

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2011
6:32 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 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Marie Cates, Ed Ochoa, Chuck Gent, Mary Taylor, Lora Cartwright, Elizabeth Mendoza, Tim Bowers, Ken Spencer, Mike Anderson, Belle Leal, Jessica Anderson, Gerry Perrault, Rosemarie Johnson, Tiana Ring, Katherine Guhin, Victor Ochoa, Adam Johanson, David Searson, Ernest Ruiz Jr., Brian Whitfield, Tim Bowers and Donnetta Murray.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for September 13, 2011 with the addition of a presentation by Jessica Anderson of California Pacific Charter Schools.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez

Board Vote: 4-0

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

John Muir Principal Ken Spencer introduced Gerry Perrault, who is the new music teacher for John Muir and also has music classes at Mark Twain and Fremont schools. Chuck Gent introduced new math teachers Rosemarie Johnson, Tiana Ring, Adam Johanson, and Ernest Ruiz, Jr.; Spanish teachers Brian Whitfield and Victor Ochoa; Biology teacher Katherine Guhin; and Physics teacher David Searson. All the new teachers gave the Board a little information about themselves and noted how pleased they were to be teaching in Corcoran.

SUPERINTENDENT BOWERS REPORTS ON KCOE TRUSTEE AREAS

KCOE Superintendent of Schools Tim Bowers informed the Board that Kings County Office of Education is reviewing adjustments to the Kings County Board of Education Trustee Areas following the 2010 Census. KCOE is considering three alternate boundaries for the current five areas. Consideration is given to topography; geography; cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; community interest; and school district boundaries. The County Committee on the redistricting has set a hearing on October 5, 2011 at the KCOE Round Building in Hanford. Currently, Joe Hammond is the trustee for the area that includes Corcoran. Mr. Bowers noted that after selection, the areas must be approved by the Department of Justice. Information for any questions regarding the proposed areas can be found on the KCOE website.

CALIFORNIA PACIFIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Jessica Anderson, Executive Director of Instruction of California Pacific Charter Schools, informed the Board of Trustees that California Pacific has taken over the Kaplan online charter school. She said California Pacific is moving forward and will be consistent with their contacts. There are calendared updates on the budget, which is balanced. They will continue with a sound educational program and accept expelled students. California Pacific has three Board members and two executive directors/principals. There are 800 returning students this year and they are building towards more for the second semester. While Kaplan's online school had two cohorts, California Pacific will offer continuous enrollment. There are currently 70 students in the CUSD school. California Pacific is credited in five of their six schools, including Corcoran's school. They will carry a traditional school calendar. She added that the next steps will include looking for ways to serve Corcoran better, ways to partner with Corcoran and grow, and ways to assure success for the students. The school provides computers for the students. They use a blackboard system for the online school; students can go to a meeting online with or without a camera. While the school cannot prove it is the actual student online and not another doing the student's work, Ms. Anderson noted that there are also live sessions. They also use a website to check for plagiarized material.

PUBLIC HEARING – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

The Public Hearing to discuss Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials opened at 7:24 p.m. There were no comments from the public and the hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board voted to approve the following items:

- Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 23, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2011
- Signed the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 9, 2011 at 5 p.m.
- Purchase Order Numbers 120312 - 120409
- Warrant register for August 19, 2011 for \$49,336.31
- August 26, 2011 for \$79,420.45
- Payroll warrants register for August 31, 2011 for \$1,362,410.01
- From the Kings County Director of Finance - the Kings County's Government Accounting Standard 31 (GASB 31) Report of June 30, 2011
- Student Long Distance or Overnight Trips:
 - a. A trip for seven or more High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members and advisors Gary Davis and Curt Rowe to Officer Advisor Training Day on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in Los Banos. Charter bus transportation to be paid by Carl Perkins funds. Other expenses to be paid by FBLA funds and student fundraising.
 - b. A trip for seven High School Future Farmers of America members and advisor Jennifer Ferguson to the Chapter Officer Leadership Conference to be held Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 2011 at SCICON near Springville. The requested use of a District van and other expenses to be paid by Ag Department funds.
- Staff Development Trips
 - a. A trip for Esteban Velasquez, Attendance Analyst, to the Aeries User Conference on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25, 2011 in Sacramento, to be paid by General Fund.
 - b. A trip for Rich Merlo, Superintendent, and Steve Brown, Director of Educational Services, to present at an Apple Conference on Wednesday (late) and Thursday, September 14 and 15, 2011 in Cupertino, to be paid by Apple Inc.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Official API Scores: Superintendent Rich Merlo reported that the Academic Performance Index (API) scores grew a little. There was an adjustment in Special Education scores. Kaplan scores plummeted by 35 points, but that should be better this year with California Pacific taking over the online school. Kings Lake scores were 598, a huge jump of 111 points. Mr. Merlo gave kudos to Principal Mary Taylor and Teacher Carolyn Rooney. The District's overall API was 729, up five points.

Pre-School: Bret Harte Principal Elizabeth Mendoza has recruited families of 10 students who are willing to pay \$10 per day for pre-school classes from her waiting list of students. She is going to try to recruit six more families. Mr. Merlo said they may have to lay off a couple of aides if there are not 16 additional students for a class, but the District will still be able to service current students. Mrs. Mendoza stated that she has placed articles in the local paper, contacted those on the wait list and sent out flyers. Several of the parents said they wanted full day—not half day—school. In response to Board President Mary Wadsworth's question regarding the feasibility of having full day pre-school, Mrs. Mendoza said it would be difficult with shifting out of subsidized classrooms, teacher schedules, and aides limited to 5 ¾ hour days. Mr. Merlo added that there would need to be 24 or 32 students for a full-day program. Mrs. Mendoza added that the YMCA charges \$18-19 per day for its full-day program.

Redistricting Trustee Areas: Superintendent Merlo informed the Board that the District will have SchoolWorks analyze the District's five trustee areas and whether there needs to be adjustments because of the 2010 Census. The fee for the analysis is \$1,000, while SchoolWorks charges \$3,000 if they handle the process for redistricting.

T-Dap Booster Shots: Mr. Merlo noted that there are approximately 300 students who still need their T-Dap booster shots that are mandated for 6th to 12th grade students. If students do not get the booster shots and do not come to school, it could affect their graduation status. Eduardo Ochoa, Director of Special Services, added that he has sent out TeleParent messages in English and Spanish. In addition, he has circulated a hand-out that includes all local clinics with information of how much the cost is at the various places, if they accept insurance programs or Medi-Cal, etc.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER REPORT - VEHICLES

Chief Business Officer Marie Cates reviewed the District's vehicle pool. Six vehicles are currently out of service. Four have been retired and will not be replaced. Two vans – one for trips and one for grounds— need to be replaced. One of the trip vans needs to have its cooling system repaired and transmission rebuilt. The plumber's van needs its engine repacked and sealed. Mrs. Cates has set aside \$67,000 for replacements, \$32,000 of that out of the general fund and \$35,000 from mandated cost monies. In addition, the lawnmowers are breaking down and the District staff had to borrow the YMCA's lawnmower. Jack Schreuder, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, received three estimates for lawnmowers: \$23,000, \$25,000 and \$17,000, although the \$17,000 quote is from a company in Kansas while the others are from nearby areas. Trustee Robert Alcorn asked about the District's buses. Mrs. Cates said she has not seen grants for new buses lately. All new buses are now required to have seat belts, which means they have fewer seats, usually 67 seats.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Wadsworth: Mrs. Wadsworth informed the Board that the Community Foundation has offered a grant for 30 tickets to go to High Schools students for the Laura Bush event at West Hills College. There will also be a VIP table for eight with monies establishing a scholarship fund for Corcoran students. CHS Principal Chuck Gent said students were being approached in Government, Economics and AP History classes to see if they would like to attend.

