TRANS to keep the District on keel throughout that period.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1065 – BUDGET REVISIONS**

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1065 - Budget Revisions for 2011-2012.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez*

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1064 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1064 - Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Money:

0100 – General Fund

1200 – Child Development Fund

1300 – Cafeteria Fund

1400 – Deferred Maintenance Fund

2500 – CAPPROJ – Developer Fee Fund

3500 – School Facility Program

4000 – Special Reserves for Capital Projects

5600 – Debt Service Fund

*Motion: Robert Alcorn*

*Second: Steve White*

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

## **TWO ADDITIONAL JOHN MUIR STAFF**

The Board voted to approve two 3½ hour paraprofessionals for John Muir Middle School low reader intervention paid by Title I funds.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

### **TUTORS FOR JOHN MUIR MATH**

The Board voted to approve four High School students to tutor John Muir Middle School After School Math students paid by Title I funds.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

### **PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2011-12 #7**

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2011-12 #7.

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Robert Alcorn*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

### **MEETINGS**

1. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
2. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3.
3. Board site visit to High School and Kings Lake on January 24, 2012 at 8 a.m.
4. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room
5. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3

### **THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:09 p.m.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 9:41 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 2011-12/10 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Drug 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 2011-12/11 for the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. 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 2011-12/12 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: Mary Gonzales-Gomez*

*Board Vote: 5-0*

### **ADJOURNMENT was at 9:45 p.m.**

*Motion: Karen Frey*

*Second: Steve White*

*Board Vote: 5-0*