

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2011
5:34 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Wadsworth, President of the Board, called the special meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Board Room.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Marie Cates, Belle Leal, and Donnetta Murray.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mary Wadsworth welcomed those present and led in the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board voted to approve the agenda for the Special Board Meeting of September 13, 2011.
Motion: Steve White Second: Mary Gonzales-Gomez Vote: 4-0

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chief Business Officer Marie Cates noted that she had already reviewed the budget possibilities with the Finance Sub-Committee. The budget started with a beginning balance of \$6,844,566.13. The working budget with the added norms shows revenues of \$16,832,290. Added to the total expenditures from the budget adopted in June were three additional teachers at \$163,506 and a Pre-School contribution of \$111,730 for a total of \$17,519,400.32 for expenditures. Subtracted from the budget were various carryover fund balances at \$338,938.25 and \$247,199 for Deferred Maintenance, which was moved from the General Fund to Fund 14. That left a net 2011-2012 operating budget of <\$1,273,166.83 and an estimated ending fund balance of \$5,571,399.30. Possible additional changes could be mid-year cuts by the State of \$260 per ADA (3082) for a loss of \$801,320; additional ADA of 30 students for \$156,460.20; and a decrease of \$35,000 in transportation funding if the mid-year trigger is pulled. There is a possibility of some classified positions returning, which would cost \$242,558.93.

Mrs. Cates gave the worst case scenarios for 2011-12, as well as for 2012-13 and 2013-14 for mid-year cuts and no COLA. If there are mid-year cuts, the ending fund balances would be \$4,982,324.23 (2011-12), \$3,332,604.32 (2012-13), and \$2,079,896.84 (2013-14). If COLA is not added to those budgets, their ending balances would be \$4,982,324.23 (2011-12), \$2,838,708.83 (2012-13), and \$1,154,346.45 (2013-14). Mrs. Cates noted that she just received information from School Services that the \$801,000 deduction (\$260 per ADA) was for the 2011-12 year only. That amount will be added back into the 2012-13 and 2013-14 ending balances.

President Wadsworth said that the reason the Board requested a budget workshop was to review the fluctuaton in numbers. Additionally, the District administration had been talking about bringing some classified positions back, as well as adding a P.E. teacher at the High School due to class sizes. Superintendent Merlo said to simplify it, if the District loses \$200,000 for pre-school funds and brings back employees, it would have \$1.7 million. He added that the District is comfortable enough with the \$1.7 million to bring some of the staff back and he asked how the Board felt about it. Trustee Alcorn stated that he felt the amount was still pretty healthy reserves and he would be in favor of bringing the employees back, as was Trustee Wadsworth. The Classified positions to be brought back were a 3.5 hour yard supervisors at Kings Lake, a 5.75 hour library technology clerk at Bret Harte, a fulltime maintenance/bus driver, a full time grounds/bus driver, an 11-month District Secretary II and an 12-month/fulltimeTechnology Support.

The Board all agreed that they were fine with the plan. Mr. Alcorn asked for the District to plan to set aside money for vehicle replacement.

ADJOURNMENT was at 6:23 p.m.

Motion: Robert Alcorn

Second: Steve White

Vote: 4-0