

**CORCORAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 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 6:04 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT/ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Price, Brian Brazier, Elizabeth Mendoza, Lola Lerma, Laurie Haas, JJ Albert, Antonia Ramirez, Horacio Cruz, Lora Cartwright, Pam Dihel, Ana Muthana, Brandon Holloway, Carol Abeyta, Despina Gamble, Dulce Sandoval, Jennie Valdez, Karen Yamashita, Leeann Lucio, Marsha Early, Robin Feldmann, Roseanne Salcedo, Maricela Lerma, Dulce Sandoval, Bernie Jones, Pam Dihel, 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 March 22, 2022

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Alvarez spoke against a subject matter regarding her child in school.

PRESENTATIONS

Lora Cartwright, Director of Educational Services presented the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan and explained how the District plans to use \$319,126 funds. The funds will cover student test fees, including Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT) test fees and textbooks for dual enrollment courses fees. She reported that the District would implement professional development for teachers, administrators, and counselors to improve the A-G completion rate. Comprehensive advising plans and other student supports include tutoring, four-year plans, and college counseling services. An expansion of access to A-G coursework, course development, and review. Mrs. Cartwright stated that there would be an increase in partnerships with post-secondary institutions and credit recovery opportunities such as summer school. Monitoring the success of the plan will include submitting a report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) before December 31, 2023, regarding the impact of the grant funds on A-G eligibility and completion rates and required Local Educational Agencies (LEA) to report the metrics used to measure the impact of the grant fund and the outcomes on A-G eligibility and completion rates based on those metrics. The final report would be due to SSPI by August 31, 2026.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

A student from John Muir Middle School gave a report to the Board in regards to the sites current and upcoming activities.

CFA REPORT

CFA President Roseanne Salcedo commented on the weather and how it was changing the mood of staff and students, and it seemed everyone was awaiting spring break. She reiterated mask mandate had been lifted and shared the many happenings at the various school sites. Mrs. Salcedo expressed her gratitude to Superintendent Ochoa for addressing issues that CFA may have had and for taking the time to understand their concerns.

CSEA REPORT

CSEA President Dulce Sandoval reported that spring sports were in full swing, and it was nice to see the students taking advantage of the outdoor activities. She was pleased to see that addressing the small communities' main elements as part of an A-G plan is advantageous because community partners know how the needs of schools. She reported that the collective bargaining process between CSEA and the District has begun. Mrs. Sandoval thanked Superintendent Ochoa for his support and partnership in improving the school district for the benefit of the students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Valerie Bega attended the Corcoran High School swim meet.

