

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board, Sammy Ramirez, called the regular meeting of the Corcoran Unified School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

Trustees present were Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega

OTHERS PRESENT

Antonia Ramirez, JJ Albert, Horacio Cruz, Pearl Prins, Lola Lerma, Laurie Haas, Ken Reynolds, Bernie Jones, Beatrice Price, Dulce Sandoval, Elizabeth Mendoza, LeeAnne Lucio, Robin Feldmann, Roseanne Salcedo, Brian Brazier, Donna Bartron, Despina Gamble, Maricela Lerma, Marsha Early, Jennie Valdez Lora Cartwright, Eduardo Ochoa, Gina Gonzales, and others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board voted to approve the agenda for the regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2022

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, and Valerie Bega

PRESENTATIONS

SchoolWorks Project Manager Ken Reynolds presented the 2021-22 Demographics and Enrollment Projection to the Board. He explained that this demographic study would help keep Corcoran Unified on the right track through the building new facilities or modernizing school sites. SchoolWorks incorporated Census Data in the details that will update student yield rates. He also factored in the approved new Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for 4-year-olds that will possibly increase the TK grade over the upcoming school year. Mr. Reynolds's explained that accurate demographic analysis and enrollment projections are essential to making knowledgeable decisions to help the District provide the best educational experience possible.

The Director of Educational Services, Lora Cartwright, shared the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program plan. She explained that the ELO program includes clubs, field trips, and tutoring programs to help provide a structured, purposeful, and creative program outside of school.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

A student from Corcoran High School gave a report to the Board in regards to the sites current and upcoming activities.

CFA REPORT

CFA President Roseanne Salcedo stated that school is moving closer to the end of the third quarter. Elementary sites are completing report cards and parent-teacher conferences. Mrs. Salcedo would like to meet with the District regarding the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) program and discuss the plans for allotment of the funds and facility uses. She touched on many events happening at the different sites in the District and thanked Treasurer LeeAnne Lucio for reporting to the Board during her absence.

CSEA REPORT

CSEA President Dulce Sandoval recognized the unique date and said that to celebrate 2/2/22, students dressed up as twins at selected schools. She believes that the recent omicron virus seemed to have subsided and has seen a decrease in daily testing's. She felt that distributing the rapid test to families helped with this. Ms. Sandoval is excited about the additional Transitional Kindergarten classes but wonders how they affect staff and preschool enrollment. She would like to review the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) plan with Superintendent Ochoa and discuss potential possibilities. In collaborating with Mr. Ochoa, it proves the District's statement remains that Corcoran Unified is a destination district for all.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Valerie Bega attended a wrestling dual at John Muir versus Armona, in which she was the scorekeeper. The final score was Corcoran with 28 and Armona with 16. She congratulated a Corcoran High School student on his big win and excelling to the state championship.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Ochoa was happy to report the dramatic decrease in the number of reported positive COVID-19 cases in the District over the last two weeks. There has been a decrease of 80% of cases in students and 64% of cases amongst staff. On February 28, the District will receive a significant update on wearing masks in K-12 environments and an update of COVID trends among the state and what this will mean for the remainder of the school year. This coming Friday and Saturday, the District is awaiting an update from the California Department of Public Health. This weekend, Corcoran High School student Xander Romero will compete in the California State Wrestling Tournament. Congratulations to him and the wrestling coaching staff. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Commission's favorable action granted Corcoran Adult School a 6-year initial accreditation. Mr. Ochoa commended Principal Brian Brazier and his staff for their hard work. He also apprised the board of important upcoming events such as the Kings County Farm Day on March 17 and incoming 9th-grade registration on February 22 from 5-6 pm. Elementary parent-teacher conferences will be beginning the week of March 7 with early release times.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Ochoa and Lora Cartwright reviewed the District's Vision and Mission Statements with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 8, 2022
For questions regarding item a. contact Gina Gonzales at 992-8888, ext. 1224
- b. Warrant Registers for:
 - i. February 4, 2022 for \$429,702.67
 - ii. January 11, 2022 for \$1,732,582.40*For questions regarding item b. contact Pam Dihel at 992-8888, ext. 1232*
- c. 2021-22 Personnel Assignment Order #12
- d. Staff Trip
 - i. For High school staff Jamy Mendoza and Belinda Duran to Educating for Careers conference to be held February 26 through March 1, 2022 in Sacramento to be paid by Perkins grant
 - ii. For High School staff Isaias Ramirez to Be Activated Level one and 2 Reflexive Performance Reset to be held May 13 through May 18, 2022 in San Diego to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
- e. Student Trip
 - i. For 6 High school students and staff Miles Robinson, Dustin Newby, Alisa Gomez, and Nick Boyett to Spring Regional FFA and CATA Meeting to be held from February 26, 2022, in Tulare. Use of van to be paid Agriculture Incentive grant
 - ii. For 4 High school students and staff Todd Partin to Cadet Marksmanship Competition to be held February 26, 2022 in Parlier. Use of van to be paid by ASB funds

- iii. For 20 High school students and Upward Bound Staff Josefina Ramirez to San Francisco State University Tour to be held February 26 and 27, 2022 in San Francisco. Use of bus to be charter bus to be paid by West Hills College Lemoore Upward Bound
- iv. For 1 High school student and staff Juan Montano and Salvador Solario-Ruiz to CYAN Youth Quest 2022 to be held March 14, 2022 in Sacramento. California Health Collaborative will provide transportation
- v. For 33 High school students and staff Crystal Salinas and Lora Cartwright to Fresno State Young Writers' Conference to be held April 27, 2022 in Fresno to be paid by site funds
- vi. For John Muir ASB Class and staff Marlena Ramirez to Early California and the Old West Educational Tour to be held May 12, 2022 in Buena Park. Charter bus to be paid by ASB funds
- vii. For Kings Lake Continuation High School and Mission Community Day School students to West Hills College Tour to be held February 28, 2022 in Lemoore. Bus or vans to be paid by site funds

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega

BUSINESS

The Board discussed and approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved a donation of \$5,000 from the James G Boswell Foundation to Corcoran High School FFA Program

Motion: Patty Robertson

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved an Agreement for Consultant Services with Leadership Associates

Motion: Sammy Ramirez

Second: Berenice Alvarez

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

PUPIL PERSONNEL

The Board discussed and approved an interdistrict transfer for Isaiah Deshazor (K) to attend Hanford Elementary School District for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

RESOLUTION

The Board discussed and approved Resolution No. 1337 – Non-reelection of Probationary Certificated Employee

Motion: Sammy Ramirez

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed and approved the School Plans for Student Achievement for John C. Fremont School

Motion: Valerie Bega Alvarez

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for Bret Harte, John C. Fremont, Mark Twain, John Muir Middle School, Corcoran High School, and Kings Lake Education Center

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved canceling the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting due to Spring Break

Motion: Sammy Ramirez

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

The Board discussed and approved the 2022-23 District School Calendar

Motion: Sandra DeLaFuente

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson, and Valerie Bega

MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 7:02 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:38 p.m.

Board President Sammy Ramirez reported that the Board discussed personnel matters in a closed session. Mr. Ramirez also noted that the Board agreed with the recommendations for student matter EH 2021-22/07 to be expelled for two semesters. A conditional reinstatement for EH 2021-22/08 will be set forth after the spring semester.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:40 p.m.

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Sammy Ramirez, Berenice Alvarez, Sandra DeLaFuente, Patty Robertson and Valerie Bega