

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2010
6:33 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Alcorn, President of the Board, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

Trustees present were Robert Alcorn, Steve White, and Mary Wadsworth. Trustees Karen Frey and Raul Lerma were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Ed Ochoa, Mike Anderson, Chuck Gent, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Mendoza, Ken Spencer, Lora Cartwright, Dr. Bill Scroggins, Julie Isgrigg, Evelyn Albert, Deena Harmon, Janet Tempas, Jonathan Carnes, David Gonzales, Cyndi Arredondo, Brian Leal, Jeanette Todd and Donnetta Murray.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Alcorn welcomed those present and led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for September 28, 2010 with two changes under P. Business No. 1: the amount of the iPads was changed to 260 and there was an updated agreement.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

NEW STAFF INTRODUCED

Administrators introduced new staff to the Board of Trustees. John Muir Principal Ken Spencer introduced Janet Tempas and Deena Harmon, both teachers. High School Principal Chuck Gent introduced teachers Evelyn Albert, Jonathan Carnes and David Gonzales. Eduardo Ochoa, Director of Special Services, introduced Julie Isgrigg, School Nurse, and Cyndi Arredondo, District Migrant Secretary. Kings Lake Principal Mary Taylor introduced her new Mission Community Day School teacher, Brian Leal.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2010

Signed the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2010

Purchase Order Numbers 110415 - 110458

Warrant register for September 10, 2010 for \$443,634.97

September 17, 2010 for \$28,194.97

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

COLLEGE OF SEQUOIAS REPORT

Dr. Bill Scroggins, College of the Sequoias President, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the community college's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. He stated that the school has seen a 30% enrollment growth over the past three years with enrollment last year at 10,800 students. He showed slides of the new Tulare campus, funded by a bond. The facility is adjacent to Mission Oaks High School in Tulare. It will house the Ag Center, a nursery, animal facilities and crops. He noted that although Corcoran Unified was to receive \$1 million from the bond, the original idea for a correctional officer-training program had to be scrapped because hiring at the prisons has slowed due to the State's economic condition. He added that C.O.S. is ready to review other ideas. Lindsay has already received \$1.5 million, which was used for

programs at its sports complex. Dr. Scroggins said that C.O.S. had an 8% cut last year and is using its reserves. There has been no COLA for three years. The school is now offering new vocational programs, including Physical Therapy Assistant, Registered Veterinarian Tech, Solar Panel Installer, Helicopter Flight School, Truck Driving, and Health Care Interpreter (Spanish). At Corcoran's Technology Learning Center, there are 121 students enrolled in 11 classes. He added that C.O.S. is not doing to the full potential there, but that they will be doing more. They have scheduled outreach programs, flyers, orientation and staff to help with financial aid information. According to Dr. Scroggins presentation, the number of Corcoran High School students to attend C.O.S. directly after graduating rose from 37% in Fall 2008 to 55% in Fall 2009. However, the report said, the first term success rate dropped from 55% to 51% in those two years and the new student fall-to-fall retention dropped from 50% to 37%. The feeder average in those two years for C.O.S. was 61% and 60% respectively.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Goals: Superintendent Rich Merlo advised the Board that he would be seeking their input on setting goals for the District.

John Muir Staff Development Plan: John Muir Principal Ken Spencer reviewed John Muir's Staff Development Plan. Gary Gianonni, a PIVOT consultant, is working with the school's staff on a more structured professional development program. He has visited classes and reviewed how the school looks at its data to improve instruction. He also noted that they are working with sixth grade teachers to be comfortable using the new iPads. Trustee Mary Wadsworth had several questions on how the iPads would be implemented. Mr. Brown informed her that a plan outlining the implementation of iPads is under development. Mrs. Wadsworth indicated that the Board is being asked (under action items) to commit \$170,000 over three years without a plan being discussed and in place. She noted that this type of project should have come before the Technology Committee before the purchase being presented to the Board.

Technology Plan Update: The District is upgrading the infrastructure at Fremont and High School, which will increase the wireless capacity. Mark Twain is opening up two labs for the afterschool program and 30 iPads have been ordered for Block 9 classes. Representatives of Central School District visited CUSD sites to see Corcoran's technology in action.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information Items – Student Trips approved by Superintendent Rich Merlo

- a. A trip for eight High School students and Advisor Raymond Lerma to the Development of Student Voice Plan of Action for 2010-2011 Workshop on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 in Clovis. A requested van and other expenses to be paid by EIA funds.
- b. A trip for up to 60 High School Air Force Junior ROTC members and advisors Colonel Palmer and Chief Hamilton to the CECA Field Meet to be held Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Selma High School. Requested use of a bus and other expenses to be paid by CA-20061 USAF O&M Funds.

FBLA OVERNIGHT TRIP

The Board voted to approve a long distance/overnight trip for approximately 12 High School Future Business Leaders of America members and their advisor Gary Davis to the FBLA Leadership Development Institute North Conference to be held Friday through Sunday, October 15-17, 2010 in Santa Clara. The use of two requested vans and other expenses to be paid by Carl Perkins funds.

Motion: Steve White

Second: Mary Wadsworth

Board Vote: 3-0

APPLE PURCHASE/LEASE AGREEMENT - iPads

The Board voted to approve an Apple purchase and lease agreement for 260 iPads, cases and one-year insurance coverage for equipment to be used for John Muir Middle School sixth grade students.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

SEAMAN'S PREP BUYOUT APPROVED

The Board voted to approve the purchase of High School teacher Kristina Seaman's prep period for the 2010-2011 school year for Work Experience class.

Motion: Steve White

Second: Mary Wadsworth

Board Vote: 3-0

VARIABLE TERM WAIVER FOR WESTBAY

The Board voted to approve a Variable Term Waiver Credential for High School Teacher Rickey Westbay to teach Drivers Education.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

MEETINGS

1. Human Resource Sub-Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room
2. Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 4 p.m. in Technology Learning Center
3. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room
4. Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room

THE BOARD ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION 8:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

President Alcorn returned the Board to open session at 9:07 p.m. He announced out the following:

PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. The Board reviewed the Superintendent's evaluation and gave direction.

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 2010-11/13 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services for anger management and gang affiliation are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of September 1, 2011.
2. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2010-11/15 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services for anger management and gang affiliation are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of September 1, 2011.
3. The Board voted to approve the expulsion of EH 2010-11/16 for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters with placement at Kings Community School in Hanford. Counseling services for anger management and gang affiliation are recommended. A rehabilitation plan was set with provisional readmission date of September 1, 2011.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Mary Wadsworth

Board Vote: 3-0

READMITTANCE

The Board voted to readmit EH 2008-09/16.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:09 p.m.

Motion: Mary Wadsworth

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 3-0

APPROVED: October 12, 2010

CLERK: _____

SECRETARY: _____