

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2011
6:30 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 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Office.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

Trustees present were Mary Wadsworth, Karen Frey, Mary Gonzales-Gomez, and Steve White. Trustee Robert Alcorn entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Rich Merlo, Steve Brown, Maricela Lerma, Robin Feldmann and Donnetta Murray.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wadsworth welcomed those present and led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda for May 17, 2011.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 4-0

Trustee Robert Alcorn entered the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bret Harte teacher Robin Feldmann acknowledged the Bret Harte Parent Community Volunteer Group, headed by Rochelle VanVelson with volunteers Gloria Graville, Karen Frey, Mary Wadsworth and Mary Gonzales-Gomez, for showing their appreciation towards the school's teachers by providing activities, awards, treats and relieving them of yard duty. President Wadsworth noted that Mrs. VanVelson is an enthusiastic and energetic parent who wanted to show her appreciation for the school.

Mrs. Feldmann spoke about her concern with the Early Bear/Late Bear kindergarten schedule and who would be watching the students as the aide positions have been reduced. She listed several problems that the schedule would impose upon the school. She added that with larger classroom sizes, the rooms will become very crowded. She said that volunteer parents and aides are especially helpful with special needs students.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Kindergarten: Superintendent Rich Merlo advised the Board that the administration has researched three possible modifications for kindergarten schedules and have come to the conclusion that the best solution would be to add two paraprofessionals to kindergarten. One of the paraprofessionals will be reassigned from Kings Lake to Bret Harte and an additional paraprofessional will be hired out of Bret Harte's categorical funds. There will be zero impact to the General Fund. Principal Elizabeth Mendoza felt the plan would be acceptable to the staff. The Board members did not object to the plan and a request for an additional paraprofessional position will come to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Goals: Superintendent Merlo reviewed the Corcoran Unified School District 2010-2011 Goals. The findings were based on preliminary data and assessments with most of the sub-goals showing improvement over the year. One of the sub-goals was 100% of 10-12 grade students passing CAHSEE. There were very few that have not passed CAHSEE. More tests are to be given in May with hopes that the number would go up. At this point, Adult Education students' scores are not included. Trustee Gonzales-Gomez asked if the Board could see the results for Adult Ed at some point. The status/progress of some sub-goals for curriculum will not be complete until the results of the CST's are made available in late July or early August. Under Safety and Facilities, gangs were a challenge at the beginning of the year. The School Resource Officer has been having classes for staff and parents about gang awareness. The Facility Master Plan has continued to be updated. Arts and music programs

continue to add offerings. Under Responsibility, Character Counts continues at all school sites, and District staff continues to receive education on Extra-Curricular Code of Ethics,

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

President Wadsworth returned the Board to open session at 8:47 p.m. She announced out the following:

1. The Board discussed the results of the Superintendent's goals and compiled his evaluation. Then the Board discussed the Superintendent's salary.

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:13 p.m.

Motion: Karen Frey

Second: Steve White

Board Vote: 5-0