

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2011
6:30 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 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Marie Cates, Ed Ochoa, Mike Anderson, Lora Cartwright, Mary Taylor, Ken Spencer, Lora Cartwright, Elizabeth Mendoza, Houston Vaca, 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 May 10, 2011.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board voted to approve the following items:

Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2011

Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 12, 2011

Purchase Order Numbers 111168 - 111189

Warrant register for April 26, 2011 for \$28,809.78

April 29, 2011 for \$178,045.77

May 4, 2011 for \$53,300.00

Payroll warrants register for April 29, 2011 for \$1,477,938.07

Kings County Treasurer's Quarterly Portfolio Compliance Report for January 1 through March 31, 2011

Student Long Distance/Overnight Trips

a. A trip for 66 John Muir Accelerated Reading students and Advisor Lee Lucio to Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey on Friday, May 27, 2011. Charter bus transportation to be paid by CAST.

b. A trip for 53 Mark Twain students, teachers Melissa Brewer and Lupita Fields, and chaperones to the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Charter bus and requested school van to be paid by CAST and fundraising.

8. Staff Development Trip

a. A trip for Technology Specialist II Josh Vogelgesang to the Google Migration Summit to be held Monday, May 23, 2011 in Anaheim, to be paid by EETT Staff Development funds.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Leadercast: Superintendent Rich Merlo reported that Leadercast held on May 6 was a very positive and useful tool building leaders in Corcoran Unified and other organizations. While there was the same number of subscribers, there were fewer in attendance this year. Mike Anderson, who organized the event, mentioned that the John Muir Middle School and Corcoran High School bands did another outstanding job of serving the guests and cleaning up after lunch.

Visits from Other Districts: Mr. Merlo noted that 12 administrators from Clovis Unified visited the District on May 6 to observe the iPod program for fourth and fifth grades. They particularly were checking the fluency with literacy as they might implement it in Clovis. Mr. Merlo credited the staff at Mark Twain for an outstanding job of featuring the District's program. The Clovis administrators were able to talk to

students, also. Additionally, they visited two iPad classrooms at John Muir Middle School. At one point there were five principals around one student who was showing them the Apps used for learning. The District's technology technicians and academic coach working with technology were also at both schools to answer questions. On another occasion, Orange Center School District visited John Muir to observe the iPad program, including students working on independent projects and faculty conducting teaching with the iPad. In anticipation of many visits to the John Muir campus by other districts, Learning Director Steve Berry organized a group of staff volunteers to paint the B and K wings as well as the music room on a Saturday in an effort to spiff up the campus. Mr. Merlo commented that it said a lot about the pride the staff has for the school.

Special Recognition of Staff: Superintendent Merlo reviewed some of the different ways staff was recognized during Education Employees Week, including personally delivered chocolate bars with a message and a special edition of the Superintendent's newsletter that included staff compliments for their peers. It was noted that two of the Board members on the Bret Harte Parent Involvement Committee helped the committee provide appreciation treats to the staff as well as relieved them of yard duty during recess.

Employee Recognized: Mr. Merlo recognized bus driver/maintenance worker Marty Raeber for using his free time during a split shift to voluntarily work on the baseball field. He helped raise money for the project, also. In addition, Mr. Raeber has spent countless volunteered hours helping clean up the Ag Farm. Mr. Merlo touted him as an outstanding person and great asset to the District.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT

Chief Business Officer Marie Cates gave an update on the condition of the Ag Farm. Some of the old rusty equipment has been hauled off. The haystacks are gone and the fields have been plowed. It looks much better that it had. The maintenance department fixed the restrooms. The area looks dry, so Mrs. Cates will have staff check the sprinklers.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Karen Frey: Mrs. Frey reported that she attended a Kings County School Board Association scholarship committee meeting. A Corcoran student will be receiving a scholarship. She also met with the Curriculum Sub-Committee, who was presented with three possible options for kindergarten classes at Bret Harte. There was much deliberation by the committee. Steve Brown, Director of Educational Services, will present a recommendation at an upcoming Board meeting.

Trustee Mary Gonzales-Gomez: Mrs. Gonzales-Gomez noted she participated in a recognition day at Mark Twain School for students who have shown great responsibility. She presented certificates to the students. Additionally, Mrs. Gonzales-Gomez informed the Board that the Corcoran Drug Alcohol Tobacco Task Force is disbanding due to declining enrollment of the group. Mrs. Gonzales-Gomez also attended the Curriculum Sub Committee meeting.

