

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2010
6:43 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 6:43 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, Mike Anderson, Ken Spencer, Chuck Gent, Lora Cartwright, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Mendoza, Belle Leal, Sid Palmerin, Roman Gomez, Anthony Gracian, Jeanette Todd, Donnetta Murray and others.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wadsworth welcomed those present and led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for December 14, 2010.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 23, 2010 with the following changes: under Trustee Reports - Board member Karen Frey was "part of the Bret Harte Community Parent Volunteer Committee" that baked 61 pumpkin breads for staff thanking them for their service to the students; and under Closed Session, it was Vice President Steve White who returned the Board to Open Session, not President Robert Alcorn as stated. Trustee Gonzales-Gomez abstained from the vote on minutes.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 4-1(abstention)

The Board:

Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2010

Purchase Order Numbers 110660 - 110708

Warrant register for November 19, 2010 for \$65,945.72

December 3, 2010 for \$315,221.73

Payroll warrants register for November 30, 2010 for \$1,531,690.38

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Karen Frey

Board Vote: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PIQUE Graduation: Principal Chuck Gent reported that 49 parents graduated from the PIQUE program. All of the graduates were Spanish speakers. Mr. Gent felt that the parents gained a lot of knowledge from the PIQUE classes and he hopes there will be two sessions next time.

Instructional Rounds: Superintendent Rich Merlo recently returned from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he represented California with four other superintendents of similar districts and personnel from California Department of Education at an Instructional Rounds Seminar. Mr. Merlo stated he learned a lot about rounds and how to observe teaching practices in a very clinical way. He is starting the practice in Corcoran Unified. As part of the California contingency, Mr. Merlo and other Corcoran Unified administrators will participate in training in Sacramento as well as visit other schools in the other districts for instructional rounds and open one of Corcoran's schools to a group trained in instructional rounds.

C.O.S. MOU: Mr. Merlo has spoken to Dr. Bill Scroggins of College of the Sequoias regarding concerns. The two entities came to the same conclusion, which is to use the High School staff along with C.O.S. staff helping for counseling prospective C.O.S. students. C.O.S. will train Corcoran staff for C.O.S. deadlines and its process. The MOU is currently being rewritten with adjustments to meet both needs.

Kings County Health Agreement: Superintendent Merlo advised the Board that the Kings County Health Agreement has been updated. The agreement is with the County's health department and other districts in the county. It is for immunization and gives instructions for the District using its own nurse and resources. The District is to keep records, also.

AR 5118 – Open Enrollment Transfers: The Administrative Regulation details the particulars in the Board Policy 5118, which is mandated by the State for Open Enrollment Transfers.

Mark Twain iTouch Program: Steve Brown, Director of Educational Services, informed the Board that Mark Twain has rolled out the first carts of iTouches as part of its technology plan. The Academic Technology Coach accompanied the carts to each classroom. Mr. Brown stated the students were very excited and thrilled with the iTouches. Kathi Felder is training them on cyber safety, how to use earphones and microphones. One of the focuses in use of the iTouches will be fluency in reading. The students will record their voices while reading, and then be able to listen to their voices. They will send their best effort to the teacher. There will be a variety of Apps for their use, such as weather and exploring the world.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT

CBO Marie Cates reported that the audit is done and will be reported at an upcoming Board meeting. Jack Schreuder's crew is almost finished repairing the restrooms at the Ag Farm.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey attended a Curriculum Sub-Committee meeting on core standards based on national standards. The new assessment will not be available until 2014 or 2015. The District will still have to buy books even if standards are not being set. All principals have iPads, while teachers are meeting once a week training for iPads. The iPads will be introduced to the classrooms in January and will be going home with students in February. There will be parental instruction for iPads.

Kings County School Board Association's annual dinner will be hosted by Hanford High School District in April. She mentioned that KCSBA meetings are not getting a lot of participation from the various districts in the county.

2010-2011 WILLIAMS REPORT

Steve Brown reported that the findings stated that all four schools (High School, John Muir, Mark Twain and Fremont) had sufficient books and instructional materials. All facilities are in good repair with Mark Twain at exemplary. There were a few repair items, but all had been fixed. The SARC reports met all requirements. On Teacher Misassignment – only Mark Twain had an exception with a teacher that did not have EL authorization.

STUDENT TRIPS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo

- a. A trip for 30 Block 9 students from Kings Lake and staff members Mel Parker, Wendy Rivas and Ruthie Silva to Kings County Bowl in Hanford on Thursday, December 16. Teachers will be paying for the requested use of three school vans.
- b. A trip for High School wrestling team, Coach Justin Woltz and chaperones Ray and Diane Gomez to Chukchansi Invitational (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, 2010 in Madera, to be paid by Corcoran Wrestling Fund. The use of one van is requested.
- c. A trip for High School wrestling team, Coach Justin Woltz and chaperones Ray and Diane Gomez to Zinkin Classic Tournament (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, 2010 at Buchanan High School in Clovis. Use of school van and expenses to be paid by Wrestling Fund.
- d. A trip for two High School wrestlers and Coach Justin Woltz to Doc Buchanan Invitational (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8, 2011 in Clovis. Fees to be paid by Wrestling Fund.
- e. A trip for High School wrestling team, Coach Justin Woltz and chaperone Ray Gomez to Kern County Invitational (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Friday and Saturday, January 14 and 15, 2011 at Centennial High School in Bakersfield. Requested van and expenses to be paid by Wrestling Fund.
- f. A trip for High School wrestling team, Coach Justin Woltz and chaperones Ray and Diane Gomez to C.I.T. Tournament (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22, 2011 at Morro Bay High School in Morro Bay. Requested use of two vans and expenses to be paid by Wrestling Fund.