GOLDSMITH TRANSFER APPROVED

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Tulare Joint Union High School District for Johnny Goldsmith II, 11th grade, to attend Kings Lake Continuation High School for the 2011-2012 year.
Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

PACHECO TRANSFER APPROVED

The Board voted to approve an interdistrict agreement with Tulare Joint Union High School District for Mariah Pacheco, 10th grade, to attend Corcoran High School for the 2011-2012 year.
Motion: Steve White Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 4-0

TRANSFERS APPROVED FOR DAWES STUDENTS

The Board voted to approve interdistrict agreements with Tulare Joint Union High School District for Michael Dawes, 10th grade, and Megan Dawes, 12th grade, to attend Corcoran High School for the 2011-2012 year.
Motion: Steve White Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 4-0

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

The Board voted to approve the 2011-2012 Adult Education Courses. There are no changes from last year's courses.
Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

MINIMUM DAYS FOR JOHN MUIR

The Board voted to approve six minimum days for John Muir Middle School on October 12-14, 2011 and March 14-16, 2012 to allow for parent conferences.
Motion: Steve White Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Board Vote: 4-0

MINIMUM DAYS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Board voted to approve six minimum days for Corcoran High School on December 12-14, 2011 and May 29-31, 2012 to allow for finals. Trustee Wadsworth asked if the minimum days for both John Muir and High School could be included on the school calendar that is approved in the spring. Both principals said it could be done.
Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

UNAUDITED ACTUALS APPROVED

The Board voted to approve the 2010-11 Unaudited Actuals. For the General Fund Budget, revenues were up \$203,380.47, while expenditures were down \$1,976,891. The ending balance for the 2010-11 year was \$7,371,018. There was \$790,000 in reserves.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 4-0

ASES AGREEMENT WITH YMCA

The Board voted to approve a 2011-12 Agreement with Golden State YMCA for an After School Education and Safety Program (ASES). The grant provides for an after-school educational and enrichment program at Bret Harte, Fremont, Mark Twain and John Muir schools. There is a slight decrease in this year's funding (\$455,492) due to a lower participation at John Muir Middle School.

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

ASSETS MOU WITH COUNTY OFFICE

The Board voted to approve the 2011-12 Memorandum of Understanding with Kings County Office of Education for an After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program (ASSETs). The difference in this year's MOU is that Paula Murray will be paid by KCOE and not by the District.

Motion: Steve White Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Board Vote: 4-0

MOU WITH PIQE APPROVED

The Board voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) for services at Bret Harte Elementary School.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1059 – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1059 – Determining Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2011-2012.

Motion: Steve White Second: Robert Alcorn

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Karen Frey

RESOLUTION NO. 1060 – BUDGET REVISIONS

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1060 – Budget Revisions.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Karen Frey

RESOLUTION NO. 1061 – GANN LIMIT

The Board voted to approve Resolution No. 1061 – GANN Limit.

Motion: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Karen Frey

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDER 2011-12 #03

The Board voted to approve Personnel Assignment Order 2011-12 #03.

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

MEETINGS

1. Technology Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC #3
2. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
3. ACSA/KCSBA Fall Conference on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at Sierra Pacific High School in Hanford
4. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in TLC #3
5. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:58 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

1. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/02 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.
2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/03 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.
3. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/04 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.
4. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2011-12/05 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: Robert Alcorn Second: Steve White Board Vote: 4-0

READMITTANCES

- EH 2009-10/26
- EH 2010-11/10
- EH 2010-11/16
- EH 2010-11/21
- EH 2010-11/25

Motion: Steve White Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Board Vote: 4-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:02 p.m.

Motion: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Second: Robert Alcorn Board Vote: 4-0

APPROVED: September 27, 2011

CLERK: _____

SECRETARY: _____