Trustee Robert Alcorn: Mr. Alcorn noted his appreciation to the members of the Curriculum Sub-Committee for the time and effort spent on the kindergarten review.

CHARACTER COUNTS REPORTS

Bret Harte: Principal Elizabeth Mendoza advised the Board that the Character Counts program at Bret Harte has been in use for several years. Six assemblies are held through the year – one for each pillar of character. There are weekly lessons with certificates handed out at assemblies. Students pick a prize out of a treasure box. She noted that the school would be integrating Character Counts with the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program.

Fremont: Principal Lora Cartwright noted that Fremont has "Topic of the Month" with students reading books and discussing them. Each student has a card and receives stickers. Once filled, the students bring the cards to the principal who gives them a pencil. The Topic of the Month is used as staff talks to students in the classroom and on the playground. The staff also demonstrates proper behavior to the students, such as cafeteria behavior and assembly behavior.

Mark Twain: Principal Mike Anderson said his site will probably also start using the PBIS program. Currently the school staff picks out a trait each month. Students are given shirts, certificates and a pizza as prizes. The T-Shirt is the only item they can wear to school that is not dress code. His site makes a big deal out of honoring students in front of their peers. The teachers also work the monthly trait into their curriculum.

INFORMATION ITEMS – STUDENT TRIPS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo

- a. A trip for seven John Muir E3L students and advisor Teresa Carlos-Contreras to the E3L and Student Voice South Valley Conference to be held Thursday, May 19, 2011 at California State University-Fresno, to be paid by English Learners fund.
- b. A trip for 20 John Muir ELL students, 22 High School ELL students and advisors Teresa Carlos-Contreras and Raymond Lerma to visit California State University-Fresno on Friday, May 13, 2011. Requested bus transportation to be paid by CAST.
- c. A trip for one John Muir AVID student and teacher Roseanne Salcedo to the AVID Student Success Luncheon to be held at the Fresno Convention Center on Thursday, May 19, 2011, to be paid by AVID.
- d. A trip for 39 John Muir AVID students and teachers Roseanne Salcedo and Mary Lou Silveira to California State University-Bakersfield on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Requested bus transportation to be paid by AVID fundraiser and CAST.
- e. A trip for 16 High School Air Force JROTC members and advisors Colonel Palmer and Chief Hamilton to the Central California Dodge Ball Tournament on Saturday, May 7, 2011 in Sanger. Requested use of two vans to be paid by Cadet Activities Funds.

CAMACHO INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Waukena School District for Christian Camacho, eighth grade, and Giovanni Camacho, first grade, to finish the 2010-2011 school year at Waukena School.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

VACA INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Waukena School District for Izae Vaca, kindergarten, to attend Waukena School due to childcare issues for the 2011-12 school year only.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

CHANGE IN PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS

The Board voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to change a Special Education Paraprofessional position from 3.50 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day. It is the only Paraprofessional position that is 3.50 hours and this change will make all the positions uniform. Although the positions are funded through Special Education funding, there is some encroachment to the General Fund. The increase in cost to the General Fund is estimated at \$5,000. However, some of these costs may be offset in the savings of replacing some of the current open Special Education teacher positions with lower salaried staff.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

CIF REPRESENTATIVES

The Board voted to approve designating High School Principal Chuck Gent, Athletic Director Robert Lerma and Athletics/ASB Secretary Cheryl Santos as the 2011-2012 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to League.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 5-0

OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT TO CERTIFICATED STAFF

The Board voted to approve offers of employment for 2011-2012 to the following certificated employees:

Abeyta, Carol	Cruz, Gabriela	Larkin, Edwin	Ramirez, Isaias
Adalian, Dean	Davis, Brooke	Leal, Sherry	Ramirez, Stacey Susan
Adamson, Douglas	Davis, Gary	Lerma, Lolita	Reynoso, Elizabeth
Agudo, Linda	Daza, Erin	Lerma, Maria	Rich, Jennifer
Airheart, Tammy	De Cicco, Daniel	Lerma, Maricela	Rietkerk, Tina
Albert, Evelyn	Escobedo, Shellie	Lerma, Raymond	Rios, Richard

