

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 25, 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

Steve Berry, JJ Albert, Horacio Cruz, Lola Lerma, JM student, Dave Whitmore, Bernie Jones, Donna Bartron, Dulce Sandoval, Juana Sierra Perez, LeeAnne Lucio, Roseanne Salcedo Lora Cartwright, Pam Dihel, Pearl Prins, 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 January 25, 2021

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

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

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Students from John Muir Middle and Corcoran High School gave a report to the Board in regards to the sites current and upcoming activities.

CFA REPORT

CFA President Rosanne Salcedo some teachers and staff have been absent due to COVID or other related reasons, affecting their pay. That is why she was happy to hear the announcement from Governor Gavin Newsom to extend the Supplemental Paid Sick Leave. Mrs. Salcedo reported different activities happening at various sites. She shared her appreciation towards teachers and members of the district office for lending a helping hand at John Muir Middle School while staff attendance was low.

CSEA REPORT

Stated that the District sites are on their third week returning from winter break. It seems as though the county and statewide are short-staffed with employees with a lack of subs. She hopes to address coverage and come up with a solution. Ms. Sandoval was happy to learn of the filled positions and would like to continue to find ways to attract applicants to the District. Athletics was able to run a smooth season with minimal interruptions, while other districts canceled entire seasons. Ms. Sandoval appreciated her meeting with Superintendent Ochoa and wished to see them traditional.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Valerie Bega attended a wrestling tournament at Mission Oak in Tulare where 3 wrestlers placed.

CBO REPORT

CBO Pam Dihel acknowledged and thanked the John Muir After School Program staff for their roles in showing a successful After School Meal Program distribution. The state is conducting a review of the program in which they observed the sites' meal distribution during the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program. Everything was conducted ideally, and the employees did an excellent job! Once the state has completed the review, Mrs. Dihel will share it with the Board. Under the Business section of the agenda, she explained the request for approval for 6 New Modulars and restrooms. Construction by AMS is planned to start this July and be completed by October 2022. This is one step closer to preparing to increase our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes and provide five additional classrooms for TK use and one set of staff restrooms.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Eduardo Ochoa reported that the District is preparing for additional Transitional Kindergarten students and staff. A meeting will be held with the appropriate staff to discuss the expansion and its effect on the school. Mr. Ochoa updated the Board with Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement to extend the COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave through September 30, 2022. The state reached an agreement on the framework to ensure employees have access to this. It is retroactive to January 1, 2022. Not all details have been released yet, though Superintendent Ochoa will stay apprised to prepare and implement the leave accordingly. Rapid antigen tests will be distributed to parents at an event next week. He will send a message to staff and parents to communicate the particulars of the distribution. The District's Health Services Department will receive another shipment soon. Superintendent Ochoa gave the Board an update on the athletics department. Some events and visiting teams have not been able to reschedule this year due to a lack of officials in all sports.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2022
For questions regarding item a. contact Gina Gonzales at 992-8888, ext. 1224
- b. Warrant Registers for:
 - i. December 17, 2021 for \$115,275.02
 - ii. January 7, 2022 for \$185,949.14
 - iii. January 14, 2022 for \$711,098.01*For questions regarding item b. contact Pam Dihel at 992-8888, ext. 1232*
- c. 2021-22 Personnel Assignment Order #10
- d. Student Trip
 - i. For 24 High school students and UC Merced staff Ana Iniguez to Credit Recovery Academy Field Trip to be held January 27, 2022 in Fresno. Use of charter bus to be paid by UC Merced Talent Search Program
 - ii. For 45 High school students and staff Miles Robinson, Dustin Newby, Nick Boyett, and Dory Pearce to World Ag Expo to be held February 9, 2022 in Tulare. Use of bus to be paid by FFA and ASB accounts
- e. Staff Development
 - i. For High school staff Dustin Newby, Nick Boyett, Alisa Gomez, and Deanna Gabbard to Agriculture Mechanics Collaboration Day to be held January 27, 2022 in Lemoore to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant funds
 - ii. For District Superintendent Eduardo Ochoa to California Education Partners Spring 2022 Superintendent Leadership Convening to be held March 17 and 18, 2022 in Oakland. Expenses to be paid by California Education Partners

The Board discussed and approved the consent agenda items excluding item b. i.

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 6:37 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 6:58 p.m.

Board President Sammy Ramirez reported out that the Board agreed with the recommendations for student matters EH 2021-22/05 and EH 2021-22/06.

ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 6:59 p.m.

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Valerie Bega

Roll Call Vote:

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