

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Steve White, Vice President of the Board, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Ed Ochoa, Marie Cates, Chuck Gent, Mike Anderson, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Mendoza, Gary Raper, Ken Lawson, Anthony Gracian, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President White welcomed those present and led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for February 8, 2011.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 3-0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board voted to approve the following items:

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2011
2. Approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 25, 2001 at 6 p.m.
3. Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2011
4. Purchase Order Numbers 110811 - 110863
5. Warrant register for
January 21, 2011 for \$133,285.61
January 26, 2011 for \$32,286.56
January 28, 2011 for \$54,934.95
6. Payroll warrants register for January 31, 2011 for \$1,443,231.79
7. Kings County Treasurer's Quarterly Compliance Report for the period October 1 – December 31, 2010
8. Long Distance/Overnight Student Trips:
 - a. A long distance trip for 14 High School Ag Manufacturing Class students, teacher Alisa Gomez and Frank Gomez to Cal Poly University-San Luis Obispo for a tour of the college campus and to watch a college level lab in fabrication and manufacturing on one of the following Tuesdays – February 15, February 22 or March 1, 2011, requested use of Van and Ag Department Truck to be paid by WIA Grant.
 - b. An overnight trip for three High School Future Farmers of America students and Advisor Jennifer Ferguson to the State FFA Conference to be held Sunday through Tuesday, April 16-19, 2011 in Fresno. Requested Ag Vehicle transportation and other expenses to be paid by Ag Department funds and students.
9. Staff Development Trips:
 - a. A trip for John Muir Band Director Janet Tenpas to the CBDA/CMEA Conference to be held in Fresno Friday through Sunday, February 19-20, 2011. Mrs. Tenpas will be paying for the conference and the General Fund will pay the substitute teacher for Friday.
 - b. An overnight trip for District Staff Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Chuck Gent, Ken Spencer, Elizabeth Mendoza, Mary Taylor, Lora Cartwright and Teresa Carlos-Contreras to Instructional Rounds on Sunday and Monday, February 27 and 28, 2011 in Stockton, to be paid by Principal Training Fund, Categorical Fund and Principals Development Fund.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 3-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

E-Rate Year 14 RFP: Ken Lawson, CUSD Network Systems Specialist, explained the District's E-Rate Year 14 (2011-2012) Application for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections. Mr. Lawson informed the Board that this would be the last year the District is qualified to be guaranteed the 90% Federal funding.

After this year, all schools will be put in the same pot and the money will be divided amongst all. The District's network demands have been increasing about 30% annually. There were 600 computers in 2005 and that has been boosted to 4,000 computers this year. As soon as 1:1 learning is fully established, the District's computers will number about 5,000. There has been no major infrastructure upgrade since 2006. The last time the backbone system (wiring, etc.) was upgraded was about the year 2001. The application plan is to increase the backbone from 1 GB to 10 GB fiber. Local port speed would be increased from 100 MBE to 1 GBE. Wi-Fi would be increased to 100% of all classrooms at all sites. Site offices and labs at the High School and John Muir would be rewired. Lastly, there would be an infrastructure upgrade for unified services and connectivity (phones). The hardware costs would be about \$1.9 million before E-Rate, which after a 90% discount would be about \$190,000 for all sites. Mr. Lawson said it could be less if vendors discount some of the product. Wiring and labor would be approximately 100,000 for the District after 90% of the expenses paid by E-Rate funding. Mr. Lawson believes the upgrades could last for 10 years. Superintendent Merlo said the District has put some money aside for the project.

Superintendent Symposium: Superintendent Merlo thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the ACSA Superintendents Symposium, stating that it was well worth it. He attended some workshops on budgets. The superintendents were informed that the Governor is trying to place an item on the June ballot that would extend the current taxes. They were advised to budget for a cut of at least \$350 per ADA.

Possible Resolution: Districts have been provided with a sample resolution that could be used to attend to the areas of employee compensation, restoration of programs and positions (as appropriate), and restoration of fiscal stability reserves when the District again has a positive ending balance based on fully funded revenue limit and at a time when the State fully funds the revenue limit.

AR 6164.4 and AR 6159: Both administrative regulations are for Special Education. AR 6164.4 accompanies an updated Board policy that is up for approval regarding Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education. AR 6159 details the Individualized Education Program.

CBO REPORT

Chief Business Officer Marie Cates reported on the February 1 Budget Committee Meeting. The committee met in groups that divided several prospective cuts into prioritized blocks of \$500,000 each. With four blocks, placement was according to priority and points were assigned. Receiving the most points was eliminating an administrator with 19 points. The elimination of the truant officer position had 17 points; one technology position, 16 points; one (or more) furlough days for staff and consolidate site libraries, 14 points each; reduction of one counselor, school resource officer and middle school athletic coaches, 12 points each. In-town transportation received nine points, while yard duty aides, music/band program, CHS elective of business, and the Adult Ed program each received eight points. Other possible cuts with fewer points were five teaching positions, CHS elective Art, K-3 class size reduction program, 30% reduction crossing guards, outside consultants, CHS elective Ag, learning coach and reduction in custodial help. Two of the groups suggested five furlough days, one group elected four furlough days, one group suggested one day, and the fifth group did not select any furlough days in their priority list.

STUDENT TRIPS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo

- a. A trip 25 High School Cultural Diversity/Black Student Union/DJ Club/ASB members and advisors Sandi Ashford and Angie Smith to the Black History Month Celebration at College of the Sequoias on Thursday, February 24, 2011 in Visalia, to be paid by After School Program funds.
- b. A trip for 12 John Muir advanced band members and Director Janet Tenpas to the Redwood High School Band Festival to be held in Visalia on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Requested two vans and expenses to be paid by POMS (Parents of Music Students) booster program.

INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR BRIZUELA

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Tulare Joint Union High School District for Elizabeth Brizuela to attend Corcoran High School through June 30, 2011.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 3-0

ADOPTION OF BP 6164.4 – IEP

The Board held the second hearing and voted to approve adoption of Board Policy 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 3-0

CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PART II

The Board voted to approve Consolidated Application Part II.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 3-0

KINGS COUNTY AGREEMENT FOR IMMUNIZATION

The Board voted to approve Agreement with the County of Kings regarding Immunization.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 3-0

EETT GRANT AP RATIFIED

The Board voted to approve ratification of EETT Competitive Grant Round 9 Application. It is for \$231,000.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Board Vote: 3-0

HIRING COUNSELOR

The Board approved ratification of hiring a temporary High School counselor through June 16, 2011. The High School has interviewed applicants and one of the candidates is notifying their current position that they are taking the position. The counselor will be working with College of the Sequoias and getting students ready for college.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 3-0

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2010-11#06

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11 #06.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 3-0

MEETINGS

1. Technology Sub-Committee on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3
2. Special Board Meeting – Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 2:15 in Board Room
3. Finance Sub-Committee on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
4. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room
5. Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 4 p.m. in Technology Learning Center
6. Curriculum Sub-Committee on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC#3

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 7:22 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice President White returned the Board to open session at 8:02 p.m. He announced out the following:

NEGOTIATIONS

The Board:

1. Reviewed Corcoran Faculty Association Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.
2. Reviewed California School Employees Association No. 214 Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.
3. Reviewed Management/Confidential Negotiations and gave direction to District Negotiations Team.

EXPULSIONS

The Board voted to approve the following:

1. To expel EH 2010-11/26 for the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of December 1, 2011.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 3-0

2. To expel EH 2010-11/27 for the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of December 1, 2011.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 3-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 3-0