- g. A trip for High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team and coaches White and Noble to the West Coast Jamboree Basketball Tournament (a CIF sanctioned event) to be held Monday through Thursday, December 27-30, 2010 in Antioch. Transportation and all expenses to be paid by Girls Basketball funds.

INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT – BARAJAS

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict transfer agreement with Pond School and Kern County Office of Education for Juan Barajas, 7th grade, to attend John Muir Middle School through June 30, 2011. Transportation to a bus stop is the responsibility of the parent.

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

FFA OVERNIGHT TRIP APPROVED

The Board voted to approve an overnight trip for five High School FFA members and Advisor Jennifer Ferguson to the FFA Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy to be held in Visalia on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12, 2011. Use of a van and all expenses to be paid by Ag funds.

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

ADOPTION OF BP 5118 – OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT TRANSFERS

The Board held the second reading and approved adoption of Board Policy 5118 – Open Enrollment Act Transfers. The new proposed Board policy is the result of the Romero Act. Because of the 10% clause in the Act, Mark Twain is the one school identified in the lower 1,000 schools and students could transfer out as long as it was to a school with a higher Academic Performance Index (API). All parents of that school have been notified of Mark Twain's standing.

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

EXHIBIT 5118 APPROVED

The Board voted to approve adoption of Exhibit 5118 – Open Enrollment Letter for Parents. The letter will be used as notification of the Open Enrollment Act Transfers.

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

FIRST READING OF BP 4131 – STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The first reading of Board Policy 4131 – Staff Development was held. BP 4131 is an updated policy for staff development that reflects the District's current procedures and aligns it with several grant requirements. There is a new administrative regulation that further details the staff development program. Trustee Wadsworth asked if the policy could be more reader friendly with change of the word "pedagogy."

SINGLE PLANS FOR ALL SITES APPROVED

The Board voted to approve Single Plan 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: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 5-0

FIRST INTERIM REPORT 2010-2011

The Board voted to approve the 2010-2011 First Interim Report. CBO Marie Gates reviewed the report with the Board. The report carries a positive certification. The General Fund shows a \$1,674,332 deficit in the unrestricted/restricted column, which is down \$73,132.48 from the approved budget in June. Included in the fund were deferred maintenance and instructional materials, which were not swept. In addition, H1N1 absences allowed an increase in ADA of 10 – a one-time adjustment. The Unrestricted General Fund decreased another \$428,376 for a current deficit of \$824,352. The Restricted General Fund improved from <\$1,351,489 to <\$849,979. The District is using every penny of its categorical programs carryover. There will be zero in that balance at the end of the year. Assumptions include a warning that there will be more cuts by the State. There were very little adjustments in the other funds. The estimated ADA is 3,031, while the revenue limit is \$6,355.19 per ADA. The multi-year projection is filled with unknowns at this time.

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

ADDENDUM TO PIVOT CONTRACT FOR JOHN MUIR

The Board voted to approve additional PIVOT coaching services to John Muir Middle School for \$12,500. This is an addition to the previously approved Pivot Contract for additional services to John Muir Middle School. The Consultant will work with the 6th grade Math teachers to refine/revise their pacing calendars and ensure the taught curriculum is aligned with the state standards. The plan is to train the 6th grade teachers in the process and then they will be able to continue the process on their own and share with other grade levels.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 5-0

MOU WITH TULARE COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC

The Board voted to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Tulare Community Health Clinic for Application to HRSA New Access Point Grant for the year 2011.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

2010-2011 K-3 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Board voted to approve 2010-11 Operations Application for K-3 Class Size Reduction Program.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 1021 – 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1021 – Adoption of 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Documents.

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. 1025 – ADOPTION OF BUDGET REVISIONS

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1025 – Adoption of Budget Revisions.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 1026 – CSPP-0134 AMENDMENT

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1026 – CSPP-0134 Amendment 01, Pre-School Contract.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2010-11#04

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11#04.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRIP

The Board voted to approve the following staff trip:

- a. A trip for John Muir staff members Teresa Carlos-Contreras, Karen Marchbanks, Karen Yehl, Marissa Martin, Shellie Escobedo and Keith Airheart to the *Step Up to Writing Training* to be held Wednesdays, January 19 and 26, 2011 at Tulare County Office of Education in Visalia, to be paid 50% Title III Fund and 50% General Fund.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

MEETINGS

1. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room
2. Human Resource Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
3. Budget Committee on Tuesday, January 13, 2011 at 4 p.m. in Technology Learning Center
4. Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
5. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Repair of auditorium seats – Prison Industry Authority a possibility

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:55 p.m. She announced out the following:

EXPULSIONS

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2010-11/23 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Counseling services for anger management are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of August 1, 2011.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:57 p.m.

Motion: Steve White

Second: Mary Wadsworth

Board Vote: 5-0