CBO REPORT

CBO Pam Dihel reported to the Board that the Bret Harte Transitional Kindergarten (TK) project requires the need for additional temporary space. The business department is starting to receive quotes for a portable to house staff that will be displaced to create additional classrooms. The quotes are between \$55 and \$65,000 and will be brought to the Board for approval. The projected time for the need of the portables will be for about nine months in the 2022-2023 school year. PG&E has reached out to Horacio Cruz regarding the collaborative project in the bus yard regarding electric vehicle charging stations. There may be a potential grant to assist with funding in the design and construction costs. Mrs. Dihel stated that the department is still waiting for approval on the grant funding for the electric buses but hears that a new round of funding may be coming. The maintenance department has reported that the forklift they utilize is very old and has around 17,000 hours, and the scissor lift is also currently not working. Money has been spent on maintenance and repairs to keep them running, and Mrs. Dihel recommends replacing them. Mr. Cruz is looking into used ones for about \$10,000. The funding is available in the Restricted Maintenance Budget, where the District must spend a minimum of 3% on maintenance. Quotes will be gathered and will be brought to the Board next month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Eduardo Ochoa gave the Board an update on the COVID dashboard. He was happy to report that the number of reported positive COVID-19 cases in our schools has remained very low over the last five weeks. There has been a successful transition from a mandate of being required to mask indoors to masks being "strongly recommended." The District had a thriving week of teacher recruitment fairs for the 2022-2023 school year. Various openings have been filled, and the HR department continues to follow up with candidates for the remaining known openings. Mr. Ochoa informed the Board that on March 22, the Soroptimist Club would recognize Ms. Judy Fierro with the Women Helping Women Award. He congratulated her for her work and her inspiration and encouragement to other women. Corcoran High School had an excellent visit from the Grand Jury on March 14, where a juror commented, "You are doing so many amazing things, and well, what could possibly be next?" Superintendent Ochoa attended a recent CAST (Community and Schools Together) meeting with the committee. He shared that it was wonderful and appreciated to hear about the incredible ways they want to support the school district, including field trips, assemblies, projects, and other enrichment activities for our schools. He recited calendar dates of upcoming events as schools continue to work hard academically, entering the last third of the school year. Spring sports continue to be underway, with baseball, boy's tennis, softball, and swimming competitions. Mr. Ochoa commented that Spring break was quickly approaching and reminded the Board that there would not be a board meeting during that week.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Ochoa reviewed the District's Core Values with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 8, 2022
- b. Warrant Registers for:
 - i. March 4, 2022 for \$257,665.20
 - ii. March 11, 2022 for \$657,288.24
- c. Payroll Warrant Register for February 28, 2022 in the amount for \$2,374,445.82
- d. 2021-22 Personnel Assignment Order #14
- e. Staff Trip
 - i. For Bret Harte school staff Jennifer Van Essen and Laurie Haas to Early Intervention Strategies conference to be held April 6, 2022 in Fresno to be paid by site funds
 - ii. For John Muir school staff Ashley Williams and Lorena Venegas to Central California Truancy Summit 2022 to be held March 31, 2022 via Zoom paid by Title I funds
 - iii. For High school staff Miles Robinson, Nick Boyett, and Dustin Newby to California Agricultural Teachers Association Summer conference to be held June 19 through June 23, 2022 in San Luis Obispo to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - iv. For High school staff Dustin Newby, Nick Boyett, and Deanna Gabbard to Wyotech Instructor Tour to be held July 21 through July 23, 2022 in Laramie, WY to be paid by Wyotech College
- f. Student Trip
 - i. For 60 John Muir school students and staff Regan Hanes, Thomas Knight, Justin Reynolds, Lorena Venegas, and David Bega to Cal Poly College Campus Tour to be held from May 6, 2022, in San Luis Obispo. Use of bus to be paid Kinesiology Club account
 - ii. For John C Fremont third grade students and teachers to Planetarium Visit to be held March 30, March 31, April 4, April 6, April 19, and April 20, 2022 in Visalia. Use of busses to be paid by CAST funds
 - iii. For 27 High school students and staff Belinda Duran and Jamy Mendoza to Valley ROP Tiger Romp Skills Competition to be held March 31, 2022 in Reedley. Use of busses to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - iv. For 20 High school student and staff Belinda Duran, Jamy Mendoza, and Deanna Gabbard to 2022 College and Career Expo to be held April 1, 2022 in Visalia. Use of bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - v. For 40 High school students and staff Todd Partin and Carlos Guevara to USS Hornet Overnight Trip to be held April 4 and April 5, 2022 in Alameda. Use of charter bus to be paid by JROTC, ASB, and Title I grant funds
 - vi. For 37 High school student and staff Charles Hache and Deanna Gabbard to Disney Imagination Campus to be held April 5, 2022 in Anaheim. Use of charter bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - vii. For 4 High school students and staff Alisa Gomez to Interact Students to Rotary Meeting to be held April 7, 2022 in Corcoran. Use of van to be paid by site funds
 - viii. For 1 High school student and staff Isaias Ramirez and Joel Robles to Arcadia Invitational to be held April 8, 2022 in Arcadia. Parents will transport student
 - ix. For 21 High school students and staff Todd Partin and Carlos Guevara to Central California Cadet Ball to be held on April 9, 2022 in Parlier. Use of transportation to be paid by ASB funds
 - x. For 47 High school students and staff Miguel Alvarez and Deanna Gabbard to California State University Fresno College tour to be held April 25, 2022 in Fresno. Use of bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - xi. For 22 High school students and staff Robert Lerma to California State University Fresno College Campus tour to be held April 26, 2022 in Fresno. Use of bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant
 - i. For up to 40 High school students and staff Ana Gonzales and UC Merced staff to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference to be held April 30, 2022 in Reedley. Use of bus to be paid by site funds
 - ii. For 22 High school students and staff Robert Lerma to California State University Bakersfield Campus tour to be held May 2, 2022 in Bakersfield. Use of bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant

- iii. For 20 High school students and staff Deanna Gabbard to Internship at Pacifica Tiny Homes to be held May 2 through May 6, 2022 in Corcoran. Use of bus to be paid by Career Technical Education Incentive grant

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

Motion: Patty Robertson

Second: Berenice Alvarez

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board discussed and approved consent agenda items f.i.

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Sandra DeLaFuente

Roll Call Vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Valerie Bega

BUSINESS

The Board discussed and approved a donation of \$4,837.90 from the Division of Adult Institutions at California State Prison Corcoran to Corcoran High School MECHA Club

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 Holloway Construction for the removal and site work for the Corcoran High School Modular Classrooms and Shade structure Project

Motion: Sammy Ramirez

Second: Berenice Alvarez

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board discussed and approved M. Green and Company LLP Agreement for Audit Services

Motion: Berenice Alvarez

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

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

ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the following items:

- California Faculty Association (CFA) Sunshine Proposal to Corcoran Joint Unified School District
- California School Employee Association (CSEA) Sunshine Proposal to Corcoran Joint Unified School District
- Corcoran Joint Unified School District Sunshine Proposal to California Faculty Association (CFA)
- Corcoran Joint Unified School District Sunshine Proposal to California School Employee Association (CSEA)

MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNED FOR CLOSED SESSION AT 6:50 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:22 p.m.

Board President Sammy Ramirez reported that the Board discussed items with Code Pam Dihel and Superintendent Ochoa pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:23 p.m.

Motion: Valerie Bega

Second: Patty Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

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