Albert, Joseph	Felder, Kathlene	Lerma, Robert	Rivas, Wendy
Alvarez, Miguel	Feldmann, Robin	Loopstra, Stephanie	Rooney, Carolyn
Andrada, Roberta	Ferguson, Jennifer	Lopez, Freddie	Salcedo, Roseanne
Arreola, Ramon	Fierro, Judith	Lopez, Kyle	Sanders, Mark
Arroyo, Sergio	Fraley, Darren	Lucio, LeeAnne	Schimpf, Ximena
Ashford, Sandra	Fruit, Theresa	Luis, Anthony	Schmidt, Kathy
Ayers, Polly	Gallardo, Cristina	Marchbanks, Karen	Scott, Kristine
Barker, Hannah	Gilden, Dawn	Martin, Laurie	Seaman, Kristina
Beam, Kristy	Gomes, Stephanie	Martin, Marisa	Silveira, Mary Lou
Bearfield, Rick	Gomez, Alisa	Mathison, James	Smith, Angela
Bernardo, Robert	Green, Maria	Mazza, Leanne	Steffen, Jennifer
Boyett, Kathryn	Haley, John	McCoy, Chad	Tenpas, Janet
Boyett, Rae Ann	Hamilton, Lee	Mendoza, Rafael	Thompson, Lisa
Brewer, Melissa	Hanes, Regan	Meyer, Steven	Toriz, Monica
Brockie, Staci	Hansen, Janet	Miller, Issa Jackie	Uldall, Jerod
Brown, Nicholas	Harvey, Kenneth	Morse, Helen Jo	Van Essen, Jennifer
Calderon, Diana	Heck, Terri	Nunez, Ivette	Vera , Tiffany
Camarena, Silvia	Hemans, Marjorie	Nycum, Karen	Waggle, Ashley
Carlos-Contreras, Teresa	Hopper, Mark	Orosco, Mary	Waller, Cecilia
Carnes, Jonathan	Hulbert, Wendi	Palafox, Amelia	Westbay, Janice
Caselli, Carolyn A	Hutton, Tammie	Palmer, Michael	White, Doug
Christie, Sarah	Isgrigg, Julie	Pankratz, Michael	Wilcox, Janis
Clark, Jeff	Johnson, Melanee	Parkey, Donald	Williams, Karen
Coleman, Lisa	Jones, Joyce	Penn, Nicole	Williams, Susan
Conley, Leslie	Jones, Kellie	Perez, Celina	Woltz, Justin
Connelly, Gregory	Jones, Mary K	Perryman, Amy	Wong, Barbara
Cooper, Brent	Kitson, Brian	Powell, Mandi	Woodley, Barbara
Cooper, Connie	Lane, Richard	Prins, Jennifer	Wright, Bobby Lee
Crane, Clara	Lantz, Susan	Prins, Pearl	Yamashita, Karen
		Raleigh, Candy	Yehl, Karen

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Robert Alcorn

Board Vote: 5-0

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2010-11 #12

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11 #12.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

MEETINGS

1. Scheduled times for Board Site Visits: John Muir, May 17 at 9:15 a.m.; Mark Twain, May 24 at 8:30 a.m.; Bret Harte, May 31 at 8:30 a.m.; and Fremont, May 31 at 9:15 a.m.
2. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC #3
3. Special Board Meeting (Open and Closed Session) on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
4. Finance Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
5. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
6. John Muir Eighth Grade Promotion on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. at John Muir
7. High School Graduation on Friday, June 3, 2011 at 8 p.m. in Corcoran Community Stadium
8. Kings Lake Continuation High School/Adult Education Graduation on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Technology Learning Center

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Animal Security Report (Ag Farm)

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:48 p.m. She announced out the following:

PERSONNEL

1. The Board took action to approve a final decision to not re-employ 13 certificated employees. The roll call vote was 5-0 for approval.
2. On a motion by Karen Frey, second by Steve White and unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve an unpaid leave of absence for a classified employee with specific circumstances.

EXPULSIONS

The Board voted :

1. To expel EH 2010-11/40 for the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. Drug counseling services through the West Care Drug Program are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of December 1, 2011.
2. To expel EH 2010-11/41 for the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 semesters with placement at Mission Community Day School. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of December 1, 2011.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:55 p.m.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0